INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of County Commissioners

Through: John Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator

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Date: February 12, 2025

Subject: Resolution of Support for County Road 512 Widening Project

It is requested that the information presented herein be given formal consideration by the Board of County Commissioners at its regular meeting of February 25, 2025.

DESCRIPTION, CONDITIONS, AND ANALYSIS

The Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan includes the widening of County Road 512 between Willow Street and Interstate 95. County Road 512 is the major east-west connection through the City of Fellsmere and also provides access to the City of Sebastian and I-95 to the east. Widening County Road 512 will increase traffic capacity, especially during AM/PM peak hour travel times. Currently, County staff is preparing a grant application to FDOT for funding from the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP). One requirement of the application is a Resolution of Support from the Board of County Commissioners.

In addition to the roadway widening, the planned improvements for this corridor include the addition of bike lanes, sidewalks, and/or shared use paths along both sides. This will increase the safety of pedestrians and cyclists along the corridor as these facilities currently do not exist.

On February 12, 2025, the Indian River County MPO added the County Road 512 widening project to its draft List of Priority Projects (LOPP). Also, this roadway segment is identified as a Tier 1 project in the Treasure Coast 2045 Regional Long Range Transportation Plan.

FUNDING

The improvements will be built within the Indian River County right-of-way of County Road 512 between Willow Street and Interstate 95 and partially funded by the Florida Department of Transportation through the Transportation Regional Incentive Program. At this time, project design is also being added to the Capital Improvement Program.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve the Resolution of Support for the widening of County Road 512 between Willow Street and Interstate 95.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Resolution of Support
- 2. Location Map