

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, CALLING FOR THE STATE TO RETAIN RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTAINING THE STATE TRANSPORTATION ROADWAY SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, Manatee County, Florida, is obligated to provide effective and efficient transportation services to its citizens, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners believes there is also a State responsibility for transportation services within urban areas, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation has concluded that further study of the impacts of transferring certain arterial roads currently on the State highway system to local governments, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature and the Governor must approve all changes to the Florida Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that:

1. We petition the Legislature and the Governor to maintain and improve the State roadway system that currently exists. We encourage the State of Florida to live up to its responsibility for maintaining this highway system.

2. We reaffirm our position on the transfer of State maintained urban minor arterials first adopted on September 12, 1989, attached to, and made a part of this Resolution (Attachment A).

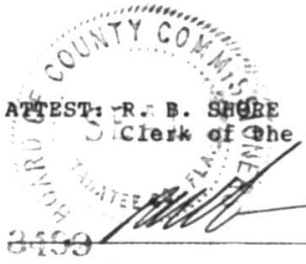
3. We support further study of functional reclassification issues by the Center for Urban Transportation Research at the University of South Florida.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 27th day of February, 1990.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Patricia M. Glare
Chairman

ATTEST: R. B. SHURE
Clerk of the Circuit Court



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MANATEE COUNTY POSITION STATEMENT

TRANSFER OF STATE-MAINTAINED URBAN MINOR ARTERIALS

SEPTEMBER 12, 1989

The proposed transfer of current State-maintained urban minor arterials to local government has caused much concern in Manatee County. With the recent approval and adoption of the Comprehensive Plan Update, Manatee County is now poised to begin an aggressive program of road construction to address growth and development.

Although the Plan outlines a balance of road improvements and new development, it is designed to maximize current transportation revenues. Manatee County has responded to transportation needs in past years by imposing impact fees and opting for every penny of gas tax available to County government. However, there will continue to be a shortfall of transportation revenues and Manatee County shows great interest in an increase of gas tax to supplement existing revenues. Therefore, the County is not prepared to assume responsibility for additional urban minor arterial mileage for which the State is currently responsible without an appropriate increase in revenue above what is required for the County's major road system.

The addition of these minor arterials to the County system would:

- a. immediately increase the existing county-maintained road mileage by 25.644 centerline miles;
- b. require an additional \$1,663,700 per year for planned capital improvements;
- c. require an additional \$551,300 per year for operations and maintenance of the roads and bridges.

Manatee County currently maintains 15.551 centerline miles of urban minor arterials. Assuming responsibility for the State's minor arterials would increase the County's urban minor arterial system by 265 percent. Roads functionally classified as urban minor arterials typically are multi-lane, carry higher volumes of traffic, serve longer trip lengths, and consequently are usually the first facilities targeted for expansion to accommodate growth and development.

The net effect of transferring the State-maintained urban minor arterials, including bridge structures, would be a need for an additional 3 cents of gas tax or 0.3 mills of ad valorem tax. These increases are based not only on the planned capital improvements but also the annual operating and maintenance costs of the roads and manned and unmanned bridges.

Manatee County will follow the proceedings of the Special Session on transportation issues with great interest.