



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
City Commission Agenda Memo  
REGULAR MEETING**

**#23-0418**

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

**FROM:** Greg Chavarria, City Manager

**DATE:** May 2, 2023

**TITLE:** Resolution Supporting the Advancement of the SE/SW 17<sup>th</sup> Street  
Complete Streets Project - **(Commission District 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution supporting the Broward Metropolitan Organization (MPO) Complete Streets Master Plan priority project on SE/SW 17<sup>th</sup> Street from US1/Federal Highway to SW 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, that is being programmed for funding to provide for improved vehicle, pedestrian, and bicycle access to and from the future Broward Commuter Rail station at the Florida East Coast Railroad tracks.

**Background**

The Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization completed a Complete Streets Master Plan (CSMP) to guide future investments by creating a prioritized list of projects based on technical, data-driven analysis, and community input. The focus of the plan is to create a safe and balanced transportation system, encouraging healthier communities, and increasing the economic vitality of the region. The CSMP was adopted by the Broward MPO Board on February 14, 2019.

SE/SW 17<sup>th</sup> Street between US1/Federal Highway and SW 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue has been identified as a high-ranking project in the CSMP. This segment of roadway is under the jurisdiction of the City of Fort Lauderdale. City Transportation & Mobility staff conducted several outreach activities including a joint Walking Audit with the MPO on April 14, 2022, that included participants from Croissant Park, Poinciana Park and Harbordale. Staff has also coordinated with Croissant Park and Poinciana Park Civic Associations on the preferred alternative. Additional public involvement will be scheduled once funding is available to determine the final project design.

The proposed scope is divided into four segments including:

- SW 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue to SW 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue - complete sidewalks, and traffic calming

- SW 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Andrews Avenue – maintain existing number of lanes at a reduced width to meet standards, move curbs in to add raised separated bike lane inside of existing tree line, retain existing sidewalks and trees outside the existing curb.
- Andrews Avenue to SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue – remove one of the three lanes in each direction to be able to move curbs in to add raised separated bike lane inside of existing tree line.
- SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to US1/Federal Highway - add bicycle facilities, as possible, without impacting the number of travel lanes.

### **Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action. Design and construction will be funded by the MPO. An additional Commission Action will be needed to accept the funding for the project.

Funding will be needed for maintenance of new bike lanes following construction in a future year.

### **Strategic Connections:**

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 2 - Build a multi-modal and pedestrian friendly community.
- Objective - Improving transportation options and reduce congestion by working with partners.
- Objective - Improve roads, sidewalks, and trails to prioritize a safer, more walkable and bikeable community.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision Plan 2035: We Are Connected*.

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan* specifically by advancing:

- Infrastructure Focus Area
- Transportation & Mobility Element
- Goal 1: Ensure the equitable development of a Complete Network for transportation that prioritized safety and emphasizes multimodal mobility and accessibility.

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Project Location Map

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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