

# South St. Petersburg East-West Transportation Network Action Plan

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## Complete Streets Planning Application



**FORWARD  
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Integrating Land Use & Transportation

TCC - January 24, 2018

PAC - February 5, 2018

# Complete Streets in St. Petersburg

Administrative Policy - #020400

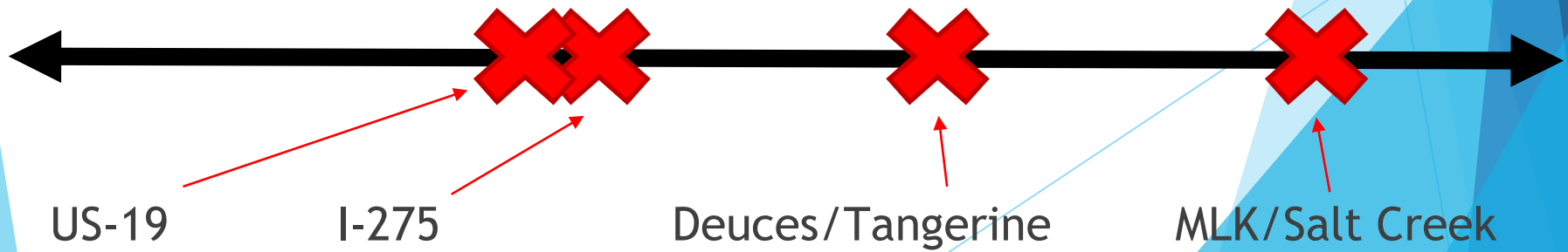
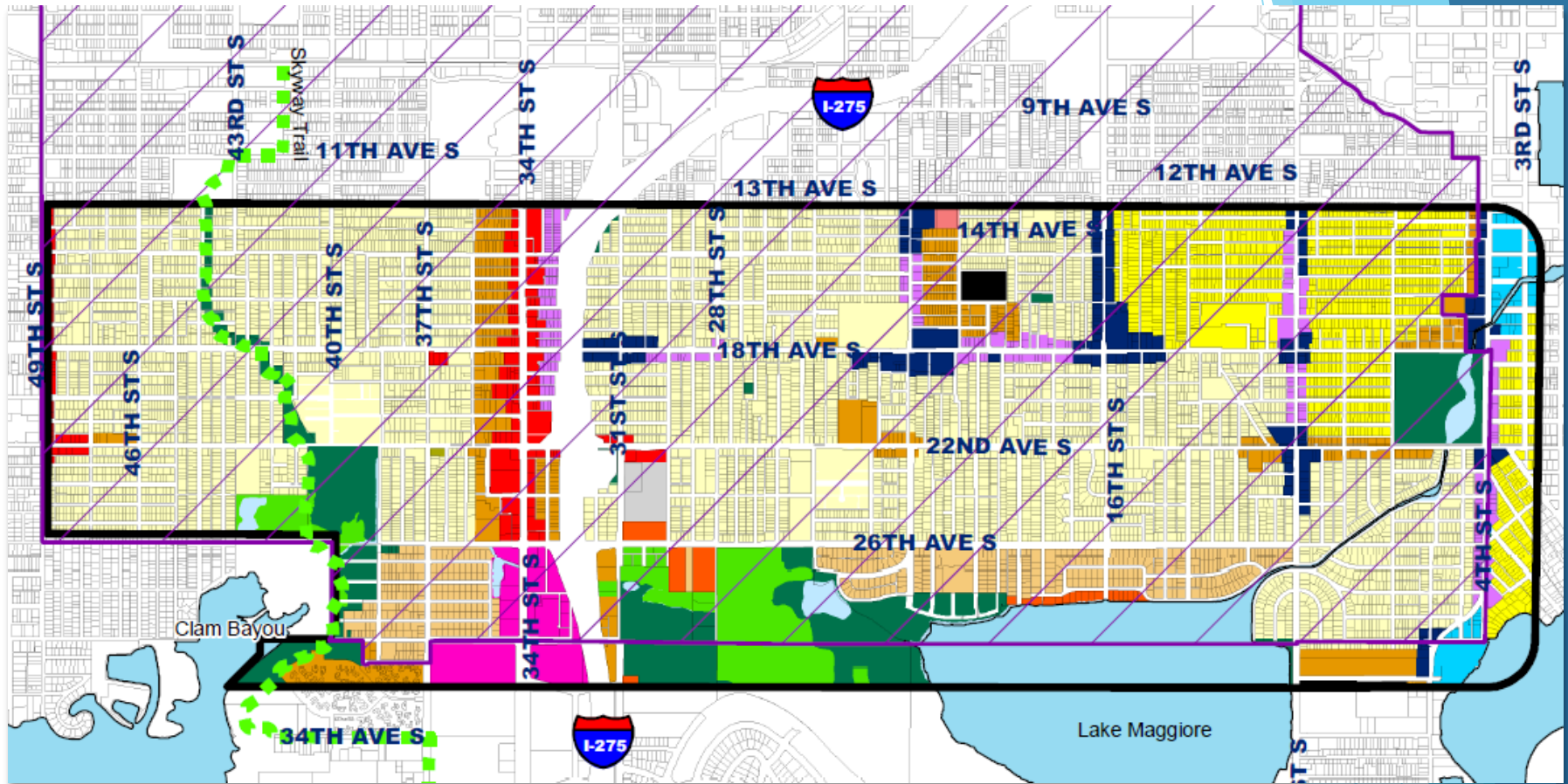
Council Resolution - #2015-540

