



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#24-0496

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

FROM: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

DATE: May 21, 2024

TITLE: Resolution Supporting the Submission of a Grant Application to the United States Department of Transportation for the Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program Grant for Laudertrail Construction - **(Commission Districts 2 and 3)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a resolution supporting the submission of a grant application to the United States Department of Transportation for the Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP) Grant for Laudertrail construction.

Background

On March 19, 2024, the Biden Administration announced the ATIIP Grant Program through the Department of Transportation. The ATIIP grant was created to help communities plan, design, and construct safe and connected active transportation networks such as sidewalks, bikeways, and trails that connect destinations such as schools, workplaces, residences, businesses, recreation areas, and medical facilities within a community or metropolitan region. Grant funding is available for local connections or for projects that connect two or more communities, metropolitan regions, or states. Organizations can also enhance their overall transportation network by integrating active transportation facilities with transit services, where available, to improve access to public transportation.

The reimbursable grant funding can be awarded from a minimum amount of \$7,500,000, and a maximum of \$15,000,000 for Construction grants for qualifying disadvantaged communities. The grant application period is open through June 17, 2024.

The City's application will focus on constructing Laudertrail segments between the Downtown Mobility Hub and Carter Park as the grant provides a 100% funding contribution for disadvantaged communities with a poverty rate of over 40%. City staff believe this application will qualify for 100% funding, but if it doesn't then the City will need to provide a 20% local match.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action; however, if the grant is awarded, there will be a positive fiscal impact equal to the awarded amount. The grant award may require a 20% local funding match (up to \$3,000,000). The anticipated local match funding source is the Parks GO Bond Series 2020A as approved by Commission in CAM 21-0044 for LauderTrail.

Strategic Connections

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

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure and Resilience Focus Area, Goal 4: Facilitate an efficient, multimodal transportation network.

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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