



Memorandum

Meeting Details: September 30, 2024, Board of Commissioners Workshop Meeting

Prepared For: Honorable Mayor Brooks and the Board of Commissioners

From: Community Development Department

Subject: Forward Pinellas Transportation Planning and Technical Assistance Grant Application
John's Pass Village (JPV) Multimodal Mobility Visioning Study Project

Background: The Forward Pinellas Transportation Planning and Technical Assistance Grant program offers funding related to multimodal and safety transportation planning efforts. City Staff met with Forward Pinellas last month to discuss the grant opportunity and how it could help support planning efforts in John's Pass Village. After discussing with Forward Pinellas and reviewing the application, City Staff thinks that applying for a grant to support a John's Pass Village Multimodal Mobility Visioning Study would be a competitive planning project for the grant. John's Pass Village is an important commercial and recreation destination for both residents and visitors and as such has a significant amount of pedestrian activity. Pedestrian accessibility to and from John's Pass Village can vary, and some local streets lack continuous sidewalks because of the narrow width of the right-of-way. Gulf Boulevard crosses through John's Pass Village Activity Center and serves as an arterial road that connects John's Pass Village to other nearby communities. Having a wide arterial road and local streets that lack continuous sidewalks creates challenges for multimodal mobility especially for pedestrian accessibility.

Discussion: The proposed John's Pass Village Multimodal Mobility Visioning Study would focus on developing a plan to prioritize multimodal improvements that support improving multimodal accessibility to and from John's Pass Village. The Board of Commissioners would need to pass a resolution and include a letter of support for City Staff to apply to the grant program.

Recommendation(s):

City Staff recommends for the Board of Commissioners to approve the resolution and letter that support City Staff applying to the Forward Pinellas Transportation Planning and Technical Assistance Grant Program for the John's Pass Village (JPV) Multimodal Mobility Visioning Study Project.

Fiscal Impact or Other:

The Community Development Department and Public Works would be using some of their budgets to pay for the local match.

Attachments:

Transportation Planning and Technical Assistance Grant Application

Resolution 2024-06 Draft

Letter of Support Draft