

SCHOOL BOARD OF VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-26

A Resolution of the School Board of Volusia County, Florida, expressing support for the construction of a paved path along US 17 between Washington Avenue and the new Pierson Elementary School Site.

WHEREAS, the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) facilitates the planning, development and implementation of projects that will improve safety and reduce traffic and encourages children to walk and bicycle to school; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has grant programs to allocate state and federal funds to eligible applicants; and

WHEREAS, Volusia County School District staff has participated in the TPO's Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Studies around area elementary and middle schools; and

WHEREAS, the TPO's 2008 Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Review Study funded by the FDOT and adopted by the TPO recommended a sidewalk along US 17 leading to the future Pierson Elementary Replacement School site; and

WHEREAS, the TPO's 2015 Regional Trails Corridor Assessment (RTCA) designated the same route along US 17 leading to the Pierson Elementary Replacement School site as a trail gap and recommended closing that gap with a paved 12' wide trail; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 41, "Gabby's Law for Student Safety", addressing Hazardous Walking Conditions revises and expands upon the criteria and procedures used to identify and correct a hazardous walking condition, became effective July 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Volusia County's adopted FY 2015-16 Work Program has construction of Pierson Elementary Replacement school funded in FY 2017;

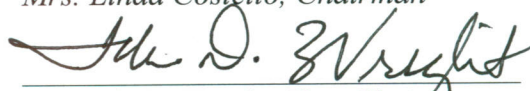
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD OF VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN OFFICIAL SESSION, DULY ASSEMBLED IN DeLAND, FLORIDA, THIS 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2015, AS FOLLOWS:

That the School Board of Volusia County supports the earliest construction of a paved path along US Hwy 17 between Washington Avenue and Palmetto Avenue and which leads to the planned school site in order to timely coordinate with the opening of the new school and to prevent a hazardous walking condition from existing when the new school opens.

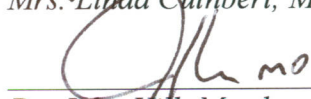
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the School Board of Volusia County, Florida, and be used to ensure that the FDOT District 5 work program includes construction for this pedestrian facility.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015  
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

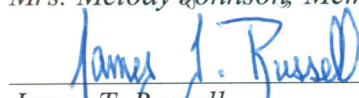
  
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