Agenda Report



2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way Viera, FL 32940



F.17. 9/17/2024

Subject:

Approval, RE: Resolution to FDOT Requesting Reduction of Speed Limit on US192 between I-95 and Simon Road - District 5

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Dept/Office:

District 5 Commission Office

Requested Action:

Requesting the Board approve the attached Resolution determining that it is necessary to reduce the speed limit for all vehicles on the segment of U.S. Highway 192 (US-192) between Simon Road and Interstate 95 (I-95) from 55 miles per hour to 45 miles per hour and requesting that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) reduce the speed limit on such segment of US-192 accordingly from 55 miles per hour to 45 miles per hour.

Summary Explanation and Background:

The segment of US-192 between Simon Rd and I-95, which is approximately 0.85 miles in length and located within Brevard County, is under the jurisdiction of and maintained by the Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT") and there is an increasing amount of commercial and residential development along this segment of US-192, including planned and approved future development, with multiple existing and planned access points with turns into and out of US-192, which will result in increases in vehicle traffic as well as pedestrian and bicycle traffic and overall roadway congestion. This increase in roadway congestion, coupled with drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists seeking access to commercial and residential uses along US-192 between Simon Rd and I-95, will significantly increase the potential for deadly accidents due to the existing speed limit of 55 miles per hour.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:



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September 18, 2024

MEMORANDUM

Commissioner Jason Steele, District 5 TO:

Item F.17., Approval of Resolution to Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Requesting Reduction of Speed Limit on US Highway 192 (US 192) between Interstate RE:

95 (I-95) and Simon Road

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on September 17, 2024, approved and adopted Resolution No. 24-091, determining that it is necessary to reduce the speed limit for all vehicles on the segment of U.S. Highway 192 between Simon Road and Interstate 95 from 55 miles per hour to 45 miles per hour, and requesting that the FDOT reduce the speed limit on such segment of US 192 accordingly from 55 miles per hour to 45 miles per hour. Enclosed is a fullyexecuted Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

Encl. (1)

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County Manager CC:

Public Works

RESOLUTION NO: 2024-091

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, DETERMINING THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT FOR ALL VEHICLES ON THE SEGMENT OF U.S. HIGHWAY 192 ("U.S. 192") BETWEEN SIMON ROAD AND INTERSTATE 95 ("I-95") FROM FIFTY-FIVE (55) MILES PER HOUR TO FORTY-FIVE (45) MILES PER HOUR; AND REQUESTING THAT THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ("FDOT") REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ON SUCH SEGMENT OF U.S. 192 ACCORDINGLY FROM FIFTY-FIVE (55) MILES PER HOUR TO FORTY-FIVE (45) MILES PER HOUR; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the segment of U.S. Highway 192 ("U.S. 192") between Simon Road and Interstate 95 ("I-95"), which is approximately 0.85 miles in length and located within Brevard County, is under the jurisdiction of and maintained by the Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT"); and

WHEREAS, the current speed limit for all vehicles on such segment of U.S. 192 is fifty-five (55) miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, there is an increasing amount of commercial and residential development along this segment of U.S. 192, including planned and approved future development, with multiple existing and planned access points with turns into and out of U.S. 192, which will result in increases in vehicle traffic as well as pedestrian and bicycle traffic and overall roadway congestion; and

WHEREAS, such increase in roadway congestion, coupled with drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists seeking access to commercial and residential uses along U.S. 192 between Simon Road and I-95, will significantly increase the potential for deadly accidents due to the existing speed limit of fifty-five (55) miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, the segment of U.S. 192 immediately east of I-95 already has a speed limit of forty-five (45) miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that a reduction in the speed limit for all vehicles traveling on U.S. 192 between Simon Road and I-95, both eastbound and westbound traffic, from fifty-five (55) miles per hour to forty-five (45) miles per hour, is necessary to protect and preserve the health, safety and welfare of the residents and visitors of Brevard County, and specifically of the community surrounding this area of U.S. 192; and

WHEREAS, because U.S. 192 is under FDOT jurisdiction, it is necessary for Brevard County to request that FDOT implement such speed limit reduction on the affected segment of U.S. 192 between Simon Road and I-95.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby adopted by reference thereto and incorporated herein.

Section 2. For the safety reasons described above, the Board hereby determines that it is necessary for FDOT to reduce the speed limit for all vehicles traveling on U.S. 192 between Simon Road and I-95, both eastbound and westbound traffic, from fifty-five (55) miles per hour to forty-five (45) miles per hour. The County Manager and their designees are hereby authorized and directed to submit a formal request to FDOT, and to take any other action or steps reasonably deemed necessary by the County Manager, to effectuate such reduction in speed limit.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of September 2024.

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Rachel M. Sadoff/Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

Jason Steele, Chair

approved by Board on: September 17, 2024