

Introduced by: Council Member Chris Hoffman

Adopted: September 3, 2020

JOINT RESOLUTION
CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH NO. 2066-2020
CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH NO. 2020-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITIES OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH AND NEPTUNE BEACH REQUESTING THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE TO PLAN AND DESIGN COMPLETE STREETS IMPROVEMENTS TO PENMAN ROAD TO ADDRESS PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLIST SAFETY, VEHICLE TURNING MOVEMENTS AT VEHICLE/PEDESTRIAN CONFLICT POINTS, DRAINAGE, AND AESTHETICS.

WHEREAS, Penman Road is classified as a “major collector road” owned and maintained by the City of Jacksonville, running between Atlantic Boulevard (State Road 10) and Beach Boulevard (State Road 212); and

WHEREAS, Penman Road consists of three lanes of travel (north, south, and center turning) between the Cities of Atlantic Beach, Neptune Beach, and Jacksonville Beach, providing adequate vehicular capacity in both directions to all three communities; and

WHEREAS, Penman Road provides relief to traffic on State Road A1A by providing a means for north/south travel within and among the beach communities away from the State highway system; and

WHEREAS, Penman Road is used as a school walking and bicycling route by students within a two-mile radius of San Pablo Elementary School, Duncan U. Fletcher Middle School, and Duncan U. Fletcher High School; and

WHEREAS, Penman Road lacks sufficient crossings for pedestrians to traverse safely from the east or west side of the road to the other; and

WHEREAS, Penman Road lacks sufficient bicycling lanes for the safe sharing of the road by both automobiles and bicycles; and

WHEREAS, Penman Road contains open drainage swales on both sides of the roadway, contributing to difficulties for both pedestrians and bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jacksonville Beach procured the services of Glatting-Jackson in 2007 to develop a concept rendering of improvements to Penman Road to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety, roadway drainage systems, and the general aesthetics of the roadway corridor; and

WHEREAS, on September 4, 2018, the City of Neptune Beach adopted via Resolution 2018-07 a Complete Streets Policy to prioritize safe, convenient, and accessible transportation for all users; and

WHEREAS, the City of Neptune Beach procured the services of Dover, Kohl & Partners in 2019 to assist with modifications to its Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Regulations and, in the course of such services, Dover, Kohl & Partners has also developed concept renderings of improvements to Penman Road to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety, roadway drainage systems, and the general aesthetics of the roadway corridor; and

WHEREAS, according to the Jacksonville Metropolitan Statistical Area, Penman Road remains one of the country's most dangerous areas for pedestrians, ranking No. 6 nationally on a "pedestrian danger index" according to the 2019 Dangerous By Design report published by Smart Growth America; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Neptune Beach adopted Resolution No. 2019-04, the City Council of Jacksonville Beach adopted Resolution No. 2031-2019, and the City Council of Atlantic Beach adopted Resolution No. 19-20, each of which supported safety improvements to Penman Road and requested the City of Jacksonville to plan and design the improvement project, and place funds for construction into its five-year Capital Improvements Plan; these Resolutions were transmitted to the Office of Mayor Lenny Curry in April 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Jacksonville Beach and Neptune Beach find that a "complete streets" concept for improvements to Penman Road, and safety improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists, turning movements at vehicle/pedestrian conflict points, improved drainage, and aesthetics serve a substantial public interest and help to protect the safety, health, and welfare of the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCILS OF THE CITIES OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, AND NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA, THAT:

SECTION 1. The Cities of Jacksonville Beach and Neptune Beach request that the City of Jacksonville employ "complete streets" concept for improvements to Penman Road, and that the project address safety improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists, turning movements at vehicle/pedestrian conflict points, drainage, and aesthetics.

SECTION 2. The Cities request that the City of Jacksonville begin planning and designing for improvements to Penman Road in Fiscal Year 2021.

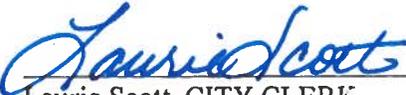
SECTION 3. The Cities request that the City of Jacksonville retain in its final budget for Fiscal Year 2021 the funds for the construction of improvements to Penman Road included in the proposed budget for such Fiscal Year.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH



William C. Latham, MAYOR



Laurie Scott, CITY CLERK

AUTHENTICATED this 3rd day
of September, 2020.

CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH



Elaine Brown, MAYOR



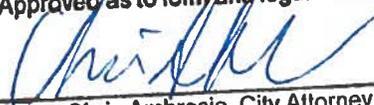
Catherine Ponson, CITY CLERK

AUTHENTICATED this 31st day
of August, 2020.

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