



**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** July 1, 2014

**TITLE:** Motion to award proprietary purchase for Wave Streetcar Phase 2  
assessment services - \$39,600

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission award a proprietary purchase for Wave Streetcar Phase 2 assessment services to Government Services Group, Inc. (GSG) utilizing the City's Contract (Form P-0001) in the amount of \$39,600.

**Background**

The Wave Streetcar is a planned streetcar system that will start in Downtown Fort Lauderdale. More than just a transit project, it seeks to integrate economic development with land use and transportation while being environmentally sustainable. The initial phase will be 2.7 miles and will circulate people in and around downtown and make connections to existing and planned transit systems including the Florida East Coast Industries (FEC) All Aboard Florida. A local assessment was adopted in July 2013 to help fund this initial line.

The Wave Partnership, including the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization, Broward County, and the Downtown Development Authority of Fort Lauderdale (DDA), are working together on Wave Streetcar extensions to the Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport and the Broward County Convention Center. The environmental analysis will be starting later this year, and will be led by FDOT. As part of the proposed capital funding plan, a new local assessment will need to be adopted.

A new assessment methodology report needs to be developed. The proposed scope of services with GSG will include developing this report along with facilitating the required steps for public hearings to adopt a new assessment for these proposed extensions. GSG developed the initial Wave Streetcar assessment methodology report and as such, is familiar with the project as well as the related benefits analysis. The initial

assessment was the first of its kind in the State of Florida for a streetcar system, and we expect to gain project efficiencies by utilizing the same firm.

The DDA, a partner of the project, contracted directly with GSG for the initial streetcar assessment with participation and input on the development of the methodology report from City staff. GSG was selected because of their past experience working with the City of Fort Lauderdale on the fire rescue assessment and because of their diverse experience in areas of special assessments across the State of Florida.

Since GSG developed the initial methodology report, and will be hired by the DDA to do the annual calculations and necessary administration of the initial assessment, it is recommended that GSG be retained for the next assessment. Their understanding of local issues, project scope, and anticipated project benefits is beneficial. It allows for continuity between the two assessments and will save time in the overall development of the report and implementation of the assessment program. Due to GSG's unique experience with this project, it is determined it would not be advantageous to the City to utilize sealed competitive proposals and therefore is deemed a proprietary purchase.

**Resource Impact**

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$39,600.

Funds available as of June 26, 2014					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (PROGRAM)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)	PURCHASE AMOUNT
001-TAM040102-3199	Transportation Traffic	Services & Materials/ Other Professional Services	\$528,355	\$380,008	\$39,600
				<b>PURCHASE TOTAL ►</b>	<b>\$ 39,600</b>

**Strategic Connections:**

This item is a Commission Annual Action Plan priority, included within the Management Agenda, advancing the Wave Streetcar project and the Downtown Walkability Program.

This is also a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Infrastructure Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 1: Be a pedestrian friendly, multi-modal City.
- Objective 1: Improve transportation options and reduce congestion by working with agency partners.
- Initiative 3: Work with partners to construct the Wave Streetcar, including the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) ordinances and connections to airport, port, and rail stations.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are connected.*

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