

RESOLUTION 2019-24

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF DEFUNIAK SPRINGS, FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE
COMPLETE STREET INITIATIVE AND REQUESTING
THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD INCLUDING
THE HWY 90 ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT TO THE
PRIORITY LIST**

WHEREAS, Founded on May 20, 2004, the Northwest Florida Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is comprised of representatives from the four westernmost counties in the Florida panhandle (Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, and Walton), and

WHEREAS, the current design for Hwy 90 detracts from the historic character of downtown, and

WHEREAS, the current design for Hwy 90 detracts from the historic character of the Old Spanish Trail, and

WHEREAS, the current design for Hwy 90 is negatively impacting the downtown businesses, and

WHEREAS, the current design for Hwy 90 poses a hazard to pedestrians and bicyclists, and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets are streets designed and operated to enable safe use and support mobility for all users, and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets promote values compatible with the City of DeFuniak Springs and its designation as a Tree City, and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets reduce motor vehicle-related crashes and pedestrian risk, as well as bicyclist risk when well-designed, and

WHEREAS, "Complete Streets has widespread support from national organizations devoted to civil rights and economic and social equity such as PolicyLink and the Leadership Conference Education Fund, as well as coalitions such as the Equity Caucus at Transportation for America and the Transportation Equity Network of Gamaliel and that Complete Streets policies are key elements of a transportation system that provides for the needs of all users regardless of race, income, age or disability", and

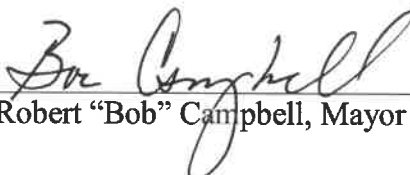
WHEREAS, Complete Streets policies can stimulate private investment, especially in retail districts and downtown areas where pedestrians and cyclists feel unwelcome, and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets policies can increase business for local merchants and tax revenue for municipalities, and

WHEREAS, the City of DeFuniak Springs recognizes the value of preserving the historic character of the community, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of DeFuniak Springs to support the Complete Street initiative between 331 and 1st Street and to request that the Hwy 90 Accessibility Project be added to the priority list by the TPO Board.

Passed this 25th Day of November 2019.


Robert "Bob" Campbell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Maryanne Schrader, City Clerk