

RESOLUTION NO. 21- 44

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SUPPORTING FORWARD PINELLAS'S SAFE STREETS PINELLAS
ACTION PLAN, A "VISION ZERO" EFFORT TO ELIMINATE TRAFFIC
FATALITIES AND SERIOUS INJURIES ON THE PINELLAS COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION NETWORK BY 2045, AND ADOPTING A "VISION
ZERO" APPROACH TO COUNTY DECISION-MAKING, POLICY
DEVELOPMENT, PROJECT PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION; AND
ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of Pinellas County residents is our utmost priority; and

WHEREAS, the economic growth and vitality of Pinellas County require safe and reliable transportation systems; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the tenets of a Vision Zero commitment - that no loss of life is acceptable on our transportation network - are supported in the Pinellas County Comprehensive Plan, Strategic Plan and the Forward Pinellas Advantage Pinellas Long Range Transportation Plan; and

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

WHEREAS, safer streets create opportunities for physical activity that reduce the risk for serious health conditions, thereby improving population health; and

WHEREAS, Pinellas County 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, Pinellas County recognizes crashes that result in death or serious injury are preventable, not inevitable, and stem from human error and designs that are incompatible with multimodal uses; and

WHEREAS, Pinellas County has implemented the award-winning Move Safe, Pinellas initiative with local partners to enhance bicyclist and pedestrian safety and reduce the occurrence of related crashes and fatalities in Pinellas County through the distribution of safety devices and educational materials to the County's most vulnerable multimodal road users; and

WHEREAS, Pinellas County prepared the Complete Streets Corridor Evaluation in collaboration with local partners to advance a transportation system that is context-sensitive,

serves the needs of all users and promotes safety, quality of life, and economic development through the prioritization of corridors for multimodal improvements; and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners, by approval Resolution No. 19-18 on April 23, 2019, adopted the Linking Lealman Action Plan to provide complete streets and improve mobility, transportation infrastructure, safety, and quality of life in the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area (CRA); and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners, by approval of Resolution No. 19-53 on August 6, 2019, adopted a “Health in all Policies” approach to County decision-making, policy development, and implementation to ensure that projects and programs are evaluated based on health and equity implications in addition to traditional metrics, and adoption of the Safe Streets Action Plan and a Vision Zero approach furthers this initiative by seeking to eliminate transportation-related deaths, serious injuries, and inequities; and

WHEREAS, The Forward Pinellas Board adopted the Safe Streets Pinellas Action Plan on March 10, 2021, to establish a collaborative effort to create a transportation system that is safe for everyone.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN REGULAR SESSION DULY ASSEMBLED ON THIS 13th DAY OF JULY, 2021, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA:

- I. Pinellas County hereby adopts the Safe Streets Pinellas Action Plan (the “Action Plan”) in furtherance of Vision Zero, a strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all.
- II. Pinellas County hereby commits to Vision Zero, with a goal of zero deaths and serious injuries related to transportation crashes by the year 2045.
- III. Pinellas County will support Forward Pinellas to implement the Action Plan.
- IV. Pinellas County will support Forward Pinellas in the review and update of the Action Plan to reflect current conditions, trends and best practices.
- V. Pinellas County staff will continue to participate in the Safe Streets Pinellas working group to provide feedback and guidance to Forward Pinellas regarding implementation of the Action Plan.
- VI. This resolution will become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Commissioner Flowers offered the foregoing resolution which was seconded by Commissioner Justice and the vote was:

AYES: Eggers, Justice, Flowers, and Long.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Gerard, Peters, and Seel.