

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

City Manager

City Council Town Hall Workshop Date: December 16, 2025

To: City Council

From: Dana A. Souza, City Manager

Date: December 8, 2025

SUBJECT: Sanibel Causeway Evaluation and Feasibility Study – 3 Travel Lanes

BACKGROUND:

At the June 3, 2025, City Council meeting, the Council approved a proposal from Kimley-Horn to evaluate the feasibility of establishing three (3) travel lanes on the existing Sanibel Causeway. The proposal was solicited in response to resident requests for a study to determine whether the causeway could support an additional travel lane to improve traffic flow and reduce peak-hour congestion for vehicles exiting Sanibel.

As part of this feasibility study, the consultant reviewed the current causeway cross-section against lane-width standards established in the FDOT Design Manual, the Florida Greenbook, and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO). Kimley-Horn has completed the *Feasibility Study – Sanibel Causeway Lane Expansion*, concluding that it is not feasible to safely create three travel lanes within the existing dimensions of the causeway.

Bill Waddill, Senior Planner, and Ian Rairden, P.E., will present Kimley-Horn's report to the City Council.

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discussion and direction.