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TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings and County Commissioners

THROUGH: N/A

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DIVISION: Roads and Drainage Division

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval and execution of Settlement Agreement by and between the City of Belle Isle and Orange County resolving jurisdictional and maintenance responsibilities for a segment of Jetport Drive. District 3. (Roads and Drainage Division)

PROJECT: N/A

PURPOSE:

The City of Belle Isle (City) and Orange County (County) have entered into a Settlement Agreement to resolve a dispute regarding operational and maintenance jurisdiction for a segment of Jetport Drive located within the city limits.

On January 20, 2026, the City initiated conflict resolution procedures pursuant to Chapter 164, Florida Statutes, to address a disagreement over whether the annexation of adjacent properties transferred jurisdiction and maintenance responsibility for Jetport Drive from the County to the City. The disputed roadway segment extends from approximately 1,177 feet east of the SR 528 off-ramp to the west section line of Section 31, Township 23, Range 30, with properties on both sides of the roadway located within the City limits.

The City asserted that maintenance responsibility should remain with the County until a formal agreement transferring jurisdiction is executed. While maintaining its legal interpretation of the applicable statutes, the County has agreed in the interest of intergovernmental cooperation to assume responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the disputed segment.

Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the County will retain jurisdiction and be responsible for the operation and maintenance of Jetport Drive within the defined segment, including sidewalks, shoulders, medians, pavement, roadbeds, and associated right-of-way improvements. This arrangement will remain in effect unless future annexations by the City alter the roadway limits, at which point maintenance responsibilities may be reconsidered through an interlocal agreement or additional dispute resolution procedures.

Execution of the agreement will formally terminate the dispute resolution proceedings between the parties. The Settlement Agreement has been reviewed and approved as to form by the County Attorney's Office.

BUDGET: N/A

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

BCC Mtg. Date: May 19, 2026

This Settlement Agreement is executed by and between the City of Belle Isle, a Florida municipal corporation (hereinafter the “City”), and the Orange County, a Florida charter county (hereinafter “County”) (collectively the “Parties”). The Parties hereby agree as follows:

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2026, the City initiated the Florida Governmental Conflict Resolution Procedures of Chapter 164, Florida Statutes concerning a dispute involving which of the Parties has operational and maintenance jurisdiction and responsibilities for Jetport Drive adjacent to lands annexed by the City (“Dispute Resolution Proceeding”); and

WHEREAS, the section of Jetport Drive in dispute is the segment extending from a point approximately 1,177 feet east of the SR 528 off-ramp to the west section line of Section 31, Township 23, Range 30 with adjacent properties on both sides of the roadway (inclusive of the Beachline Expressway) within the City limits as depicted in Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, the City and County disputed if the City’s annexation had the effect of automatically making Jetport Drive a part of the City’s street system and therefore transferring maintenance responsibilities to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City’s position was that future maintenance responsibilities of Jetport Drive were the County’s responsibility until the City and County entered into an agreement to specifically transfer jurisdiction to the City; and

WHEREAS, since the City annexed property pursuant to Ordinance 05-05, the County and the City have not changed their positions as to maintenance responsibilities of Jetport Drive; and

WHEREAS, in light of the history and the County’s desire to continue collaboration with the City, and without waiver of the County’s legal position or interpretation of Chapter 334, Florida Statutes, the County has agreed to assume maintenance responsibility of this disputed segment of Jetport Drive; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to amicably resolve the dispute and terminate the Dispute Resolution Proceeding.

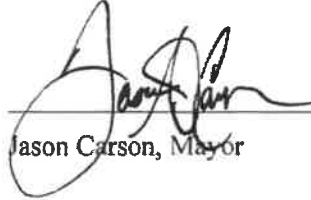
NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES MUTUALLY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. **Recitals.** The foregoing recitals are hereby confirmed as true and correct and are incorporated as material provisions of this Agreement.

2. **Settlement Agreement.** Unless the City annexes additional property along Jetport Drive changing the limits of where the City is on both sides of the roadway (inclusive of the Beachline Expressway), the County shall have jurisdiction of and be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Jetport Drive right-of-way adjacent to lands annexed by the City, including the sidewalks, shoulders, medians, pavement, roadbeds and other right-of-way improvements. In the event of a future proposed annexation by the City along Jetport Drive the entity responsible for operations and maintenance of the applicable portions of Jetport Drive may be readdressed and confirmed in the form of an interlocal agreement between the Parties or subject to a future dispute resolution proceeding. Upon the execution of this Agreement by the Parties, the Dispute Resolution Proceeding shall terminate.

3. **Effective Date.** This Agreement shall take effect as of the date that it is fully executed by both Parties (the "Effective Date").

CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA



Jason Carson, Mayor

Attest: Yolanda Quiceno, City Clerk



Yolanda Quiceno

Date: 4/21/2026

ORANGE COUNTY



for Jerry L. Demings, Mayor

Attest:


Elizabeth Mercader

19 May 2026
Date



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