

RESOLUTION
NO. 2021-24

A RESOLUTION
TO BE ENTITLED:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA; SUPPORTING SAFETY DESIGN MODIFICATIONS TO PACE BOULEVARD FROM BARRANCAS AVENUE TO MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE (FPID 439735-1-52-01); PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is currently designing the resurfacing and restriping of Pace Boulevard from Barrancas Avenue to Massachusetts Avenue in Escambia County, ("the Project"); and

WHEREAS, Pace Boulevard bisects a transportation disadvantaged community, where twenty percent of the residents are without access to a vehicle, the median household income is less than \$34,000 annually, and forty-four percent of the residents within one-quarter mile of Pace Boulevard are below the age of 18 or over the age of 65 and benefit from transportation options other than a vehicle; and

WHEREAS, between 2016 and 2021, 1,253 crashes occurred on this corridor, including 679 injuries and 13 fatalities; and

WHEREAS, multi-modal improvements and traffic calming are targeted for Pace Boulevard pursuant to the Westside Redevelopment Plan adopted by the city; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pensacola Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) has submitted a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) application to provide for multi-modal connectivity to Global Learning Academy, a public elementary school, and Legion Field Park, a public park, which was recommended to FDOT for funding as the top priority of the Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization for the past three (3) consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, the TAP application indicated that multi-modal improvements to Pace Boulevard were critical to carry out the Project objectives; and

WHEREAS, the FDOT context classification for this corridor is C4-Urban General, which allows a reduced speed limit and lane width in accordance with the FDOT 2020 design manual.

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

Section 1. The above-stated recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. The City requests that FDOT incorporate safety design modifications for this project to reduce the speed limit, encourage safer speeds, and increase buffers between vehicles and pedestrians, as well as incorporate safe pedestrian and bicyclist crossing at regular intervals along Pace Boulevard, particularly in proximity to the school and at transit stops.

Section 3. The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to take all actions necessary to effectuate the provisions of this resolution.

Section 4. This resolution shall become effective on the fifth business day after adoption, unless otherwise provided pursuant to Section 4.03(d) of the City Charter of the City of Pensacola.

Adopted: _____

Approved: _____
President of City Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk