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Hardee County, City of Bowling Green & City of Wauchula Join Sebring Airport Authority in Support of M-CORES Program

Tallahassee, Fla. – Hardee County, City of Bowling Green and City of Wauchula today announced they join the Sebring Airport Authority in adopting resolutions in support of the Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance (M-CORES) program.

The City of Bowling Green passed and adopted a resolution on October 8, 2019, in support for the new state highway. The resolution states that a new state highway would allow for growth and tourism, create a higher quality of life for area businesses and residents, alleviate traffic on existing roads, and bring more retail shops and restaurants. To view this resolution, click [here](#).

Hardee County duly passed and adopted a resolution on November 7, 2019, highlighting the Southwest-Central Florida Connector. The resolution states that the connector would be in the best interest of their citizens and the citizens of the state as it would expand broadband through rural areas. The resolution also cites all of its other intended benefits including, but not limited to, better hurricane evacuation, congestion mitigation, improving trade and logistics, water and sewer connectivity, improving energy distribution, expanding autonomous and electrical vehicle technology, expanding the use of other transportation modes, and expanding the availability of a trained workforce skilled in traditional and emerging technologies, as well as the protection or enhancement of wildlife corridors or environmentally sensitive areas and primary springs protection zones and farmland preservation areas. To view this resolution, click [here](#).

The City of Wauchula also duly passed and adopted a resolution on November 12, 2019, following the same premise as Hardee County detailed above. This resolution can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

The M-CORES program, as detailed on the Florida M-CORES website, “is intended to revitalize rural communities, encourage job creation and provide regional connectivity while leveraging

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technology, enhancing the quality of life and public safety, and protecting the environment and natural resources. The program was signed into law by Governor Ron DeSantis on May 17, 2019.”

The three regional corridors being studied by the taskforce include the Southwest-Central Florida Connector, the Suncoast Connector and the Northern Turnpike Connector. According to the Florida M-CORES website, “the task force will summarize the results of its analysis in a final report by October 1, 2020.”

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