

RESOLUTION 18-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA APPROVING AND ALLOCATING FUNDING OF SHORT TERM SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WEST CERVANTES STREET CORRIDOR.

WHEREAS, in 2016, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) prepared a Corridor Management Plan (CMP) for State Road 10A (US 90/West Cervantes St), from North A Street to Dominguez Street which included analysis of existing and future safety and travel capacity needs, local stakeholder review and recommendations, and identified options for short term and long term strategies and projects to improve safety and traffic flow for all modes of travel along the corridor (Complete Streets), including a road rebalancing/road diet option; and

WHEREAS, the W Cervantes Street CMP documented that more than 457 accidents occurred along the corridor between 2010 and 2015, including 147 which resulted in injury, 306 which resulted in property damage and 4 which resulted in pedestrian fatalities; and

WHEREAS, since the CMP data collection period, numerous other crashes have occurred, including a pedestrian fatality as recently as June 6, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the short term and long term strategies and projects identified in the West Cervantes Street CMP are vital to the safety of community residents and to the regeneration of the Westside Community Redevelopment Area in accordance with the City of Pensacola's (City) adopted Westside Community Redevelopment Area Plan; and

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2017, the Florida-Alabama Transportation Organization (TPO) approved Resolution FL-AL 17-16 supporting the short term and long term recommendations within the CMP and progression of the project through all phases by the FDOT and coordinating the implementation of said plan with City of Pensacola and Escambia County. Further that FDOT and local staff begin a collaborative effort to develop an Action Plan to bring the CMP recommendations, both short term and long term, to fruition within a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2017, the Pensacola City Council adopted Resolution No. 17-29 supporting the short term and long term recommendations within Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization's West Cervantes Street CMP and the progression of the project through all phases by FDOT for roadway design and improvements, to enhance the community with an attractive streetscape, multi-modal transportation and safe pedestrian access and coordinating the implementation of said plan with Escambia County; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2017, the City of Pensacola Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) adopted Resolution No. 2017-4 CRA supporting the short term and long term recommendations of the West Cervantes Street CMP, including Complete Streets, and the progression of the project through all phases by FDOT for roadway design improvements to enhance the community with an attractive streetscape, multi-modal transportation and safe pedestrian access; and

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2017, the TPO approved unanimously by roll call vote, and after a public hearing, Resolution FL-AL 17-19 to amend the Florida-Alabama 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Needs Plan to include West Cervantes Street, from North A Street to Green Street as a two-lane facility instead of a four-lane facility; and

WHEREAS, the urgency of the documented safety concerns along the corridor, as well as anticipated redevelopment, make West Cervantes Street safety improvements a high priority for the local community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pensacola has appropriated \$1.5 million of Local Option Sales Tax funding in Fiscal Year 2018 in order that West Cervantes Street improvements may be constructed to the fullest extent and as quickly as possible as well as funding the City's shared portion of the Traffic Feasibility Study;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA THAT:

Section 1. On information and belief, the recitals above are true and correct and are hereby incorporated into this Resolution.

Section 2. The City Council of the City of Pensacola approves allocating the remainder of the West Cervantes Corridor line item within LOST IV funding appropriated in the Fiscal Year 2018 budget for short term safety improvements to the West Cervantes Street Corridor to:

- (a) Implement short term safety improvements as recommended within the FDOT safety study. Examples may be roadway and pedestrian level street lighting; mid-block crossings with safe haven refuges; upgraded traffic signalization; crosswalk enhancements; new pavement markings; new/additional traffic controls and pedestrian signage; sidewalk refurbishment; and ADA upgrades to curb ramps, bus stops, etc.

Section 3. The City Council of the City of Pensacola requests that FDOT add the safety improvements and traffic feasibility study into its work program as soon as possible.

Section 4. The City Council of the City of Pensacola authorizes the Mayor to take all actions necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect upon the fifth day after adoption, unless otherwise provided pursuant to Section 4.03(d) of the City Charter of the City of Pensacola, Florida.

Adopted: _____

Approved: _____
President of City Council

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk