

RESOLUTION NO. 19-18

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE LINKING LEALMAN ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTING MOBILITY AND COMPLETE STREETS; PROVIDING FOR PURPOSE AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners, by approval of Resolution No. 16-40 on June 7, 2016 approved the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area Plan (“Plan”) and amendments thereto by Resolution No. 17-36 and Resolution No. 19-11, in accordance with Florida Statutes, Part III, Chapter 163 (Community Redevelopment Act of 1969); and

WHEREAS, the Plan identifies the current transportation infrastructure as either deficient or non-existent in portions of the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, the Plan identifies current infrastructure deficiencies as presenting significant obstacles in attracting or accommodating infill and redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, an objective of the Plan is to improve multi-modal mobility, accessibility and safety by developing a holistic traffic calming plan, a continuous network of streets, sidewalks, bike lanes and trails, and upgraded pedestrian and transit amenities; and

WHEREAS, the development of a Complete Streets Masterplan is a short term plan implementation task identified in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, the local community developed a Vision Plan outlining specific objectives to maintain the area’s identity as a distinct, unincorporated community, including: installing gateway markers; maintaining the current pattern of street development; implementing traffic calming measures; utilizing Joe’s Creek as a linear greenway; increasing transportation opportunities for disadvantaged residents; and creating a safe and connected trail, sidewalk, and bike network; and

WHEREAS, County staff, local residents, business owners, the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area Citizens Advisory Committee, and adjacent municipality and agency partners worked with a consultant team beginning in October of 2017 to develop an actionable plan to address transportation deficiencies in the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, the result of this effort was the draft Linking Lealman Action Plan Implementing Mobility and Complete Streets (“Linking Lealman Action Plan”); and

WHEREAS, the draft Linking Lealman Action Plan was presented to the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area Citizens Advisory Committee, the community, local stakeholders, and adjacent municipality and agency partners between December 2018 and February 2019; and

WHEREAS, County staff and the consultant team have refined the draft Linking Lealman Action Plan based on comments from the community, the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area Citizens Advisory Committee, local stakeholders, and adjacent municipality and agency partners, and the final plan has been completed.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN REGULAR SESSION DULY ASSEMBLED ON THIS 23RD DAY OF APRIL, 2019, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA:

- I. The Linking Lealman Action Plan is hereby adopted.
- II. That projects identified in the Linking Lealman Action Plan shall be reviewed annually for incorporation into the County's Five-Year Schedule of Capital Improvements and CIP portfolio review process.
- III. Potential funding for projects identified in the Linking Lealman Action Plan shall include, but not be limited to, the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area Trust Fund and the Local Government Infrastructure Surtax (Penny for Pinellas funds).
- IV. That any future amendments to the Linking Lealman Action Plan be submitted to the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners for consideration and approval.
- V. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

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

AYES: Seel, Gerard, Eggers, Justice, Long, Peters, and Welch.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: None.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: 

Office of the County Attorney