

A RESOLUTION OF THE ST. PETERSBURG CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE 49<sup>TH</sup> STREET SAFE STREETS STUDY AND ITS RECOMMENDATIONS; PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR ALTERNATIVE ONE (1); PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR ADVANCING ADDITIONAL EVALUATION; REQUESTING THAT ADMINISTRATION REPORT ADDITIONAL EVALUATION RESULTS TO CITY COUNCIL BEFORE FINALIZING DESIGN FOR ANY LANE REPURPOSING ON 49<sup>TH</sup> STREET; AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE NON- SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES AS NECESSARY TO THE DRAFT STUDY PRIOR TO PUBLICATION OF THE FINAL STUDY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Forty-ninth (49th) Street is a minor arterial roadway with a centerline that serves as the municipal boundary between the City of St. Petersburg and the City of Gulfport; and

WHEREAS, a section of 49th Street between 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue South and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North was selected for the 49<sup>th</sup> Street Safe Streets Study (Study) based on its status as being included on the high injury network and its inclusion within Forward Pinellas' successful award of Safe Streets and Roads for All funding; and

WHEREAS, Forward Pinellas has partnered with the City of St. Petersburg and the City of Gulfport to complete the Study, with assistance from a traffic engineering consulting firm, from which several recommendations for potential modifications and further evaluation have been developed through considerable public and stakeholder engagement; and

WHEREAS, during the City Council's Housing, Land Use, and Transportation (HLUT) Committee meeting on May 30, 2024, members were provided with an overview of the Study and its recommendations which included presentation of two (2) alternatives for the 49<sup>th</sup> Street corridor to consider for advancement; and

WHEREAS, the HLUT unanimously voted in favor of advancing Alternative Number 1; and

WHEREAS, the Gulfport City Council unanimously voted in favor of advancing Alternative 1 at its June 18, 2024 meeting; and

WHEREAS, a shared use trail/path is recommended on the east side of the corridor; and

WHEREAS, Alternative Number 1 consists of lane repurposing to three (3) lanes which adds a turn lane where one currently isn't provided, provides chicanes and bus turn out bays throughout the corridor, and adds enhanced pedestrian crosswalks; and

WHEREAS, along with the development of Alternative Number 1, the Study recommends specific, additional evaluation that includes a corridor lighting study, an intersection control evaluation at 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, a parking/access management study, a traffic impact study of the proposed lane reassignments, and a crosswalk location analysis; and

WHEREAS, City Council supports moving forward with these certain additional evaluations as well as the physical improvements not needing additional evaluation as soon as possible; and

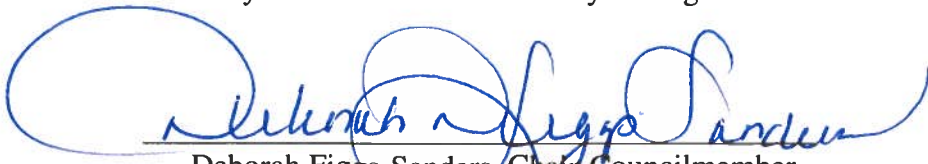
WHEREAS, City Council requests Administration to report back to City Council the results of additional evaluation as it pertains to lane repurposing before such work reaches final design.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Petersburg City Council that this Council hereby supports the 49<sup>th</sup> Street Safe Streets Study and its recommendations including support for Alternative Number One (1) and additional evaluation as outlined in the recommendations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes the City Administration to make any non-substantive changes to the final draft Study necessary to publish the final Study.

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted at a regular session of the City Council held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 2024.



Deborah Figgs-Sanders, Chair-Councilmember  
Presiding Officer of the City Council

ATTEST:



Chan Srinivasa, City Clerk

