

**COUNCIL AGENDA**  
**NEW BUSINESS ITEM**

**TO:** The Mayor and Members of City Council

**DATE:** August 17, 2009

**COUNCIL  
DATE:** August 20, 2009

**RE:** Friendship TrailBridge

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**ACTION DESIRED:**

Respectfully requesting City Council support the repair of the Friendship TrailBridge and the application for TIGER funding (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) through the Federal Recovery Act. A sample resolution is attached and must be submitted prior to September 15, 2009.

*Attachment*

Jim Kennedy  
City Council Member

RESOLUTION NO 09-\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA IN SUPPORT OF THE PURSUIT OF FUNDING FOR REPAIRS OF THE FRIENDSHIP TRAIL BRIDGE THROUGH THE FEDERAL RECOVERY ACT'S TIGER PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the City of St. Petersburg recognizes the importance of regional connections for all modes of travel, including bicycle and pedestrian; and

WHEREAS, it is acknowledged that encouraging and supporting bicycle and pedestrian facilities provide beneficial transportation network choices for all commuters as well as for recreational users; and

WHEREAS, the Friendship TrailBridge, with over 600,000 users annually, provides the only Regional connection between Pinellas County, Hillsborough County, the City of St. Petersburg and the City of Tampa trail networks by providing a dedicated crossing of Tampa Bay; and

WHEREAS, the Friendship TrailBridge is currently closed and in need of repair to provide the benefit of the facility; and

WHEREAS, the recent Federal Recovery Act includes a program to construct environmentally-friendly regional transportation facilities like the Friendship TrailBridge; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009, that the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg hereby encourages and supports the repair of Friendship TrailBridge and the application for "Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery" TIGER funding through the Federal Recovery Act.