

RESOLUTION NO. 24- 85

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO APPLY TO FORWARD PINELLAS FOR THE 2024 LOCAL AGENCY GRANTS PROGRAM IN ORDER TO CONSTRUCT COMPLETE STREETS IMPROVEMENTS ALONG SUNSET POINT ROAD BETWEEN KINGS HIGHWAY AND KEENE ROAD; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Forward Pinellas provides coordinated land use planning and transportation planning services for Pinellas County and its local governments; and

WHEREAS, Forward Pinellas provides technical and financial assistance to local governments to implement projects and programs that provide mobility options, promote sustainable development patterns and support transportation system improvements within the County through its Local Assistance grant program; and

WHEREAS, on July 22nd, 2024, Forward Pinellas issued a call for funding opportunities, including the 2024 Local Agency Grants Program; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Director has recommended to the Board of County Commissioners that the County apply to the Forward Pinellas Program in order to construct Complete Streets improvements along Sunset Point Road between Kings Highway and Keene Road; and

WHEREAS, based on the community support for the project highlighted during the Forward Pinellas public outreach activities, Pinellas County staff has chosen to pursue this project for funding; and

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Board of Commissioners finds that applying for such grant programs and completing the projects for which the grant awards are received serves as a benefit to the citizens of Pinellas County and advances the goals of the Countywide Land Use Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN REGULAR SESSION DULY ASSEMBLED ON THIS 19TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA:

- Section 1: The above “Whereas” clauses are hereby incorporated as findings.
- Section 2: Statistically valid surveys administered by Forward Pinellas and conducted Countywide noted that more than 70% of residents are ‘very supportive’ of more bike/ped facilities with another 20% ‘supportive’. Making streets safer for walking and biking was the second most important transportation investment for respondents.
- Section 3: The Public Works Director is authorized to apply to Forward Pinellas for the 2024 Local Agency Grants Program in order to construct complete streets improvements along Sunset Point Road between Kings Highway and Keene Road; and providing for an effective date.

Commissioner Flowers offered the foregoing resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner Eggers and upon roll call the vote was:

AYES: Peters, Scott, Eggers, Flowers, Latvala, Nowicki, and Scherer.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: None.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: Joseph A Morrissey
Office of the County Attorney