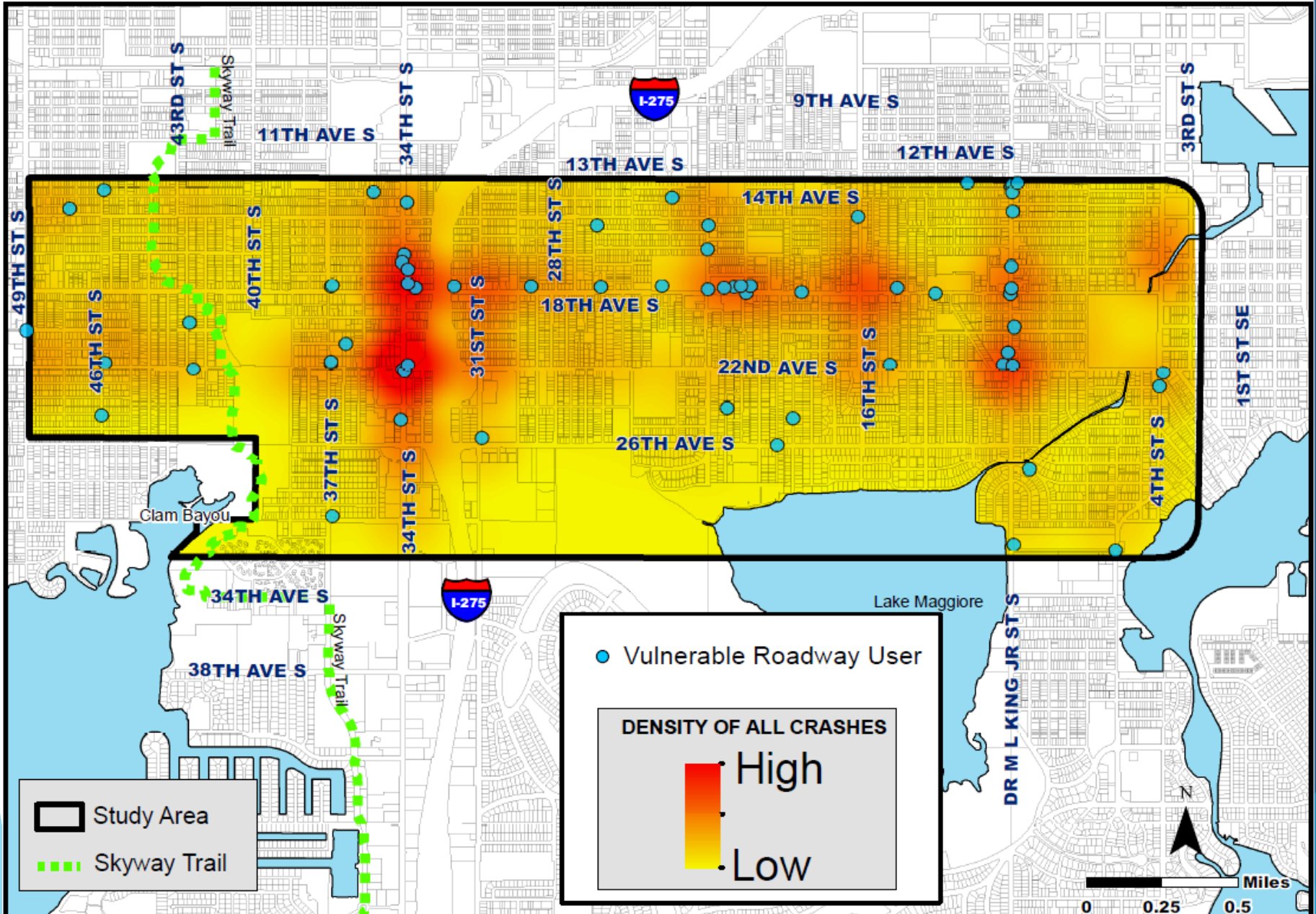


Complete Streets are planned, designed, operated, and maintained so that people of all ages and physical and economic abilities can safely and comfortably move around the city