

Introduced by: Council Member Hoffman

Adopted: March 18, 2019

RESOLUTION NO. 2031-2019

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH REQUESTING 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 from Atlantic Boulevard (State Road 10) to the north to Beach Boulevard (State Road 212) to the south, and

WHEREAS, Penman Road consists of three lanes of travel (north, south, and center turning) between the cities of Atlantic Beach, Jacksonville Beach and Neptune Beach, providing adequate vehicular capacity in both directions to all three communities, and not adding additional vehicular lanes of travel, 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 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 the 4th day of September, 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 Jacksonville Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) 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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, THAT:

SECTION 1. The City requests that the City of Jacksonville employ "complete streets" concepts 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 City requests that the City of Jacksonville begin planning and designing for improvements to Penman Road in Fiscal Year 2020, and including the involvement of all three beach communities.

SECTION 3. The City requests that the City of Jacksonville place funds for construction of improvements to Penman Road into its 5-year Capital Improvement Plan document no later than Fiscal Year 2022.

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

AUTHENTICATED this 18th day of March, 2019.



William C. Latham, MAYOR



Laurie Scott, CITY CLERK