## **RESOLUTION 16-\_\_\_**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE HIGH SPEED FERRY PILOT PROGRAM; AGREEING TO ALLOCATE FUNDS OF \$350,000 FOR THE PROJECT CONTINGENT UPON CONDITIONS BEING MET

**WHEREAS,** the Pinellas County Commission's strategic plan is dedicated to maximizing partner relationships (5.1), providing safe and effective transportation systems (4.5), implementing green technologies and practices where practical (3.1), and being a responsible steward of the public's resources (5.2); and

**WHEREAS,** plans for the high speed ferry pilot project call for agreement and funding at the level of \$350,000 each by the cities of St. Petersburg and Tampa, as well as Hillsborough and Pinellas counties and all four partners are a condition of our participation; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to Pinellas County funds being allocated for this project, a business plan and final agreement will need to be presented to and approved by the Board of County Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, the pilot program will have a finite term of October 15, 2016 through April 15, 2017 and be evaluated at the conclusion of that time period; and

**WHEREAS,** the ferry pilot project provides an innovative opportunity for transportation for the citizens and the visitors to our area and provide an additional option to travel across Tampa Bay.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, at a duly-assembled meeting held on the\_day of \_\_\_, 2016, as follows:

**Section 1.** That the Pinellas County Commission supports the high speed ferry pilot program.

**Section 2.** That the Pinellas County Commission shall amend the Fiscal Year 2016 budget to appropriate\$350,000 to the pilot contingent upon the outlined conditions being met.

offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its
oner, and upon roll call

Absent not voting

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Y: Office of the County Attorney