street network. A Complete Street provides the right accommodation for the land use context.



# Limited East-West Network Connectivity



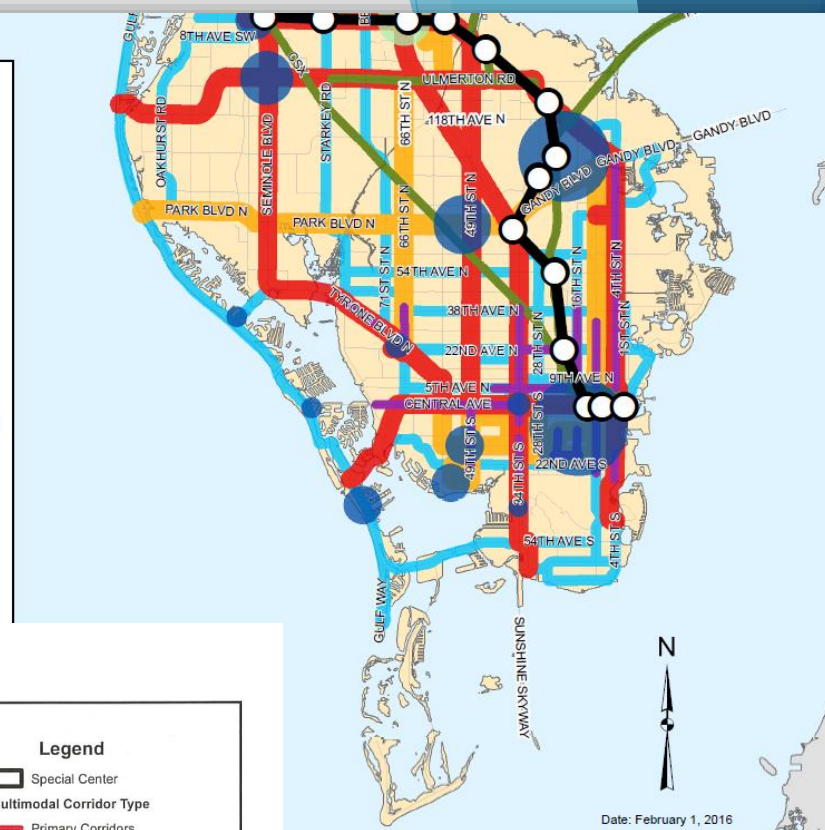
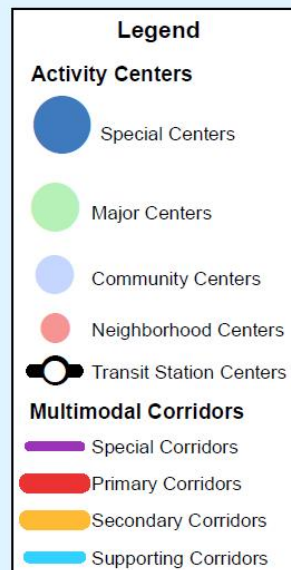


