

Resolution #21-1

A RESOLUTION OF FORWARD PINELLAS SUPPORTING SAFE STREETS PINELLAS, A VISION ZERO EFFORT TO ELIMINATE TRAFFIC FATALITIES AND SERIOUS INJURIES ON THE PINELLAS TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

WHEREAS, two people are killed or seriously injured in traffic crashes every day in Pinellas County;

WHEREAS, more than 60 percent of serious and fatal collisions occur on less than 10 percent of Pinellas County roadways;

WHEREAS, safe and reliable transportation is a priority for Forward Pinellas;

WHEREAS, the tenets of a Vision Zero commitment - that no loss of life is acceptable on our streets - are supported in the *Advantage Pinellas Long Range Transportation Plan*;

WHEREAS, minority and low-income communities face a disproportionate risk of serious traffic injuries and fatalities;

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

WHEREAS, Forward Pinellas commits to working with our local, regional and state partners to identify and implement projects and programs that reduce the potential for serious traffic injuries and fatalities by taking a safe systems approach; and

WHEREAS, Forward Pinellas recognizes that traffic fatalities and serious injuries are preventable and not inevitable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Forward Pinellas as follows:

1. Forward Pinellas hereby commits to Vision Zero, with a goal of zero deaths related to transportation-related crashes – by the year 2045;
2. Forward Pinellas hereby adopts the Safe Streets Pinellas Action Plan (the “Action Plan”) in furtherance of Vision Zero;
3. Forward Pinellas staff will implement the Action Plan and provide updates on implementation to the Forward Pinellas Board on an annual basis;
4. Forward Pinellas staff will review and bring forth policy updates to the Action Plan to the Forward Pinellas Board every two years to reflect current conditions, trends and best practices, and may amend administrative aspects of the Action Plan as needed; and
5. A working group representing diverse perspectives in the community will provide feedback and guidance to Forward Pinellas regarding implementation of the Action Plan.

This resolution offered and adopted at the March 10, 2021 meeting of Forward Pinellas as hereinafter set forth:

Vice Mayor Allbritton offered the foregoing resolution which was seconded by

Commissioner Gerard and the vote was:

AYES: Councilmember Darden Rice, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Seel, Vice Mayor Merz, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Gerard, Vice Mayor Allbritton, Commissioner Smith

NAYS: None

Absent and not voting: Councilmember Noble, Councilmember Reed, Mayor Bujalski, Mayor Kennedy, Councilmember Gabbard

ATTEST:



Whit Blanton, Executive Director
Forward Pinellas



Darden Rice, Chair
Forward Pinellas

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By Chelsea Hardy
Office of the County Attorney