



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

FROM: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

DATE: September 3, 2024

TITLE: Resolution Approving the Use of Metro Transportation Engineering & Construction Cooperative to Administer Design and Construction of the SE/SW 17th Street Mobility Hub Project Utilizing Federal Transit Administration Grant Funding - **(Commission District 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution approving the use of the Metro Transportation Engineering & Construction Cooperative (MTECC) to administer design and construction of the SE/SW 17th Street Mobility Hub Project utilizing Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant funding, consistent with the endorsed concept approved by the City Commission on April 16, 2024, via Resolution 24-75.

Background

SE/SW 17th Street between US1/Federal Highway and SW 9th Avenue was identified as a high-ranking project in the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) Complete Streets Master Plan.

In June 2023, the City was notified that the Broward MPO had identified Federal Transit Administration funding for the project.

As a condition of the grant funding, the Broward MPO required the execution of the Metro Transportation Engineering & Construction Cooperative (MTECC) Interlocal Agreement between the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization and Municipal Members, and the City of Fort Lauderdale, for Municipal Membership Services to Administer Federal Aid Projects and Transportation Projects Completed Without the Use of Federal Funding.

The MTECC Interlocal Agreement was approved by the City Commission on October 17, 2023, via Resolution 23-241. The preliminary concept for SE/SW 17th Street Mobility Hub project was endorsed by the City Commission on May 2, 2023, via Resolution 23-84. The preferred alternative concept for the SE/SW 17th Street Mobility Hub Project was adopted by the City Commission on April 16, 2024, via Resolution 24-75.

MTECC requires a City Resolution approving the MTECC to administer design and construction services for the SE/SW 17th Street Mobility Hub Project.

Furthermore, MTECC requires that the City acknowledges the following responsibilities:

- The City will be responsible for advancing MTECC funds, that may be up to 10% of the Project Budget (\$6,804,000). These funds will be reimbursed at the conclusion of the project.
- The City will be required to pay for MTECC's administration costs in the amount of \$35,000.
- Any increase in the Project Budget above the Project contingency will be discussed with the City in advance, and any changes in scope need to be approved by both parties and any expenses above the Project Budget will need to be funded by the City.

MTECC will partner with the City on all key steps in the process of delivering the project including but not limited to:

- 1) Finalize project scoping and funding (including adequate contingencies);
- 2) Securing appropriate approvals from the City Commission as required;
- 3) Procurement/selection of design consultant and contractor;
- 4) Routine project reports and monitoring;
- 5) Review and sign off on project phase completion, and
- 6) City review and acceptance of the completed project.

Aside of the agreement required for the MTECC membership, separate agreements between the City and the MTECC are required for each individual project that is administered by the MTECC to define the roles, responsibilities, and any local funding requirements associated with MTECC management/service fees, which will require Commission approval. The Tri-Party Agreement for the project is anticipated to come before the City Commission later this fall that will provide the details of the arrangement. This agreement will be between the MPO as the funder, MTECC as the project manager, and the City as the property owner and beneficiary.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *FY 2024 Commission Priority*, advancing the Transportation & Traffic Initiative.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision Plan 2035: We Are Connected*.

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

- Infrastructure & Resilience Focus Area
- Goal 4 - Facilitate an efficient, multimodal transportation network.

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan* specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Transportation & Mobility Element
- Goal 2: Obtain the highest possible value and utility from investments in the City's transportation network.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Proposed scope of work

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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