

RESOLUTION NO. 26-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA APPROVING THE CONNECTING CLEARWATER ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN, PROVIDING A PLANNING FRAMEWORK FOR IDENTIFYING AND RANKING POTENTIAL ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Clearwater Comprehensive Plan’s Quality Places and Mobility Chapters recognize the importance of providing multimodal mobility options for people of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, since the implementation of the city’s Shifting Gears Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan in 2006, the city has made progress toward development of a pedestrian and bicycle network, but recognizes that land use contexts, roadway facilities, and modes of transportation have changed; and

WHEREAS, active transportation facilities are designed, operated, and maintained for all people, regardless of age or ability, and are essential in providing a safe, connected, and comfortable network of routes; and

WHEREAS, the city recognizes the potential benefits to the local economy and positive transformations that may occur with investments made in enhancing active transportation facilities; and

WHEREAS, on November 21, 2024, the Clearwater City Council approved funding for a consultant (hereinafter referred to as the “Consultant”) to prepare a citywide active transportation plan (hereinafter referred to as the “Plan”); and

WHEREAS, Plan development included data collection, analysis, coordination with multiple jurisdictions and city departments, and public outreach through advisory committee meetings, community open houses, special events, and online surveys; and

WHEREAS, the city and the consultant presented an update on the status of the Plan to the City Council at their Work Session on June 5, 2025, and the City Council provided direction that was incorporated into the final Plan; and

WHEREAS, this Plan will serve as a long-term vision for how Clearwater’s active transportation system should be designed and function and contains planning-level concept plans and a list of corridors and crossings ranked for engineering-level analysis and implementation, policy recommendations to support active transportation, and funding opportunities; now, therefore; and

WHEREAS, approval of this plan does not mandate specific roadway redesigns, lane reductions, road diets, or sidewalk width standards, and all future transportation capital

improvement projects originating from the Plan will remain subject to engineering review and separate City Council approval; now, therefore.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The City Council hereby approves the Connecting Clearwater Active Transportation Plan as a planning tool to identify and prioritize active transportation projects and pursue state and federal funding opportunities for such projects.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Bruce Rector, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Attest:

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Assistant City Attorney

Rosemarie Call
City Clerk