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COMMISSION AGENDA:

6.3.14 #28

TO: Members, Pinellas County Commission

FROM: Karen Williams Seel, Chair *KWS*  
Pinellas County Commission

CC: Mark Woodard, Acting County Administrator  
Jim Bennett, County Attorney

RE: "Bigger Trucks" Resolution

DATE: June 3, 2014

We have all had the opportunity to meet individually with Brian Shuford, representative of Coalition Against Bigger Trucks. At our May 14, 2014 meeting, the MPO passed a similar stand against bigger trucks on our roads.

We will discuss at our June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting under County Commission.

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-\_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OPPOSING INCREASES TO TRUCK SIZE OR EXISTING WEIGHT LIMITATIONS AS IT RELATES TO THE IMPACT OF THE STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY OF THE LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners is concerned with the welfare of motorists and the quality and reliability of our nation's infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, more than half the bridges on the National Highway System are more than forty (40) years old and Pinellas County currently maintains over four-hundred (400) bridges with approximately twenty percent (20%) of those structures either structurally deficient or functionally obsolete; and

WHEREAS, trucks heavier than eighty-thousand (80,000) pounds raise concerns related to the nation's deteriorating infrastructure because they are likely to accelerate the deterioration of road surfaces and bridges; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation Truck Size and Weight study only considers the interstate highway system and does not consider impacts on local roads even though most of those truck trips will begin or end on the local roadway system; and

WHEREAS, allowing heavier or longer trucks on the non-interstate highway system would threaten the integrity of the state, county and municipal transportation roadway system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, duly assembled in regular session this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014, opposes any increase in truck size or weight on the non-interstate transportation network.

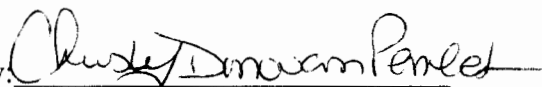
Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ offered the foregoing resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES:

NAYS:

Absent and not voting:

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By:   
Office of the County Attorney