



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

#15-0267

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

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

DATE: March 3, 2015

TITLE: Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Application Selection

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution in support of either the Bayview Drive Project or the Cordova Road Project as the City of Fort Lauderdale's priority for funding under the Broward MPO's Transportation Alternative Program.

Background

On January 6, 2015, Transportation & Mobility staff presented two proposed projects to be submitted to the MPO for consideration under this year's TAP grant cycle. City Commission consented on January 21, 2015 to move forward with the submittal of the Bayview Drive Mobility Project and the Cordova Road Mobility Project.

At the February 12, 2015 MPO meeting, the TAP Grant review committee ranking was announced. The City was fortunate to have both TAP applications rank high enough to be eligible for funding. However, according to funding requirements only one application can move forward to be funded.

Applications were ranked by the Review Committee based on scoring criteria which included 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 Review Committee ranking of the Fort Lauderdale projects is as follows:

4. Cordova Road (SE 17th Street to SE 15th Street) – complete streets improvements as seen in Exhibit 2. (\$983,032 request)
6. Bayview Drive (Sunrise Boulevard to Commercial Boulevard) – complete streets improvements as seen in Exhibit 1. (\$993,122 request)

The City must provide the MPO a determination as to which project should be moved forward through the next steps of the process for funding. After this has been completed, the next step is the review of the ranking and recommendation for approval to submit to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for eligibility

determinations by the MPO committees and Boards which consist of the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC), Community Involvement Roundtable (CIR), and MPO Board which will be complete on March 12, 2015. FDOT will complete their eligibility review by May 29, 2015 with final review and approval by the MPO at their July 9, 2015 Board meeting. Projects awarded for this cycle will be funded in FY 2018/19 for construction.

The preliminary scope of work for each project was based on the previously identified measures by neighbors for both corridors. Final plans would need to be determined during the design phase of the selected project, which will include outreach to the neighborhoods surrounding each project in order to develop the final cost estimate.

The Bayview Drive project is aligned with the timing of the Coral Ridge Country Club Mobility Master Plan efforts that are well underway and will impact a significant number of neighbors due to the length of the corridor and its use as a parallel facility to US1/Federal Highway. Design funding has already been programmed in the CIP. There is a potential for leveraging additional funding for construction through the MPO Oakland Park Boulevard Transit Corridor project beyond the scope of the \$993,122 grant funds.

Cordova Road is an important project and within the Commission Annual Action Plan (CAP) of SE 17th Street corridor and the City's Connecting the Blocks Program. However, this project is much earlier in the planning phase. Preliminary data is still being collected in this area by FDOT as well and is the subject of study by the City through the CAP. Preliminary low cost improvements can be made in the short term with paint on the ground and through traffic mitigation funds available through the Hampton Inn development project. FDOT funding may be available following the completion of the studies.

Resource Impact:

Design is not an eligible cost under the TAP grant, so the City would need to complete the design plans prior to construction with city funds. Currently the Bayview Drive Mobility Project has \$170,000 of design funding programmed in the Community Investment Plan (CIP) for FY 18/19. Should the grant funds be awarded to this project, the design funding will need to be allocated for FY17/18 in order to design the project prior to the TAP Grant construction funding becoming available in FY18/19.

The Cordova Road Mobility Project does not have design funding currently allocated.

If elements in the final design process are chosen that exceed the TAP grant funding, that additional funding will need to be secured for FY18/19 when the TAP funding will be awarded.

Other funding that will need to be allocated for FY18/19 includes the non-eligible costs of contingency and mobilization during construction if the total project cost over the \$1 million TAP grant amount.

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 bikeable 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.

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 Bayview Drive Draft Scope of Work

Exhibit 2 Cordova Road Draft Scope of Work

Exhibit 3 Bayview Drive Resolution

Exhibit 4 Cordova Road Resolution

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