

RESOLUTION NO. _____

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 14-034

A RESOLUTION RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION; INDICATING SUPPORT BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKELAND FOR ACCESS MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS ON STATE ROAD 539; MAKING FINDINGS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Polk Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) allocates a portion of its Federal transportation funding allocation to low-cost "Congestion Management Program" projects that improve traffic safety and reduce congestion in key travel corridors throughout Polk County; and

WHEREAS, it has been common practice for the TPO to solicit funding requests for supplements to resurfacing projects programmed in the Florida Department of Transportation Five-Year Work Program, including State Road 539 (Kathleen Road) between Pear and Elliot Streets (ID # 429106-1); and

WHEREAS, the City of Lakeland submitted a Congestion Management Program funding request for turn lane, median opening and intersection modifications on State Road 539 (Kathleen Road) at Ninth Street and Providence Road to improve bicycle/pedestrian safety and traffic operations at this location; and

WHEREAS, the Lakeland City Commission adopted Resolution #4889 on February 21, 2011, expressing its support and authorizing the City Manager to execute and submit funding applications for these State Road 539 (Kathleen Road) access modifications with other Congestion Management Program proposals; and

WHEREAS, City staff has participated with the Florida Department of Transportation in the review of the State Road 539 (Kathleen Road) resurfacing project design plans to identify other locations where median openings should be modified (closed and opened) and turn lanes extended to improve the operations of this major route between Downtown Lakeland and Interstate 4.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Commission of the City of Lakeland supports the median, turn lane and intersection modifications that are being designed on SR

539 (Kathleen Road) at the Ninth Street and Providence Road intersections to improve bicycle/pedestrian safety and traffic operations in this area; and

SECTION 2. The City Commission of the City of Lakeland supports other proposed median modifications and turn lane extensions within the project area that have been identified during the design development phase, with consideration being given to input received through FDOT's public hearing process that is conducted in compliance with Florida Statutes.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND CERTIFIED AS TO PASSAGE this 7th day of July, A.D.

2014.

R. Howard Wiggs, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Kelly S. Koos, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS: _____
Timothy J. McCausland
City Attorney