

RESOLUTION NO. 26-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA APPROVING THE CONNECTING CLEARWATER ~~AN~~ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN ~~FOR THE CITY OF CLEARWATER,~~ PROVIDING FOR A FOUNDATION FOR A BALANCED TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM THAT PROVIDES PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WITH SAFE, EFFICIENT TRAVEL OPTIONS; ~~PROVIDING A PLANNING FRAMEWORK FOR IDENTIFYING AND RANKING PROVIDING A RANKING SYSTEM FOR~~POTENTIAL ~~PROJECTS TO IMPROVE~~ ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ~~PROJECTS;~~ ~~PROVIDING PLANNING LEVEL CONCEPT PLANS FOR THE TEN HIGHEST RANKED CORRIDOR OR CROSSING PROJECTS;~~ ~~PROVIDING SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CODE TO IMPROVE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES;~~ ~~PROVIDING FOR ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PLAN;~~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 Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) adopted a Complete Streets policy in 2014 and published the Florida Design Manual in 2017, that was updated in 2025, to support transportation planning that promotes safety, quality of life, and economic development in Florida; and~~

~~WHEREAS, the Forward Pinellas Active Transportation Plan established goals for the provision of a balanced and integrated multimodal transportation system for local and regional travel that enhances quality of life and promotes sustainability; and~~

~~WHEREAS, the Clearwater Greenprint 2.0 sets forth goals and strategies for the city to reduce transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions, reduce traffic congestion and promote a healthier lifestyle for Clearwater residents; 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 ~~City Council of the City of~~ Clearwater City Council ~~authorized a work order with Fehr & Peers (hereinafter referred to as the "Consultant")~~ 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 on-line 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 ~~An~~ Active Transportation Plan ~~for the City of Clearwater, as attached, and directs the City Manager to provide updates to the City Council regarding actions taken to implement the plan and effectuation~~ 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:

Matthew J. Mytych, Esq.
Assistant City Attorney

Rosemarie Call
City Clerk