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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA IN SUPPORT OF THE PURSUIT OF FUNDING FOR REPAIRS TO THE FRIENDSHIP TRAIL BRIDGE FROM ANY GRANT FUNDING SOURCE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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 helps to provide beneficial transportation network choices for all commuters as well as for recreational users; and

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


WHEREAS, the Friendship Trail Bridge is currently closed and in need of repairs to allow the use of and provide the benefits of the facility; and

WHEREAS, there exists funding sources to construct environmentally-friendly regional transportation facilities like the Friendship Trail Bridge.

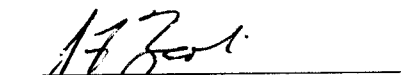
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg hereby encourages and supports the repair of the Friendship Trail Bridge and any application for "Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery" (TIGER) funding through the Federal Recovery Act or any other grant funding source.

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

Approved as to form and content:



City Attorney (designee)



Administration