

AGENDA MEMORANDUM Planning Department

Planning Commission Meeting Date: November 19, 2024

To: Planning CommissionFrom: Paula McMichael, AICP, Planning DirectorDate: November 13, 2024

SUBJECT: Periwinkle Way and Causeway Boulevard Intersection Study Presentation by Kimley Horn

BACKGROUND: On April 2, 2024, the City Council approved a Proposal and Scope of Services submitted by Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. to complete an Intersection Evaluation and Study for the intersection of Periwinkle Way, Lindgren Blvd., and Causeway Blvd.

Kimley Horn's approved scope of work includes completing traffic counts, turning movement counts, review of past intersection study recommendations, and an analysis of the Sanibel Causeway (capacity). The newly collected data, the consultants review of existing studies and reports related to the same intersection, and feedback received during the public engagement process, were analyzed by Kimley Horn and the information used to inform the development of two alternative intersection concepts, intended to improve traffic flow at the intersection.

Kimley Horn has completed the data collection and existing reports review. On July 31, and August 1, 2024, the consultants held six (6) public engagement meetings regarding traffic congestion on Sanibel and possible improvements to the intersection of Periwinkle Way and Causeway Blvd. The public engagement meetings included two (2) workshops that were held at MacKenzie Hall and were open to the public, three (3) focus group meetings with the Chamber of Commerce, Utilities Departments (IWA, LCEC), and island non-profit organizations, and one with Bill Millar, COTI President and Chair of COTI's Transportation Committee.

At the August 20, 2024, City Council meeting, the consultants, Bill Waddill, Ian Rairden and David Ervin, provided the City Council with a progress report and sought City Council input on traffic congestion issues. That meeting concluded the public engagement process and subsequently the Kimley Horn team developed two (2) alternative designs for the public, Planning Commission and City Council to consider. The alternatives were presented at two public workshops on October 23, 2024. The presentations from the workshops may be viewed <u>here</u>.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION: Planning Commission should provide a recommendation to City Council regarding the conclusions of the intersection study.