



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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

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TITLE: Resolution of Support Endorsing New Municipal Capital Projects as Part of the 2024 Mobility Advancement Program Projects for Broward County Surtax Funding - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution of support endorsing New Municipal Capital Projects, as a part of the 2024 Mobility Advancement Program Projects for Broward County Surtax Funding.

Background

In November 2018, Broward County residents approved a local one-cent surtax, beginning January 1, 2019, for 30-years to increase mobility and address transportation challenges in Broward County. Each year, the municipalities in Broward County can submit funding applications for Municipal Capital Projects. The Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is responsible for the application review and ranks the projects. The Broward County's Transportation Surtax General Counsel determines eligibility, the amount of funding available and approval (or denial) of the projects to be funded.

The 2024 Municipal Capital Project application period opened on February 9, 2024, and will close on March 8, 2024. The applications require a resolution from the City Commission stating support for the projects to establish eligibility for Surtax funding. Each City is limited to submit three project applications.

City staff recommends submitting the following 2024 project applications. The first two projects are scheduled to receive surtax funding in 2028 for the design phase. The third project is a new request. The project overview includes preliminary cost estimates/funding requests, which may be modified prior to the submittal of the applications to the County.

- **NE 26th Street Complete Streets Project Construction Funding**
(Commission District 1 – Coral Ridge Association) – The proposed project is located on NE 26th Street from US1 to Bayview Drive and will implement the neighborhood's Master Plan. The proposed improvements include a sidewalk on the north side of the

street, updated traffic calming features through raised intersections and tightening of turning radii, bike lanes, an extended left turn lane from NE 26th Street westbound onto US1. In addition, the project includes a roundabout at the intersection of NE 26th Street and Bayview Drive, intersection improvements at NE 26th Street and Middle River Drive, and the upgrade of roadway lighting to improve safety and sustainability. The project was awarded design surtax funding in 2023 (programmed for 2028) in the amount of \$500,000. The application requests an estimated amount of \$6,500,000 in funding for construction of this project.

- **SW 14th Avenue and Middle Street Construction Funding**

(Commission District 2 – Sailboat Bend) - The proposed project is located on SW 14th Avenue, from Middle Street to Argyle Drive adjacent to the new City of Fort Lauderdale Police Station. This roadway improvement project intends to improve traffic flow from the neighborhood streets to Broward Boulevard with associated impacts on SW 14th Avenue, Middle Street and Argyle Drive. The project scope incorporates a right turning lane from SW 14th Avenue to Broward Boulevard, which should decrease neighborhood congestion and facilitate a more seamless flow of traffic. The project includes raised intersections on SW 14th Avenue and Middle Street as well as sidewalks, crosswalks, repositioning of on-street parking, curb and gutter, drainage systems, American with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramps, signage, and street lighting. The project was awarded design surtax funding in 2023 (programmed for 2028) in an amount of \$223,320. The application requests an estimated amount of \$2,300,000 in funding for construction of this project.

- **Laudertrail Design Funding**

(Commission Districts 2, 3 and 4) - In November 2020, the City selected the PATH Foundation, to complete the Master Plan which memorialized the existing conditions of Fort Lauderdale's multi-modal network and provided recommendations to create a city-wide trail system. The application requests an estimated \$3,000,000 in funding for design of Laudertrail segments 2, 3 and 4 which in staff's opinion based on initial review, best align with Surtax evaluation criteria. The final application segments/phases and associated funding amounts may change based on ongoing detailed review.

If the 2024 applications are awarded, the City would receive funding in 2029.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a 2024 Commission Priority, advancing the Transportation and Traffic initiative.

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

- The Infrastructure Focus Area

- Goal 2: Build a multi-modal and pedestrian friendly community.
- 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 advancing:

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- The Urban Design Element
- Goal 4: Enhance the existing built environment and elements unique to Fort Lauderdale, including waterways, bridges, tunnels, and other traversable features.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Resolution

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