Introduced July 22, 2014, by Councilwoman Harbison, seconded by Councilman Borchert, (by request of Administration)

## **RESOLUTION R14-19**

A resolution by the Slidell City Council supporting the application to the Federal Highway Works Administration (FHWA) via the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADTOD) for Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) for funding to support "PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FRONT ST AND FREMAUX AVE INTERSECTION" and assuming full responsibility for the required local match and for managing and maintaining the project ("Project").

WHEREAS, the City of Slidell has a long standing goal to improve the pedestrian and bicycle connectivity between its Olde Towne Historic area and its parks and amenities along its waterfront; and

WHEREAS, the main impediment to improved pedestrian and bicycle connectivity is the lack of safe crossing points across US Highway 11 (Front St.) and US Highway 190 (Fremaux Ave); and

WHEREAS, a recently completed LADOTD Stage 0 study sponsored by the Regional Planning Commission determined improved pedestrian and bicycle crossings at the Front St./Fremaux Ave intersection were feasible and would improve safety and connectivity; and

WHEREAS, FWHA oversees a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) which is not a grant but rather reimburses a City for authorized dollars spent, resulting in a City budgeting for the total cost then submit for reimbursement for the 80%; and

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WHEREAS, if the City of Slidell is selected, FHWA-TAP will provide 80% cost share and the City would be responsible for 20% of the project plus all design, engineering and inspection costs; and

WHEREAS, based on cost estimates contained in the Stage 0 Study, the City would be responsible for \$148,702.44 spread out from FY2015 to FY2018, with half being due in FY2018. Additionally, the City would budget for the Federal Share of \$297,404.89 during FY2018, which amount is reimbursable; and

WHEREAS, the Project will support other ongoing projects of the City including, but not limited to, Heritage Park Marina; Proposed West Hall Ave bicycle-pedestrian path, and the Slidell Train Station.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESLOVED by the Slidell City Council, Slidell, Louisiana, in legal session convened, that the Council hereby recognizes and acknowledges the City's responsibilities in connection with the Federal Highway Works Administration via the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for Transportation Alternative Program to support "PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FRONT ST AND FREMAUX AVE INTERSECTION PROJECT, which consist of the City's responsibility for 20% of the project plus all design, engineering and inspection costs; that TAP is not a grant but rather reimburses the City for authorized

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dollars spent; and that the City will budget for the total cost and make submittals for reimbursement for 80% of same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Slidell City Council, Slidell, Louisiana, hereby supports the application to the FHWA via LADOTD for TAP funding to support a "Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements to the Front St. and Fremaux Ave Intersection" Project.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of July, 2014/

Kim Harbison

President of the Council Councilwoman-at-Large

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Council Administrator