



City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

Memorandum

File #: 2021-24

City Council

5/13/2021

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: Grover C. Robinson, IV, Mayor

SUBJECT:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-24 SUPPORTING SAFETY DESIGN MODIFICATIONS TO PACE BOULEVARD.

RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council adopt Resolution No. 2021-24.

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.

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is currently designing the resurfacing and restriping of Pace Boulevard (SR 292) from Barrancas Avenue to Massachusetts Avenue. The City of Pensacola's adopted Westside Redevelopment Plan includes multi-modal improvements and traffic calming targeted for Pace Boulevard. Additionally, 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. The TAP application also indicated that multi-modal improvements to Pace Boulevard were critical to carry out the project objectives.

If approved by City Council, the attached Resolution No. 2021-24 will further the implementation of the redevelopment plan and TAP project, and allow the City to join Escambia County in requesting that the FDOT incorporate safety design modifications for this Project to reduce the speed limit and implement the typical section provided by County staff to encourage safer speeds and increased 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.

The Escambia County Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution R2021-69 on April 22, 2021. That Resolution and supporting documentation from Escambia County is attached to this report.

Mayor Grover C. Robinson, IV sent a letter of support to FDOT Secretary Philip Gainer on April 22, 2021. That letter is also attached to this report.

PRIOR ACTION:

None

FUNDING:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: Yes

4/30/2021

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ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Resolution No. 2021-24
- 2) Escambia County Resolution No. R2021-69
- 3) Escambia County Supporting Documentation - R2021-69
- 4) Escambia County Letter of Support - Dated April 22, 2021
- 5) Mayor Grover C. Robinson, IV Letter of Support - Dated April 22, 2021
- 6) Bike Pensacola Letter of Support - Dated April 16, 2021

PRESENTATION: No