

**RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING ALIGNMENT**

**County Road 557 – South Segment Addition**

**WHEREAS**, the Polk County Board of County Commissioners ("Board"), after being fully informed on the matter and upon proper consideration, has previously authorized improvements for the widening of County Road 557 Widening ("Project") as part of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP); and

**WHEREAS**, the alignment study attached hereto as "Exhibit A" has been completed for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the alignment study was conducted to develop route alternatives and determine the preferred alignment for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to this Board approving the preferred alignment for the South Segment addition of County Road 557 as recommended in "Exhibit A", this Board considered several factors including, without limitation, alternative routes, environmental impact, costs, long range planning, and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board, after proper consideration, makes the following findings for the alignment recommended in "Exhibit A":

- A. ALTERNATIVE ROUTE: The Board of County Commissioners considered various alternatives, the costs thereof, and projected improvements to the levels of service before approving the recommended alignment for this Project which provides the best alignment for the existing and future roadway.
- B. ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS: Necessary permits will be submitted to appropriate permitting agencies. The recommended alignment will have minimized adverse impacts to the environment and it is anticipated that no substantial environmental impacts will result from this recommended alignment.
- C. COSTS: The recommended alignments are cost effective within the required designed criteria.
- D. LONG RANGE PLANNING: The recommended alignment is consistent with the long range plan for Polk County and is part of the CIP previously adopted by the Board, and it complements prior improvements made by and future improvements planned by Polk County;
- E. SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS: The recommended alignment improves traffic safety by allowing the addition of travel lanes, drainage, curbs, gutters, sidewalks and/or bike lanes to the existing corridor.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Polk County, Florida, in regular session duly assembled, find that the above stated recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein. The Board of County Commissioners of Polk County, Florida after due consideration hereby approves the recommended alignment in "Exhibit A" for the widening of County Road 557 – South Segment addition. Deviations to the alignment may be made as needed to address engineering and construction issues that may arise during the engineering and construction of this project.

This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

PASSED AND CERTIFIED AS TO PASSAGE this 5th day of May, 2026.

ATTEST: Stacy M. Butterfield, Clerk

POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA

Board of County Commissioners

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Martha Santiago, Chairman