

Resolution No. 22-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER,
FLORIDA, SUPPORTING SAFE STREETS PINELLAS
ACTION PLAN, A VISION ZERO EFFORT TO ELIMINATE
TRAFFIC-RELATED FATALITIES AND SERIOUS INJURIES
ON THE PINELLAS TRANSPORTATION NETWORK.

WHEREAS, on average 70 people have been killed or seriously injured in vehicular crashes each year between 2015 and 2019 within the City of Clearwater, including vehicular crashes involving an average of 13 pedestrians and six bicyclists annually.

WHEREAS, the number of people dying and suffering serious injuries on our streets is a serious public health problem that necessitates public action.

WHEREAS, The City of Clearwater recognizes that traffic fatalities and serious injuries are preventable and not inevitable.

WHEREAS, the City of Clearwater is a member of Forward Pinellas, which serves as the Pinellas County Planning Council, and as the metropolitan planning organization for Pinellas County.

WHEREAS, Forward Pinellas has taken a leadership role in transportation safety by developing and adopting *Safe Streets Pinellas Action Plan*, a data-driven plan to work towards zero traffic-related deaths and injuries by 2045.

WHEREAS, the *Safe Streets Pinellas Action Plan* has identified several areas within the City of Clearwater as part of the High Injury Network – roadways where fatalities and serious injuries have repeatedly occurred and must be systematically addressed.

WHEREAS, the City of Clearwater is committed to safe and reliable transportation for all.

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

Section 1. The City of Clearwater endorses the Safe Streets Pinellas Action Plan as a guiding document for the City's efforts towards zero traffic-related deaths by 2045.

Section 2. The City of Clearwater is committed to working with Forward Pinellas and partner agencies to identify and implement projects and programs that reduce the potential for serious injuries and fatalities on roads within the City of Clearwater by taking a safe systems approach.

Section 3. The City Manager shall designate one or more city staff to participate in the Safe Streets Pinellas Working Group to coordinate safety improvements, to advance local priorities that will make streets safer for the traveling public, and to access technical assistance and support in reducing fatal and serious injury crashes.

Section 4. Together with the annual budget, the City Manager shall report to the Mayor and City Council on progress towards zero traffic-related deaths in the City of Clearwater by 2045, and the proposed strategic actions and investments to be made during the next fiscal year.

Section 5. The City Clerk is directed to provide copies of this resolution to Forward Pinellas officials as is directed by the City Council.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of September 2022.

Frank Hibbard
Mayor

Approved as to form:

Attest:

Laura Mahony
Senior Assistant City Attorney

Rosemarie Call
City Clerk