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Chelsea Favero, AICP, Planning Manager Forward Pinellas 310 Court Street Clearwater, FL 33756

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

Ms. Favero,

The City of Madeira Beach is pleased to submit the John's Pass Village Multimodal Mobility Visioning Study grant funding application for the Forward Pinellas Transportation Planning and Technical Assistance Grant Program. As of September 2024, the City of Madeira Beach has adopted the John's Pass Village Activity Center Plan and John's Pass Village Activity Center Development Standards. 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 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.

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 City of Madeira Beach hopes that the Florida Department of Transportation would be willing to cooperate with this study since Gulf Boulevard is a state road. We see this study as an important step in the process to then be able to construct these improvements and implement the vision developed in the study.

As evident from our recent passage of ordinances to further safeguard JPV and ensure its future for all visitors to Pinellas County, we are committed to continuing efforts for planning and implementing improvements that support safe mobility. The City of Madeira Beach is requesting \$50,000.00 in grant support and is committing \$20,000.00 for a local match. If this grant application is approved, this would be a major step in the process to improve multimodal mobility in John's Pass Village and create a safe and walkable destination.

Sincerely,

Robin Gomez City Manager Anne-Marie Brooks Mayor