



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

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

DATE: March 18, 2014

TITLE: A Motion Approving a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Florida
Department of Transportation (FDOT) for Bicycle and Sidewalk Projects
on SW 4th Avenue

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) (**Exhibit 1**) authorizing FDOT to construct a bike lane and sidewalk project on SW 4 Avenue from SW 34 Street to State Road 84 (**Exhibit 2**). This MOA requires the City to own and maintain the improvements upon completion, and authorizes the City Manager to execute a Local Governmental Right-of-Way Certification Statement indicating that the project can be completed within the public right-of-way and that no additional right-of-way is required.

Background

The Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), through its 2035 Long Range Transportation planning process, identified certain bicycle and pedestrian projects to facilitate access to/from Broward Boulevard. Through this process, a bicycle lane project and 10 sidewalk projects were identified in the City of Fort Lauderdale. These projects are included within the City's Multimodal Connectivity Program.

The scope of the bike lane and sidewalk project specific to the MOA includes the elimination of the center auxiliary lane, removal of some medians, milling/resurfacing of the roadway, construction of 12 foot travel lanes, eight foot sidewalks, and five foot bike lanes with a safety buffer (**Exhibit 3**). The approximate cost of this project is \$240,000, and will be funded by the Broward MPO.

City staff has been working with FDOT, and will continue to coordinate closely as the project advances. City staff conducted public outreach including targeted outreach to each neighborhood association impacted by the scope and extent of the proposed project. A public workshop on the project, as a whole, was held on June 6, 2013 in the City Commission Chambers.

FDOT requires an MOA with the City to give FDOT and their contractor the right to enter and perform work within the City's right-of-way and requires the City to agree to own and maintain the improvements once completed.

Resource Impact

There is minimal budgetary impact. If Broward County does not accept responsibility for the maintenance of the bike lanes based on the Traffic Engineering Agreement (TEA), the estimated cost to maintain will be approximately \$3,000 every ten years. This cost is specific to the maintenance of the bike lane striping. Sidewalk maintenance is the responsibility of the abutting property owner.

Strategic Connection

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.
- 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.

Attachments:

- EX 1 Memorandum of Agreement
- EX 2 Site location map
- EX 3 Typical cross section

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