

RESOLUTION 2020-06

A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL EXPRESSING CONTINUED AND STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE STATE ROAD 7 EXTENSION FROM 60TH STREET NORTH TO NORTHLAKE BOULEVARD; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Westlake, is a member of the western communities of Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, the residents and businesses in the City of Westlake, and the western communities rely on the ability to travel throughout the area; and

WHEREAS, the State Road 7 Extension (60th Street North to Northlake Boulevard) is a matter of public safety and a common concern for all western communities in Palm Beach County including the City of Westlake; and

WHEREAS, the extension of State Road 7 from 60th Street North to Northlake Boulevard will achieve the following benefits to the City of Westlake and the western communities:

- Improve connectivity within and for the western communities;
- Divert traffic off major roadways and intersections in the western communities;
- Alleviate congestion on Southern Boulevard, Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Coconut Boulevard, Seminole Pratt Whitney Rd, and Okeechobee Boulevard due to this diversion;
- Lessen traffic on local roadways in the western communities due to the removal of pass-thru traffic;
- Facilitate future travel demands within the western communities as they continue to grow;
- Promote emergency service access and hurricane evacuation by providing additional capacity to the immediate area; and

WHEREAS, the extension of State Road 7 from 60th Street North to Northlake Boulevard project has consistently been included in the long-range transportation planning documents for the Western Communities Council and Palm Beach County for several decades; and


WHEREAS, it has been determined that the extension of State Road 7 from 60th Street North to Northlake Boulevard is required to meet the future transportation needs based on changes in population, employment, and planned development growth; and

WHEREAS, local roadways in the western communities cannot be widened due to right-of-way limitations to effectively meet future transportation needs.

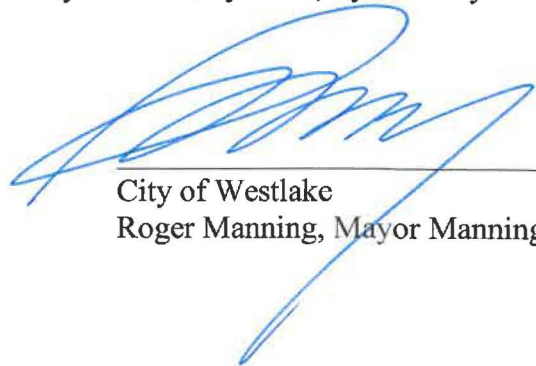
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY CITY OF WESTLAKE, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL that:

- Section 1:** The foregoing recitals are hereby affirmed and ratified as being true and correct.
- Section 2:** The City of Westlake Council hereby supports the construction of the State Road 7 Extension from 60th Street North to Northlake Boulevard and further joins the Western Communities Council, Inc., in its support for the same.
- Section 3:** The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Nick Uhren, Executive Director of the Transportation Planning Agency of Palm Beach County, the Honorable Melissa McKinlay, Commissioner of the Palm Beach County District 6, the Honorable Gregg K. Weiss, Commissioner of the Palm Beach County District 2, and Dave Kerner, Mayor of Palm Beach County Commission, District 3.
- Section 4:** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.


PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 10th day of February 2020, by the City Council for the City of Westlake.



Zoie P. Burgess, City Clerk



City of Westlake
Roger Manning, Mayor Manning



Approved as to Form and Sufficiency
Pam E. Booker, City Attorney