

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 26

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE CONSTRUCTION BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF A NOISE WALL FOR THE BROOKS COMMUNITY; MAKING RELATED FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Brooks community (consisting of 3,646 homes in the distinct communities of Spring Run, Lighthouse Bay, Copperleaf, Pebble Pointe and Shadow Wood) is one of the core communities within the Village of Estero; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has undertaken an expansion of Interstate 75 (the Project) to include portions of the interstate within the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Project's scope includes a portion of interstate lying to the immediate east of the Brooks neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the FDOT has published a proposal to erect three short portions of sound barrier walls along only some portions of the Brooks neighborhoods to address the sound impacts the widening Project will create; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting of November 5th 2025, the Village Council received a report and supporting written materials from the Brooks Council of Presidents which reviewed the numerous quality of life, health impacts, property value impacts, and design and engineering flaws which FDOT's partial-wall proposal would create for many residents and properties within the Brooks; and

WHEREAS, the Brooks representatives pointed out that FDOT's own staff analysis confirmed that "to effectively reduce traffic noise, a barrier must be relatively long, continuous (with no intermittent openings for driveways, etc.) and of sufficient height"; and

WHEREAS, based on the information provided by the Brooks representatives, and on the Council's own common sense, it is clear that the FDOT's current partial-wall proposal, while perhaps costing less, would not be effective to significantly reduce the various harms noted above associated with the noise created by the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Florida, that:

Section 1. The Village Council of the Village of Estero is in support of FDOT's revision of its Project design to include a continuous twenty two foot wall to be constructed along the entire east side of the Brooks community from mile marker 120 to mile marker 122.

Section 2. The Village Manager is authorized to convey a copy of this Resolution to the Brooks Council of Presidents and to the FDOT's District Secretary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, provision or word of this Resolution is held unconstitutional or otherwise legally invalid, same shall be severable and the remainder of this Resolution shall not be affected by such invalidity, such that any remainder of the Resolution shall withstand any severed provision, as the Village Council would have adopted the Resolution even absent the invalid part.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

DULY ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 19th day of November, 2025.

Attest:

Joanne Ribble, Mayor

Carol Sacco, Village Clerk