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Commissioner Dave Eggers, Chair Forward Pinellas Board 310 Court Street, 2nd Floor Clearwater, FL 33756

Commissioner Eggers,

The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) is in complete agreement with current local initiatives that advance the goals of <u>Vision Zero</u> and <u>Complete Streets</u> to make our streets safe and accessible for vulnerable road users, including bicyclists, pedestrians and transit riders. This includes efforts to reduce travel speeds to posted speed limits and better design to accommodate the access of all users safely. The safety of not only the vehicle passengers, but for people who walk and ride bicycles are in the forefront of the CAC's decisions as evidenced by our mission statement.

The actions of the CAC are guided by its vision of "a community-driven, modern transportation system that is safe, provides equitable access, and efficient mobility options in support of a sustainable, healthy, livable, and economically vibrant region."

With that said, the Forward Pinellas CAC strongly supports the efforts of various local governments in Pinellas County to develop and implement complete street plans and projects. This includes improvements necessary to ensure the successful implementation of the planned Bus Rapid Transit project that is slated to use 1st Avenues North and South.

We are a hardworking, diligent and diverse group of citizens from all walks of life who care about the quality of our communities. Ensuring that people have viable mobility choices and safe streets is central to what makes a community something worth caring about.

I could not be prouder of the folks who make up our committee. We are looking forward to a wonderful year.

Thank you so much for your commitment to the needs of our vulnerable road users.

All the best,

Karen Mullins Citizens Advisory Committee Chair

Cc: Forward Pinellas Board Members Whit Blanton, Forward Pinellas Executive Director