



RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH REQUESTING IMPROVEMENTS TO THIRD STREET (STATE ROAD A1A) TO ADDRESS PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLIST SAFETY, VEHICLE TURNING MOVEMENTS AT VEHICLE/PEDESTRIAN CONFLICT POINTS, DRAINAGE AND AESTHETICS BE PLACED ON THE 2021 DUVAL COUNTY LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS.

WHEREAS, Third Street (State Road A1A) is owned and maintained by the Florida Department of Transportation, running through the City of Neptune Beach from Atlantic Boulevard (State Road 10) to the north to Seagate Avenue to the south; and

WHEREAS, Third Street consists of four lanes of travel between the cities of Atlantic Beach, Jacksonville Beach and Neptune Beach, providing adequate vehicular capacity in both directions to all three communities for a significant and regular volume of traffic; and

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

WHEREAS, Third Street lacks sufficient bicycling lanes and multiuse paths for the safe sharing of the corridor by automobiles, bicycles, and pedestrians; 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 City of Neptune Beach procured the services of Dover, Kohl & Partners in 2019 to develop as part of the Neptune Beach Vision Plan a concept rendering of improvements to Third Street to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety, roadway drainage systems, and the general aesthetics of the roadway corridor; and

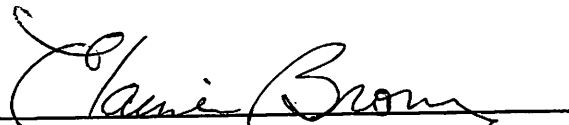
WHEREAS, the Jacksonville Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) remains one of the country's most dangerous areas for pedestrians, ranking No. 6 nationally on a "pedestrian danger index" according to the 2019 Dangerous By Design report published by Smart Growth America

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

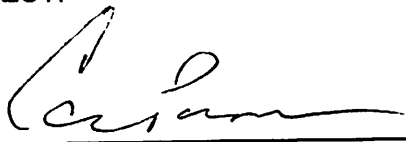
SECTION 1. The City of Neptune Beach hereby authorizes the formal request and does formally request that the City of Jacksonville add to the 2021 Duval County List of Priority Projects "Complete Streets" and "Context Sensitive" concepts for improvements to Third Street (State Road A1A), and that the project address safety improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists; turning movements at vehicle/pedestrian conflict points; drainage; and aesthetics.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

This Resolution adopted by the City Council of Neptune Beach, Florida, at the Regular Council Meeting held this 1st of February, 2021.


Elaine Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:


Catherine Ponson, CMC
City Clerk

