



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

Interlocal Agreement with the City of Clearwater and the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority for a joint-use facility site study.

### **Recommended Action:**

Approval of the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Clearwater and the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority for a downtown Clearwater joint-use facility site study.

- Agreement provides for participation, funding and review of a study of three potential sites to determine viability and budget estimates of each.
- The study will cost \$74,868.00 and is to be performed by Williamson-Dacar Associates, Inc.
- Both the City and the County have programmed funds in Penny IV for a joint-use project.
- The three sites being evaluated are:
  1. 14 S. Ft. Harrison (County-owned).
  2. Surface parking lot supporting 14 S. Ft. Harrison (County-owned) and the PSTA transit station.
  3. Vacant lot at southeast corner of Pierce St. and S. East Avenue (City-owned).

### **Strategic Plan:**

Foster Continual Economic Growth and Vitality

4.4 Invest in infrastructure to meet current and future needs

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach

5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources

### **Summary:**

This Interlocal Agreement (Agreement) provides for the participation, funding and review of a study of potential joint-use facility sites in the downtown Clearwater area. The joint-use facility site study (Study) will determine the viability of the sites to support a facility to be used jointly by the City of Clearwater (City) and County.

### **Background Information:**

This study will be a successor to a 2008 study of the technical feasibility of a joint-use facility. The 2008 study indicated there were potential cost savings associated with a joint-use facility.

The proposed joint-use facility is intended to house the City's Council, Mayor, City Manager's Office, City Clerk, City Attorney's Office, Economic Development and Communications departments, and the Community Redevelopment Agency. The County's portion of the building will include the County Commission, the County Attorney's Office, the County Administrator's Office, and the Tax Collector

and Property Appraiser's offices. PSTA is a party to the Agreement based on ownership of a portion of one of the considered sites.

There are three sites in consideration: One, with property owned separately by the County and PSTA; one owned wholly by the City; and one owned wholly by the County.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The Study cost is \$74,868.00, of which the County and City will equally split the cost. This expense is included in the FY19 Adopted Budget within the Real Estate Management Operating budget.

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Andrew W. Pupke, Director, Real Estate Management

**Partners:**

City of Clearwater

Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority

**Attachments:**

Interlocal Agreement