



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

**#15-0015**

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

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

**DATE:** January 21, 2015

**TITLE:** Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) - Grant Applications for  
Bayview Drive and Cordova Road to the Broward Metropolitan Planning  
Organization (MPO)

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**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution authorizing the submittal of applications for Bayview Drive and Cordova Road to the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for its FY 2018/2019 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant program.

**Background:**

The annual MPO TAP grant round for 2015 was released this month. 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; and safe routes to school projects. This year's grant cycle is expedited by two months with the application deadline being February 4, 2015 ranking recommendations being voted on by the MPO in early March, and final approval by the MPO in July. Projects and programs awarded/programmed for this cycle will be funded in FY 2018/19 for construction.

The minimum TAP project application amount is \$250,000 with a maximum of \$1 million. 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 City is permitted to submit two applications to the MPO with only one being eligible for funding. The proposed projects were selected based on their ranking in the City's Connecting the Blocks Program. These projects will help us advance the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision and the Complete Streets Policy.

Staff presented the two potential projects to the City Commission at its January 6, 2015 meeting that are eligible for funding through the TAP Grant process. Each project is briefly explained below:

- Bayview Drive (Sunrise Boulevard to Commercial Boulevard) - for bike and pedestrian enhancements as seen in Exhibit 2. (\$1 million)
- Cordova Road (SE 17<sup>th</sup> Street to SE 15<sup>th</sup> Street) – complete streets improvements including traffic calming, pedestrian enhancements and bicycle facilities as seen in Exhibit 3. (\$1 million)

### **Resource Impact**

There is no resource impact with this item until FY19 when the City will be required to fund non-eligible costs. Non-eligible costs include contingency, maintenance of traffic, and mobilization during construction.

### **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 bike able 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.

This item is in compliance with the *Complete Streets Policy*. The projects will add Complete Streets design principles to roadways including traffic calming, pedestrian amenities, and bicycle facilities.

This item helps advance the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale* vision of **We Are Connected**, where neighbors can move seamlessly and easily through a safe transportation system where the pedestrian is first.

### **Attachment:**

- EX 1 – Resolution
- EX 2 – Bayview Drive Scope of Work
- EX 3 – Cordova Road Scope of Work

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