

RESOLUTION NO. 26-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CHIPLEY, FLORIDA, TO SUPPORT DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE CITY OF CHIPLEY'S WESTBORNE AVENUE AND WEST BOULEVARD SIDEWALK PROJECT WITH FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM FUNDING; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, President Obama signed the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act (Pub. L. No. 114-94) into law on December 4, 2015, replacing the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) with the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program funding for Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside funds, which include all projects and activities previously eligible under TAP and address growing concerns related to air quality, open space, and traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, every two years Smart Growth America releases Dangerous by Design, a national report that examines pedestrian safety across the United States, and the 2022 update indicates that in 2020 drivers struck and killed 7,522 people walking—marking a 40-year high—and reflecting a 75 percent increase in traffic deaths among people outside vehicles between 2010 and 2020; and **WHEREAS**, the Transportation Alternatives Program provides funding to support the planning, design, and construction of on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities that improve safety, accessibility, and connectivity within communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chipley has identified pedestrian safety and sidewalk connectivity as important priorities for improving mobility and quality of life for residents and visitors of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed sidewalk improvements along Westbourne Avenue and West Boulevard will close critical gaps in the City's existing sidewalk network and provide meaningful connections between existing sidewalk systems along U.S. Highway 90, Sinclair Street, and South Boulevard, which are heavily traveled corridors within the City; and

WHEREAS, these sidewalk improvements will directly enhance access to key public and community facilities, including the Chipley Library, City Hall, Washington County VPK School, and Florida Panhandle Technical College, supporting safe and reliable pedestrian access for students, families, employees, and the general public; and

WHEREAS, construction of sidewalks along Westbourne Avenue and West Boulevard will improve pedestrian safety by separating pedestrian traffic from vehicular travel, reducing conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians, and providing ADA-compliant infrastructure that serves children, seniors, and individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the City of Chipley Comprehensive Plan, the City's Land Development Regulations, and applicable policies of the Florida Department of Transportation, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the FAST Act that support alternative modes of transportation and complete streets principles; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chipley recognizes the importance of protecting the safety of its citizens by providing safe, accessible, and connected transportation facilities for both motorized and non-motorized users.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHIPLEY, FLORIDA, that the City of Chipley hereby expresses its full support for the design and construction of the Westbourne Avenue and West Boulevard Sidewalk Project and for the City's application for funding under the Florida Department of Transportation, Transportation Alternatives Program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF CHIPLEY THAT the City of Chipley supports design of the Sidewalk Improvements submitted by the City of Chipley.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Chipley, Florida on this 13th day of January, 2026

City of Chipley

ATTEST:

Tracy L. Andrews, Mayor

Sherry Snell,
City Clerk