

RESOLUTION 2019-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA, OPPOSING THE PINELLAS SUNCOAST TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROPOSED BUS RAPID TRANSIT AS CURRENTLY DESIGNED SOUTH OF 75TH AVENUE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of St. Pete Beach (“City”) opposes operation of the Bus Rapid Transit (“BRT”) proposed by the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (“PSTA”) of Pinellas County, Florida as currently designed south of 75th Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the PSTA has expressed an interest in proposing a BRT, a portion of which will specifically impact the traffic, and may provide little to no benefit, to the City and its community; and

WHEREAS, the BRT will increase congestion and affect emergency service response time to the City and its community; and

WHEREAS, the BRT poses a threat to the City’s tourism, due to the negative effect and burden on local roadways, which is of economic value for numerous businesses; and

WHEREAS, it is the City’s belief that despite the population increase and business development the BRT as currently designed would tax the area’s resources and infrastructure and there’s no positive assurance it would provide any benefit to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has repeatedly requested PSTA to cease and desist misrepresenting on grants and other applications and documents that the City is contributing financial resources that the City has not agreed to do.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, THAT:

SECTION 1. Recitals. The above recitals (“Whereas” clauses) are true and correct and adopted hereby as findings, purpose and intent of the City Commission.

SECTION 2. The City Commission is hereby opposed to the proposed BRT as currently designed by the PSTA to run through the City south of 75th Avenue and finds little to no benefit to the City and its community. The City Manager is directed to immediately transmit this Resolution to PSTA and request PSTA to stop representing financial contributions that the City has not agreed to.

SECTION 3. Confirming by this resolution that the City Commission, on the record, since 2016 has repeatedly informed PSTA, that the City is not contributing \$1.5 million to the BRT project nor will the City share in the estimated \$4 million annual operating cost.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

CITY COMMISSION, CITY OF ST. PETE
BEACH, FLORIDA.

Alan Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

Andrew Dickman, City Attorney

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