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November 5, 2018

Dear Lauren Matzke,

On November 5 The Clearwater Neighborhood Coalition voted to support the City of Clearwater's application for a Complete Streets Concept Planning Grant from Forward Pinellas.

As we understand it, the area to be treated is Ft. Harrison from the northern apex to the southern city limits boundary.

This is a very important corridor for our city, providing access to Imagine Clearwater's park area and to the entire downtown commercial area, as well as to the Morton Plant medical complex, which is a major center for employment and for critical medical services. This plan would also build on the North Marina Plan.

We believe Complete Streets has tremendous possibilities for enhancing our city. We are extremely pleased with the progress in planning for Drew Street, and we look forward to seeing a similar approach applied to Ft. Harrison.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Cunningham".

Karen Cunningham, President
Clearwater Neighborhoods Association.

November 7, 2018

Chelsea Favero, AICP
Forward Pinellas
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RE: Forward Pinellas Complete Streets Grand Application – Drew Street Corridor

Dear Ms. Favero,

The Harbor Oaks Association fully supports the community effort to upgrade Drew Street to a 'complete street', so that it is more accessible and safer for pedestrians, bike riders, athletes and motor vehicles.

The Harbor Oaks neighborhood adjoins Fort Harrison Road immediately south of Turner Street and west to the intercoastal waterway. We recognize that an increase in the safety of these streets would enable residents and visitors to better enjoy the City's natural coastal beauty and the neighborhood's Magnolia Street Dock. More accessible and safer access routes would promote improved integration of the residential community and provide better support of the local businesses that serve and immediately adjoin our neighborhood. Further, an extension of this corridor south along Fort Harrison Road to Belleair would lend strength to the revitalization efforts by the City for the downtown area.

We ask that the City of Clearwater be awarded the Forward Pinellas Complete Streets grant.

Sincerely,

Gregg Gallagher, President
Harbor Oaks Association Board

cc: Mayor George Cretekos, City Council, City of Clearwater
William Horne, City Manager, City of Clearwater
Ellen Crandall, Planning & Development Department, City of Clearwater



Downtown Neighborhood Association, Inc.

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November 9, 2018

Chelsea Favero, AICP
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Re: Support for Clearwater Complete Streets Fort Harrison Street Concept Planning Grant

Dear Ms. Favero:

The Downtown Neighborhood Association supports the City of Clearwater's application for a complete streets concept planning grant for Fort Harrison Avenue in downtown Clearwater.

The Downtown Neighborhood Association's membership area is contiguous with the Clearwater's CRA and exists to offer a voice for the residents who "live, work and play" in Downtown Clearwater. We are the people who can and are interested in walking and biking to work and to the local businesses in our city. Some of us have already given up our families' "second cars" and want to support safer, more walkable streets, better traffic flow, and more urban-friendly amenities to support our local businesses. Steps that will slow traffic, reduce noise, and create a more attractive and interesting appearance of downtown streets will enhance our property values and make life more livable in this urban corridor.

Our organization has been involved in the recent and successful Drew Street Complete Streets project so we are familiar with the concept. We are actively and continuously involved in the Imagine Clearwater project that we expect will bring substantial numbers of Clearwater residents from other neighborhoods to the downtown core. It makes good sense to address a complete streets plan for Fort Harrison Avenue as we implement Imagine Clearwater over the next few years.

We have met with City staff to review and discuss the proposed grant, and we whole heartily support the City of Clearwater's application. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

David Lillesand, President
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