



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

#14-0078

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

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

DATE: January 22, 2014

TITLE: Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Application

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide Commission with an overview of the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant opportunities including a selection of projects to consider for application.

The annual Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant round for 2014 will be released very soon. TAP funding can be used for construction of pedestrian and bicycle facilities; infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility; community improvement activities and environmental mitigation; recreational trail program projects; safe routes to school projects. This year's grant deadline is anticipated to be in March.

This year \$2.55 million will be available through this grant program for projects in Broward County. The minimum TAP project application amount is \$250,000 with a maximum of \$1 million. Projects and programs awarded/programmed for this cycle will be funded in FY 2017/18 for construction. Due to this limited funding, the program is extremely competitive. Applications will be ranked based on scoring criteria which include such things as providing safe routes for non-drivers, high benefit of the project relative to the size of the community, promoting safety and security, documented project support, supporting a high density land use, and benefiting underserved populations. The full explanation of the criteria is included in Exhibit 2.

The City is permitted to submit two applications to the MPO, with only one being eligible for funding if both are ranked high enough and meet FDOT eligibility criteria. Staff has prepared a list of potential projects for Commission review. The selected projects are listed as existing projects in the draft Multimodal Connectivity Program and meet our objectives of advancing the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale* vision, advancing the Complete Streets Policy, and having community support.

The following four projects (see Exhibit 1) are submitted for your review:

- Dixie Highway (NE 13th St. to NE 18th Ct) - \$914,263 for traffic calming

enhancements.

- Bayview Drive (Sunrise Blvd. to Commercial Blvd.) - \$953,805 for bike and pedestrian enhancements.
- NW 19th Street (NW 21st Ave to Powerline Rd) – \$568,640 for bike and pedestrian accommodations.
- Riverland Road (SW 14th Street to SE 31st Avenue) - \$917,652 bike accommodations and drainage.

Staff recommends that the Dixie Highway (NE 13th Street to NE 18th Ct) and Bayview Drive projects move forward for submittal to the MPO for the TAP Grant program as it best meets the scoring criteria by providing a safe route to school, parks and churches and has significant public support.

A City Commission resolution of support is required based upon the existing scoring criteria shown in Exhibit 2. Staff will present a resolution to the City Commission once the new grant round is released this spring for approval to submit two applications for this grant opportunity.

Resource Impact:

There is no resource impact with this item except, if the Dixie Highway project is selected, the grant funds may be used as the City match for the larger MPO Dixie Highway Streetscape project.

Strategic Connections

This item is 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.

Objective 2: Integrate transportation land use and planning to create a walkable and bikeable community.

Initiative 4: Develop bike amenities.

Initiative 6: Develop and implement the Connectivity Master Plan to improve accessibility.

Objective 3: Improve pedestrian, bicyclist, and vehicular safety.

Initiative 1: Implement traffic calming mechanisms to increase safety through environmental design.

Attachments:

EX 1 TAP Presentation

EX 2 TAP 2013 Ranking Criteria

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