



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

*City Manager*

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**City Council Regular Meeting Date: June 3, 2025**

**To:** City Council  
**From:** Dana A. Souza, City Manager  
**Date:** May 26, 2025

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**SUBJECT:** Sanibel Causeway Evaluation

**BACKGROUND:** Mayor Miller requests that the City Council discuss approving the proposal from Kimley Horn to evaluate the feasibility of establishing three (3) travel lanes on the existing Sanibel Causeway. The Kimley Horn proposal was solicited following resident requests that the City conduct a study to determine if the causeway can support three travel lanes to help move traffic off island more quickly during periods of congestion. The fee of \$29,200 should be paid by the City.

During this discussion, Mayor Miller will provide an update on his discussions with Lee County concerning this project.

The City Council previously discussed the Kimley Horn proposal in February 2025 as part of the roundabout discussion. City Council asked that the discussion concerning Kimley Horn's proposal be delayed until the Mayor could speak with County officials about the proposed project.

Lee County DOT Director, Rob Price, has reviewed and approved the scope of services provided in the proposal. The consultant will evaluate the causeway for three lanes of travel against Florida's minimum design standards for roadway and bridge construction.

City Council should discuss authorizing staff to proceed with the Sanibel Causeway Evaluation as proposed by Kimley Horn. Should the City Council wish to proceed, the City Manager will approve the study as the cost of \$29,200 is within the City Manager's approval authority. The City Attorney will review and approve the agreement between the City and Kimley Horn before the City Manager proceeds with the study.

**FUNDING SOURCE:** N/A

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Discussion and direction.

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