

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF VERO BEACH'S APPLICATION TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA JOB GROWTH GRANT FUND FOR PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE FOR WIDENING OF AVIATION BOULEVARD.

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature created the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund within Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to promote economic opportunity by improving public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Economic Opportunity and Enterprise Florida, Inc. have responsibility of identifying projects to make funding recommendations to the Governor; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vero Beach has an infrastructure project that is designed and can be completed in phases for the improvement of Aviation Boulevard from U.S. Highway 1 to 43rd Avenue which is a key east–west transportation corridor for the City of Vero Beach and Indian River County to the airport as well as the hospital; and

WHEREAS, Aviation Boulevard is a 2-lane non-divided urban minor arterial roadway that connects to County, State, and Federal roadways which has not been widened to accommodate increased traffic caused by an increase in economic activity around the airport and the hospital; and

WHEREAS, Piper Aircraft, Inc., a manufacturer of small airplanes located at the airport on Aviation Boulevard, has seen an increase of its workforce by approximately 25 percent during the year 2017; and

WHEREAS, Elite Airlines, LLC has been serving the airport for 2 years with increased employment and passenger traffic to the airport and had an increase in passenger traffic from 2016 to 2017 of 44%; and

WHEREAS, Walking Tree Brewery, LLC, a successful craft brewery, began operations at the airport in 2016 bringing employment and increased customer traffic; and

WHEREAS, Oculina Banc, Corp, Inc. opened a branch near the airport in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vero Beach is in negotiations for a maintenance hangar lease for an airline which would bring approximately 50 to 150 jobs to the airport; and

WHEREAS, a hotel is currently under construction along Aviation Boulevard which will increase both employment and guest traffic; and

WHEREAS, the economic impact of the businesses in the airport district was found to be over \$468 million in 2015 by the Florida Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, Aviation Boulevard, as currently configured, is close to reaching a level of service that could hinder the continued economic development gains made at the airport and along the business district adjacent to the airport; and

WHEREAS, widening Aviation Boulevard would benefit the continued improvement of the business environment which brings new business as well as allows existing businesses to expand; and

WHEREAS, the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners believes the widening of Aviation Boulevard would benefit the City of Vero Beach, Indian River County and the region and would improve the economic development environment around the airport; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The above “WHEREAS” clauses are true and correct, and are hereby adopted as findings of the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners.

Section 2. The Indian River County Board of County Commissioners hereby supports the City of Vero Beach’s application for the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Florida Job Growth Grant Fund for Public Infrastructure.

The foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Commissioner _____, and seconded by Commissioner _____, and, upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Chairman Peter D. O’Bryan	_____
Vice Chairman Bob Solari	_____
Commissioner Susan Adams	_____
Commissioner Joseph E. Flescher	_____
Commissioner Tim Zorc	_____

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this ____ day of July, 2018.

ATTEST: Jeffrey R. Smith, Clerk of Court
and Comptroller

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

By: _____
Peter D. O’Bryan, Chairman

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

By: _____
Dylan Reingold, County Attorney