

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-23**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA APPROVING AN AGREEMENT, AS ATTACHED IN EXHIBIT A, BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLEARWATER (THE CITY) AND FORWARD PINELLAS ACCEPTING A COMPLETE STREETS CONCEPT PLANNING GRANT TO DEVELOP A CONCEPT AND DESIGN PLAN FOR DREW STREET (S.R. 590) FROM NORTH OSCEOLA AVENUE TO US HIGHWAY 19; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the term Complete Streets describes a comprehensive, integrated transportation network with infrastructure and design that allows safe and convenient travel along and across streets for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, riders and drivers of public transportation, as well as drivers of other motor-vehicles, and people of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets are essential in providing safe routes to school for children; and

WHEREAS, The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) adopted a Complete Streets policy in 2014 to promote safety, quality of life, and economic development in Florida; and

WHEREAS, Forward Pinellas recently developed an incentive program to assist local governments in planning, designing and constructing Complete Streets projects that entail roadway redesign to provide better access, safety, and mobility for all users, with emphasis on projects that serve as an economic catalyst within corridors or activity centers; and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges the benefits and value of the public health and welfare of reducing vehicle miles travelled and increasing transportation by walking, bicycling, and public transportation; and

WHEREAS, a balanced urban community requires a comprehensive, integrated, network of roadways designed and planned from a sustainable whole systems approach that is also sensitive to the context and needs of differing city neighborhoods, providing equal access to transportation options for all users; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to encourage walking, bicycling, and the use of public transportation as safe, convenient, environmentally friendly, and economical modes of transportation that promote health and independence for all people; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that the careful planning and coordinated development of Complete Streets infrastructure offers long-term cost

savings for local and state government, benefits public health, and provides financial benefits to property owners, businesses, and investors; and

WHEREAS, Drew Street (S.R. 590) is a multi-jurisdictional east-west roadway traversing the City that is operated by Pinellas County, FDOT, and the City, with mostly four narrow undivided travel lanes from N. Osceola Avenue to Saturn Avenue and four divided lanes from Saturn Avenue to US Highway 19; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clearwater Comprehensive Plan Citywide Design Structure identifies Drew Street as a Redevelopment Corridor that needs character changes or restoration to create a better condition and supports creating walkable communities and livable neighborhoods on Drew Street from Myrtle Avenue to US Highway 19; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the Skycrest Neighborhood Association and other interested citizens approached the City requesting the City's participation in the Forward Pinellas Complete Street Grant Program for the development of a Complete Streets conceptual design plan for Drew Street; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to develop a Complete Streets concept and design plan for Drew Street (S.R. 590) from North Osceola Avenue to US Highway 19 (hereinafter referred to as the Project), which could serve to enhance the connectivity between the City's Downtown Community Redevelopment Area and the US 19/Drew Street Activity Center, if the City elects to implement the plan; and

WHEREAS the City Council wishes to encourage public participation in community decisions concerning street design, and the Project would provide opportunities for public input in the development of Complete Streets concept designs; and

WHEREAS, an agreement is required, establishing the agreed payment not to exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) and the scope of the grant; and

WHEREAS, the grant agreement (the Agreement) between the City and Forward Pinellas, attached as Exhibit "A," details the scope of responsibility between Forward Pinellas and the City as part of the Complete Streets Concept Planning Grant program; now, therefore;

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

Section 1. The City approves the Agreement, as attached in Exhibit "A," accepting the Forward Pinellas Complete Streets Concept Planning Grant in an amount not to exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) and authorizing appropriate City officials to take all necessary action as may be necessary or appropriate to perform all

obligations and commitments of the City of Clearwater in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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George N. Cretekos  
Mayor

Approved as to form:

Attest:

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Camilo Soto  
Assistant City Attorney

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Rosemarie Call  
City Clerk