

RESOLUTION 2014-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA, ENDORSING THE GREENLIGHT PINELLAS PLAN;

WHEREAS, the public, business leaders, community leaders and local jurisdictions have been extensively engaged in the development of comprehensive transit and land use plans for the benefit of Pinellas County;

WHEREAS, PSTA has also engaged transportation planning partners around the region in the discussion of future transit options including the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the Pinellas Planning Council (PPC) and the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) through the Advisory Committee for Pinellas Transportation (ACPT);

WHEREAS, the public transportation service hours and frequencies provided today are inadequate to serve the population and work force of Pinellas County resulting in overcrowded buses and limiting future economic growth potential;

WHEREAS, the Greenlight Pinellas Plan is designed to improve public transportation for all residents, businesses and visitors throughout Pinellas County;

WHEREAS, the Greenlight Pinellas Plan includes:

- **(Bus)** The New Revenue Scenario Bus Plan as the foundation of a transformational bus system for the entire County providing for significant investment across the County;
- **(Rail)** Future passenger rail service as described in the Pinellas Alternatives Analysis;
- **(Transit Supportive Land Use Concepts)** Support for local jurisdictions to develop policies and tools to encourage and advance transit supportive land use and development, using guidance provided by the Federal Transit Administration;
- **(Community Access)** Ways for the community to access the transit system by walking, biking and driving;
- **(Financial and Phasing)** A Financial Plan and Phasing Strategy to ensure the viability of the Plan's implementation that will include public-private partnership strategies; and
- **(Delivery)** A Delivery Plan that includes development and maintenance of a detailed website with project tracker, citizen oversight committees, and continuous public outreach.

WHEREAS, these transit services support the tourism industry, businesses, and residents by connecting to jobs, shopping, services, and recreational activities within the city, county, and region;

WHEREAS, the Greenlight Pinellas Plan will significantly enhance transit services by improving local bus routes, DART paratransit, and trolley routes with longer hours of service, greater frequency, and more weekend service, and by providing more regional express service to employment centers including the Gateway Area, Westshore and downtown Tampa;

WHEREAS, the City Commission has reviewed and provided comments to the development of the Greenlight Pinellas Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Greenlight Pinellas Plan is recognized as a comprehensive and balanced countywide public transportation plan as coordinated with PSTA's Transit Development Plan, the MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan, the PPC's Countywide Plan and TBARTA's Regional Transportation Master Plan, as well as local jurisdiction planning processes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION THAT:

Section 1. The City Commission of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida, endorses the Greenlight Pinellas Plan, including the Plan Elements (Bus, Rail, Transit Supportive Land Use Concepts and Community Access), Financial Plan, Phasing Strategy and Delivery Plan.

Section 2. The City Commission commits to encouraging public dialogue about the Greenlight Pinellas Plan.

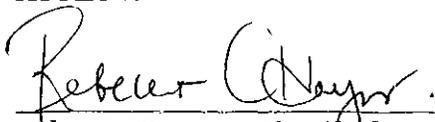
Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 27th DAY OF MAY 2014.



Maria Lowe, Mayor

ATTEST:



Rebecca Haynes, City Clerk