**Crash Density (2013 through 2016)**

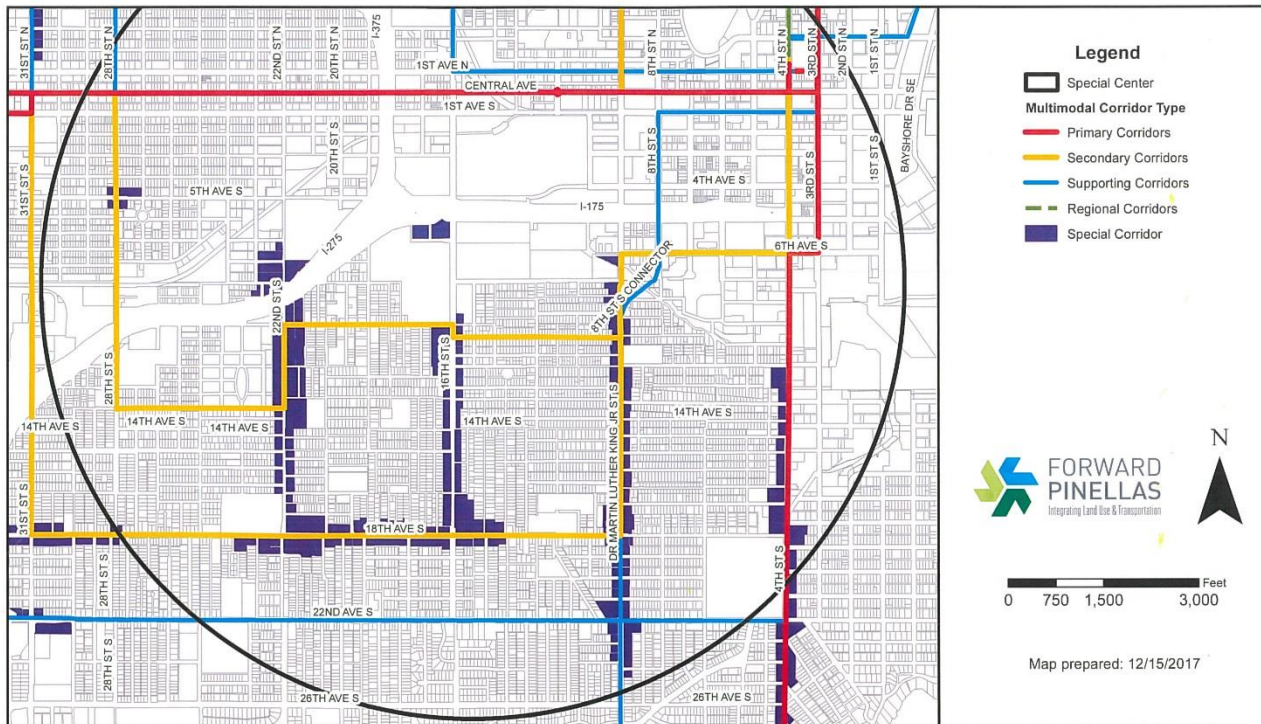
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# Existing Planning Framework:

