

RESOLUTION 16-3

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 26th day of January, 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.

Commissioner Long offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner Welch, and upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: **Justice, Long, Welch, Gerard, Seel, and Morroni**

Nayes: **Eggers**

Absent not voting: **None**

APPROVED AS TO FORM

BY:


Office of the County Attorney