



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

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

**DATE:** March 19, 2013

**TITLE:** A Resolution approving a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)  
Grant Application

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**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution authorizing the submittal of two City projects to the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for its FY 2016/2017 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant program.

**Background:**

The MPO is currently soliciting projects for the FY 2016/2017 TAP Grant cycle for “non-traditional” transportation related projects. Each local agency may submit up to two applications per cycle, however only one project will be selected for funding in any given year. The MPO’s application submittal deadline is March 29, 2013 with the MPO Board approval expected on September 13, 2013.

The MPO’s TAP program (formerly known as the Transportation Enhancement Grant program) has changed this year due to the new MAP-21 legislation passed at the Federal level. In addition to the Enhancement Grant program, the TAP program now also includes the Safe Routes to Schools, Recreational Trails, and the Scenic Highways programs. The overall funding for this program was cut in half this year with approximately \$2 million available countywide.

Funding requests can be from a minimum of \$250,000 and up to a maximum of \$1,000,000 per project. Design costs (Engineering fees) and contingency fees are not covered by the TAP grant funds and may be included as a local match; however, local funding is not considered in the competitive scoring process. Additionally the local agencies must commit to maintaining the project(s) upon completion.

Staff presented to the City Commission at its March 5, 2013 meeting the selection of five (5) potential projects to submit for this grant opportunity. The City Commission recommended the Bayview Drive and NW 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue projects for the FY2016/2017 grant application. Each project is briefly explained below:

- (1) Bayview Drive – From Sunrise Boulevard to Commercial Boulevard – 3.7± miles: The application will include designated bike lanes, crosswalk pedestrian lighting, landscaping and ADA improvements.
- (2) NW 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue – From Broward Boulevard to NW 19<sup>th</sup> Street – 1.9± miles: The application will include lane diet, designated bike lanes, crosswalks pedestrian lighting, sidewalks and ADA improvements.

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact with this action.

Related CAM(s):

CAM 13-0200 - Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant Application and 7/9<sup>th</sup> Connector Project Update

Attachments:

EX 1 - Resolution

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