- US 19 - Forward Pinellas SPOTlight emphasis area
- TOD Special Activity Center
- Multimodal Corridors
- Florida Consumer Action Network Report
- Complete Streets Implementation Plan



Vision Map Corridors for Downtown St. Petersburg Area



# Catalyst for Transformative Change

## Existing Conditions

- ▶ Driving sees low congestion and high operating speeds
- ▶ Walking and bicycling require the use of high speed roadways, circuitous routes, and challenging crossings
- ▶ Limited access to high frequency transit

## Goals

- ▶ Safe crossings and route alternatives
- ▶ Convenient access for all modes
- ▶ Comfortable access to and amenities at bus stops



*A sidewalk in need of repair on 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue South.*

# Implementation

- ▶ Identify and prioritize needed improvements
- ▶ Primary focus on readily-actionable changes
  - ▶ Utilize existing right of way
  - ▶ Spot improvements for safety and access
  - ▶ Signal phasing and traffic calming
  - ▶ Comfortable and convenient access to transit
- ▶ Identify and build support for corridor-level projects
- ▶ \$120,000 total project cost
  - ▶ 1/2 local funds (Transportation Impact Fees)
  - ▶ 1/2 Forward Pinellas Complete Streets funds



# Broad Community Support

- ▶ City Council Resolution 2017-694
- ▶ City Complete Streets Committee
- ▶ South St. Petersburg CRA Citizens Advisory Committee
- ▶ Pinellas County Urban League
- ▶ AARP Florida

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE TWO COMPLETE STREETS PROJECTS SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG TO FORWARD PINELLAS FOR FUNDING CONSIDERATION WITHIN THE FORWARD PINELLAS COMPLETE STREETS PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City is working to implement a Complete Streets Program where streets are designed and operated to promote safety and accessibility for all users of the transportation network, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, motorists, commercial and emergency vehicles, and people of all ages and physical and economic abilities; and

WHEREAS, this City Council has previously stated an intent that all appropriate sources of funding, including city, county, state and federal sources, be drawn upon to implement the City's Complete Streets Program; and

WHEREAS, Pinellas County's Land Use and Transportation planning agency, Forward Pinellas, has developed a Complete Streets Program that is intended to support local governments by "creating an incentive program to encourage the implementation of Complete Streets projects that help to reinforce desired land use and redevelopment activities that meet criteria identified in the adopted Countywide Land Use Plan"; and

WHEREAS, Forward Pinellas has recently issued a Call for Applications to solicit projects for funding consideration in two categories, which are Concept Planning and Design, and Construction; and

WHEREAS, the City has identified two outstanding candidate projects, one in each stated funding category, for consideration within the Forward Pinellas Complete Streets Program that meet or exceed the minimum application criteria and represent the City's best opportunity to be awarded funds from the Forward Pinellas Complete Streets Program; and

WHEREAS, the candidate project for the Concept Planning and Design category is the South St. Petersburg East-West Transportation Network Action Plan which is intended to review the southern half of the South St.

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 Citrus Avenue Community Redevelopment Area

December 12, 2016

Ms. Chelsea Favero, AICP  
 Principal Planner  
 Forward Pinellas  
 330 Court Street  
 Clearwater, FL 33756

Subject: Support for the City of St. Petersburg's Complete Streets Concept Planning and Design Application - South St. Petersburg East-West Transportation Network Action Plan


Dear Ms. Favero,

On behalf of South St. Petersburg Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) Citizens Advisory Committee, I would like to indicate our strong support for the City of St. Petersburg's Complete Streets Concept Planning and Design Application for the South St. Petersburg East-West Transportation Network Action Plan. The proposed Action Plan will identify a suite of safety and operational improvements to improve the environment for non-motorized transportation options thereby providing a Complete Streets grid that is more conducive to improved public health and quality of life. Furthermore, it will develop improvements to further the goals established CRA Redevelopment Plan related to the revitalization of commercial corridors that are intended to grow existing businesses and attract new ones, while also providing access to jobs for residents within the CRA.

