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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of County Commissioners

THROUGH: Richard B. Szpyrka, P.E., Public Works Director 

FROM: William K. DeBaal, Deputy County Attorney

DATE: March 21, 2018

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing the Florida Department of Transportation to Acquire Property Rights for County Road 609 (82nd Avenue/Ranch Road) from 69th Street to County Road 510

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) seeks authorization from the Board of County Commissioners (Board) to acquire property rights to lands needed for the County Road 609 (82nd Avenue/Ranch Road) from 69th Street to County Road 510 (Project).

This Project has been included in the County's Capital Improvement Element of the Comprehensive Plan for a number of years. Originally this Project was referred to as the Citrus Highway as it was going to connect Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River Counties by passing through primarily grove properties. As citrus production has faded in recent years, this phase of the Project will provide the final link needed to make 82nd Avenue connect Oslo Road to County Road 510.

Negotiations to purchase the needed right-of-way are on-going and if the FDOT and the property owner(s) are not able to reach a settlement, filing a suit in eminent domain will be necessary to obtain the needed property. The attached Resolution authorizes FDOT to file eminent domain lawsuits, if needed, to acquire the needed right-of-way properties.

FUNDING. There is no impact to County funds concerning this Project. The Project is 100% Federally funded, with no contribution from the County required.

RECOMMENDATION. Staff recommends the Board of County Commissioners approve the Resolution authorizing the Florida Department of Transportation to acquire property rights for County Road 609 (82nd Avenue/Ranch Road) from 69th Street to County Road 510 and authorize the Chairman to execute the Resolution on behalf of the Board.

Attachments: Resolution Authorizing Florida Department of Transportation to Acquire Property Rights for County Road 609 (82nd Avenue/Ranch Road) from 69th Street to County Road 510

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