RESOLUTION NO. 18-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER (THE CITY), FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO TRANSMIT EXHIBIT A AS THE CITY'S APPLICATION FOR THE FORWARD PINELLAS COMPLETE STREETS GRANT PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF THE CITY'S COUNCIL, THE CITY'S GOVERNING BODY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council desires that Clearwater be a livable community that provides a transportation system designed and operated to assure safety, comfort, and accessibility for all modes of travel; and

WHEREAS, "complete streets" is a design concept contextualizing the relationship between the streets and the surrounding area that endeavors to provide accessible and efficient connections between home, school, work, recreation, and retail destinations for all, regardless of age or ability, by improving pedestrian and vehicular environments and supporting economic growth and community stability; and

WHEREAS, Forward Pinellas has a competitive funding program for "complete streets" concept planning and design (hereinafter referred to as the "Program"); and

WHEREAS, the City desires to develop a "complete streets" concept and design plan for South and North Fort Harrison Avenue from Belleair Road to the merge with Myrtle Avenue at Pleasant Street (hereinafter referred to as the "Project"), which could serve to enhance the connectivity to and between the Morton Plant Hospital Campus, Downtown, and the North Marina Area, all of which are designated Activity Centers, if the City elects to implement the plan; and

WHEREAS, Exhibit "A" is the City's grant application, and it describes the Project and provides a cost estimate to complete the concept planning process, prepare design concepts, and finalize documents related to the "complete streets" plan; and

WHEREAS, the City commits to a contribution of \$50,000.00 toward the Project, which is in the form of \$25,000.00 in-kind services and \$25,000.00 direct funding, and the City expects Forward Pinellas to match the City's contribution, via the Program, to help the City create the plan for the Project;

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

Section 1. The City Council supports the proposed Project, as described in Exhibit "A", and authorizes the Community Development Coordinator or Designee to transmit to Forward Pinellas as the City's application for the Program.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____day of _____, 2018.

George N. Cretekos Mayor

Approved as to form:

Attest:

Michael P. Fuino Assistant City Attorney Rosemarie Call City Clerk