With support from the Forward Pinellas Board, this Action Plan effort can begin at a time that aligns with the final stages of the City's forthcoming Complete Streets Implementation Plan. A key element of this effort will be the identification of modal priority for specific segments of the City's street network, and a corresponding tool box of improvements appropriate to each modal priority and context. Where the Complete Streets Implementation Plan will address chronic needs and issues, this Action Plan will delve deeper into the identified study area within the South St. Petersburg Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) and develop specific improvements to further the goals established by both Complete Streets and the CRA Redevelopment Plan.

By providing South St. Petersburg residents with a network of Complete Streets, it enables greater transportation options for work, school, medical and shopping trips that are essential to our economy and to providing Ladders of Opportunity with true socioeconomic mobility. We look forward to the support of Forward Pinellas for this much-desired action plan in South St. Petersburg.

By providing South St. Petersburg residents with a network of Complete Streets, our residents will have greater transportation options for work, school, medical and shopping trips that are essential to the economic growth and socioeconomic mobility desired by the South St. Petersburg Community Redevelopment Plan. We look forward to the support of Forward Pinellas for this much-desired action plan in South St. Petersburg.

Sincerely,  
  
 Ms. Theresa Jones, Vice Chairperson  
 Citizen Advisory Committee for the South St. Petersburg CRA

 **Pinellas County Urban League, Inc.**  
 Building for Equal Opportunity

December 15, 2016

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Dear Ms. Favero:

On behalf of the Pinellas County Urban League, I would like to indicate our strong support for the City of St. Petersburg's Complete Streets Concept Planning and Design Application for the South St. Petersburg East-West Transportation Network Action Plan. The proposed Action Plan will identify a suite of safety and operational improvements to improve the environment for non-motorized transportation options by moderating motor vehicle speeds while also maintaining the necessary roadway capacity.

The Urban League is a 501(c)(3) organization that serves African Americans and other disenfranchised members of the community to achieve social and economic equality. The League serves over 15,000 low-income residents in the areas of youth education, crime prevention, employment, health services, weatherization and home energy assistance annually. Our focus is help Empower Communities and Change Lives.


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Sincerely,  
  
 Rev. Watson L. Haines, Jr.  
 President & CEO

Supporters are:  


**AFFILIATED WITH THE NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE, INC.**

 **AARP** Real Possibilities in Florida

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Dear Ms. Favero,

As a non-profit, non-partisan social welfare membership organization, AARP enhances the quality of life for all as we age. One way that AARP is driving social change is by working with communities to adopt an "age-friendly" mindset to make their city a great place for people of all ages. In 2016, the City of St. Petersburg was designated as a member of the World Health Organization/AARP Age Friendly Network of Communities.

Part of that effort is to address transportation needs, which includes work such as complete streets. If this application is approved, we look forward to collaborating with the City of St. Petersburg on their Complete Streets Concept Planning and Design Application for the South St. Petersburg East-West Transportation Network Action Plan.

By providing South St. Petersburg residents with a network of Complete Streets, it enables greater transportation options. Walkable and livable communities allow residents to access work, medical needs, parks, and shopping. All of these are essential to our economy and to residents' well-being. We look forward to the support of Forward Pinellas for this much-desired action plan in South St. Petersburg.

We believe that South St. Petersburg, like other communities in Pinellas, would benefit from complete streets. This initiative will help residents of all ages engage with their community. AARP Florida welcomes every effort by Pinellas County cities to become more age-friendly and support the City of St. Petersburg in this application.

Sincerely,  
  
 Laura Cantwell  
 AARP Florida  
 Associate State Director of Advocacy and Outreach