



City of North Port

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-R-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE SARASOTA COUNTY LEGACY TRAIL EXTENSION PROJECT WITH ENHANCED SAFETY AND CONNECTIVITY FROM NORTH PORT, THROUGH VENICE AND TO DOWNTOWN SARASOTA; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Legacy Trail is an internationally recognized non-motorized recreational trail, utilized by more than 225,000 users annually, and recently named as the No. 1 bike trail on Florida's Gulf Coast; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2018, the Sarasota Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2018-046, calling for a bond referendum election on November 6 2018, to authorize the issuance of \$65,000,000 in bonds for the Legacy Trail Extension; and

WHEREAS, the Legacy Trail Extension and its connections will improve safety conditions for walkers, runners, cyclists and even drivers by providing safer routes to commute and enjoy outdoor recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, the Legacy Trail Extension will connect Sarasota, North Port and Venice with a close-to-home opportunity for people of all ages and abilities to exercise and experience nature; and

WHEREAS, the Legacy Trail Extension bond funds can only be used for the extension, its amenities, and connectors; and

WHEREAS, the Sarasota Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2018-155, committing to an expenditure of \$2,000,000 bond funds to enhance connectivity in or connecting to the City of North Port for the Legacy Trail Expansion Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1 – INCORPORATION OF RECITALS

1.01 The above recitals are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2 – RESOLUTION

2.01 The North Port City Commission supports a YES vote on the bond referendum that will appear on the November 6, 2018 ballot:

SARASOTA COUNTY LEGACY TRAIL EXTENSION WITH ENHANCED SAFETY AND CONNECTIONS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

To acquire and improve the Legacy Trail Extension railroad corridor as a safe trail for walking, running, and cycling with enhanced connectivity from North Port through Venice to downtown Sarasota, with additional improvements including safe crossings, overpasses, amenities, and increased accessibility, shall Sarasota County issue General Obligation bonds, not exceeding the maximum lawful interest rates, maturing within 20 years from each issuance, not exceeding \$65 million payable from ad valorem taxes restricted to these purposes?



YES, FOR BONDS



NO, AGAINST BONDS

SECTION 3 – CONFLICTS

3.01 In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Resolution and any other Resolution or portions thereof, the provisions of this Resolution shall prevail to the extent of such conflict

SECTION 4 – SEVERABILITY

4.01 In any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then such provision shall be deemed separate, distinct and independent provision and said holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

SECTION 5 – EFFECTIVE DATE

5.01 This Resolution shall take effect immediately after adoption by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida.

PASSED and DULY ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida on September 25, 2018,

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

VANESSA CARUSONE
MAYOR

ATTEST:

KATHRYN PETO
INTERIM CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

AMBER L. SLAYTON
CITY ATTORNEY