

RESOLUTION NO. 07-__

A RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO FUND AND ADD TWO SPANS TO THE S.S. JUDGE JOLLEY BRIDGE WITHOUT THE IMPOSITION OF TOLLS.

WHEREAS, the S.S. Judge Jolley Bridge on State Road 951 is the main corridor to Marco Island and is essential for the health, safety, and economic well-being of residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the S.S. Judge Jolley Bridge was built in 1969 with a design capacity to carry 10,000 vehicles per day, while the current annual traffic volume exceeds 30,000 vehicles per day; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation and the Collier County Metropolitan Planning Organization recognize the importance of replacing the existing two-lane structure and adding an additional two-lane structure to the S.S. Judge Jolley Bridge; and

WHEREAS, these agencies have provided funding for the design of the new S.S. Judge Jolley Bridge and for a Toll Feasibility Study; and

WHEREAS, the Marco Island City Council supports the replacement of the S.S. Judge Jolley Bridge and the addition of a two-lane span, but is opposed to the imposition of tolls to fund construction of the new bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MARCO ISLAND CITY COUNCIL IN COUNCIL DULY ASSEMBLED, that the Florida Department of Transportation and the Collier County Metropolitan Planning Organization are respectfully requested to provide funding to expand the S.S. Judge Jolley Bridge without the imposition of tolls, and to proceed with its construction in order to meet the needs of the citizens of Florida.

Passed in open and regular session of the City Council of the City of Marco Island, Florida, this 7th day of May 2007.

Attest:

Laura Litzan, City Clerk

Michael F. Minozzi, Jr., Chairman