

RESOLUTION NO. 18-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA APPROVING COMPLETE DREW STREET CONCEPT PLANS, AS ATTACHED IN EXHIBIT A, FOR DREW STREET (S.R. 590), FROM NORTH OSCEOLA AVENUE TO US HIGHWAY 19 NORTH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Clearwater Comprehensive Plan's Future Land Use Element and Transportation Element recognize the importance of providing multimodal mobility options for people of all ages and abilities, and includes a Citywide Design Structure which identifies Drew Street as a Redevelopment Corridor that needs character changes or restoration that support creating "walkable communities" and "livable neighborhoods" on Drew Street from Myrtle Avenue to US Highway 19; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets are designed, operated, and maintained for all users, regardless of age or ability, and are essential in providing safe routes to schools for children; and

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

WHEREAS, The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) adopted a Complete Streets policy in 2014 and published the Florida Design Manual in 2017 to support transportation planning that promotes safety, quality of life, and economic development in Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Transportation Plan has 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, in 2016 representatives of the Skycrest Neighborhood Association and other interested citizens approached the Manager of the City of Clearwater to request the City's participation in the Forward Pinellas Complete Street Grant Program (hereinafter referred to as the "Program") for Drew Street; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2016, the City Council of the City of Clearwater authorized staff to apply for Program funding for Complete Streets concept planning for Drew Street (hereinafter referred to as "Project") to enhance connectivity between Downtown and the US 19/Drew Street Activity Center, for which the City was awarded \$50,000 on March 8, 2017, and the City Council authorized an agreement between the

City and Forward Pinellas and the Scope of Work for the Project on July 17, 2017 (Resolution 17-23); and

WHEREAS, the City Council contracted with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as the "Consultant"), to develop the Drew Street Complete Street Concept Plan and implement a community outreach program for the Project, which was titled "Complete Drew Street;" and

WHEREAS, Project development included data collection, analysis, coordination with multiple jurisdictions and city departments, and extensive public outreach through focus groups, online surveys, and workshops, and through discussions with businesses, institutions, neighborhoods, the biking community, and economic developers about their concerns in the subject area; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Consultant presented the Complete Street Concept Scenarios final report, including public preferences, to the City Council at its July 30, 2018, Work Session and Council provided direction on selecting preferred scenarios (attached as Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, following the direction of City Council, the preferred Concept Scenarios for Drew Street were finalized and incorporated into the Final Report (attached as Exhibit B); now, therefore;

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

Section 1. The City approves the Final Report and preferred Concept Scenarios, as attached in Exhibit "A," accepting the Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., Complete Streets Concept Designs for the Complete Drew Street Project, and authorizing appropriate City officials to take all necessary action as may be necessary or appropriate to transmit to Forward Pinellas and other jurisdictions the Final Report and Concept Scenarios selected by the City Council on behalf of the City of Clearwater.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2018.

George N. Cretekos
Mayor

Approved as to form:

Michael P. Fuino
Assistant City Attorney

Attest:

Rosemarie Call
City Clerk