

RESOLUTION 2014-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF BELLEAIR, FLORIDA, ENDORSING THE GREENLIGHT PLAN;

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

WHEREAS, the Belleair Town Commission agrees that public transportation in Pinellas County is inadequate to serve the population and work force of Pinellas County;

WHEREAS, the Belleair Town Commission supports a consumption-based transit sales tax rather than the current ad valorem property tax for PSTA which will be eliminated if the Greenlight Pinellas sales tax is approved;

WHEREAS, the Greenlight Pinellas Plan is designed to improve public transportation for 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, the Town of Belleair is currently served by multiple local bus routes, and DART paratransit;

WHEREAS, these transit services connect residents and visitors in Pinellas County to jobs, shopping, services, and recreational activities within the region;

WHEREAS, the Greenlight Pinellas Plan will enhance transit services by improving local bus routes, providing nearby Bus Rapid Transit Service along Fort Harrison Avenue, a future rail service with a nearby station near the Morton Plant medical facility and DART paratransit services 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 Town 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 Town Commission of the Town of Belleair, Florida, endorses the Greenlight Pinellas Plan.

Section 2. The Town Commission encourages public dialogue about the Greenlight Pinellas Plan.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 17th DAY OF MAY 2014.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk