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CITY OF PUNTA GORDA

RESOLUTION NO. 3289-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PUNTA GORDA, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF THE WIDENING OF AQUI ESTA DRIVE FROM BAL HARBOR BOULEVARD TO US 41 (TAMIAMI TRAIL) AND REQUESTING THAT THE CHARLOTTE COUNTY-PUNTA GORDA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) PLACE THIS PROJECT ON THE LONG-RANGE PLAN; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, an adequate road system is vital and necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Punta Gorda; and

WHEREAS, Aqui Esta Drive is a primary east-west route connecting the west side of Punta Gorda to U. S. 41 (Tamiami Trail); and

WHEREAS, Aqui Esta Drive currently services more than 3400 homes and will grow to service approximately 6400 homes at complete build out; and

WHEREAS, a hurricane or a tropical storm with a storm surge of more than four (4) feet could have the potential to flood much of the Punta Gorda peninsula; and

WHEREAS, flooding of the Punta Gorda peninsula has the potential of leaving Aqui Esta Drive as the only direct access to U. S. 41 (Tamiami Trail) from the Punta Gorda Isles area; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to improve the City's infrastructure to by raising Aqui Esta Drive and widening to a four (4) lane road to maintain operation in the event of an evacuation situation; and

WHEREAS, these improvements, once made, will increase the general safety of the traveling public and benefit the many residents of Punta Gorda; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Punta Gorda finds these improvements eligible for funding through the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Punta Gorda finds that these proposed improvements will significantly further the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Punta Gorda and the community providing a safer east-west thoroughfare within the peninsula of Punta Gorda in the event of an evacuation.

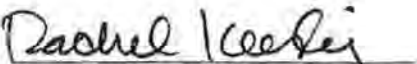
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PUNTA GORDA, FLORIDA, THAT:

1. Staff is directed to request the widening of Aqui Esta Drive be added to the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO Long Range Plan.

2. That this Resolution be declared an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Punta Gorda.
3. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED in regular session of the City Council of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017.


CITY OF PUNTA GORDA

  
RACHEL KEESLING, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
KAREN SMITH, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
DAVID M. LEVIN, City Attorney