



**TO:** CRA Board of Directors

**FROM:** Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, Executive Director

**DATE:** March 4, 2014

**TITLE:** MOTION – Approving an Appropriation from the Beach Community Redevelopment Agency’s (CRA) Undesignated Balance of \$436,878 and a transfer of \$38,601 from State Road A1A Beachfront Promenade to Fund the Design and Implementation of the Fort Lauderdale Beach Streetscape Improvement Project (Almond Avenue / SR A1A Streetscape Improvements).

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors pass a motion authorizing an appropriation from the Beach CRA’s Undesignated Fund Balance and a transfer from State Road A1A Beachfront Promenade project to fund the design and implementation of the Fort Lauderdale Beach Improvement Project, located within the Beach CRA boundaries.

**Background**

On September 17, 2013 the City Commission selected the top-ranked proposer Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for design and implementation of the Fort Lauderdale Beach Streetscape Improvement Project (Almond Avenue and SR A1A).

At the September 23, 2013 Joint City Commission / Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board workshop, the City Commission directed staff to include the same improvements to the East side of SR A1A as are proposed on the West side of SR A1A. These improvements include installing new pavers and relocating sidewalk impediments (trees, signs, poles, lights etc.) to the curb line, thus creating a clear path for pedestrians and providing a buffer between pedestrians and vehicular traffic. Also included in the SR A1A Streetscape improvements are the proposed restroom facilities on the West side of SR A1A, immediately East of the Sebastian Street Parking Lot. Funding for design and implementation has not been identified for that portion of SR A1A outside the Beach CRA boundaries. When funding is identified, a task order for that portion SR A1A will be submitted to the City Commission for approval.

The direction given for the Almond Avenue Streetscape improvements was to provide quality improvements, but to scale back the proposal to realize cost savings that could be applied to other projects.

Staff has completed contract negotiations with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. Approval of the proposed contract is scheduled for the March 4, 2014 City Commission Regular Agenda.

**Resource Impact**

Appropriate \$436,878 from Community Redevelopment Agency undesignated fund balance and transfer \$38,601 from P11680.346 – State Road A1A Beachfront Promenade, to facilitate the Design and Implementation of the Fort Lauderdale Beach Streetscape Improvement Project (Almond Avenue / SR A1A Streetscape Improvements).

Appropriate From:

<i>Funds available as of February 26, 2014</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)	PURCHASE AMOUNT
346-FD346.01	Central Bch Redevelopment Area	Other Uses/ Anticipated Year End Balance	\$5,377,383.43	\$5,377,383.43	\$436,878
<b>APPROPRIATION TOTAL →</b>					<b>\$436,878</b>

Appropriate To:

346-P11681.346-6534	State Road A1A Streetscape Improvements	Capital Outlay/ Engineering Fees	\$596,500	\$446,950	\$408,416
346-P11676.346-6534	Almond Avenue Streetscape	Capital Outlay/ Engineering Fees	\$380,000	\$306,949	\$28,462
<b>APPROPRIATION TOTAL →</b>					<b>\$436,878</b>

And

Transfer From:

<i>Funds available as of February 26, 2014</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)	PURCHASE AMOUNT
346-P11680.346-6599	State Road A1A Beachfront Promenade	Capital Outlay/ Construction	\$131,520	\$38,601	\$38,601
<b>TRANSFER TOTAL →</b>					<b>\$38,601</b>

Transfer To:

346-P11681.346-6534	State Road A1A Streetscape Improvements	Capital Outlay/ Engineering Fees	\$596,500	\$446,950	\$38,601
<b>TRANSFER TOTAL →</b>					<b>\$38,601</b>

**Strategic Connections:**

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included in the **Public Places Cylinder of Excellence**

- **Goal 3:** Be a community that finds opportunities and leverages partnerships to create unique, inviting, and connected gathering places that highlight our beaches, waterways, urban areas and parks;
- **Objective 1:** Improve access to and enjoyment of our beach, Riverwalk, waterways, parks, and open spaces for everyone

This item is in furtherance of the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision Statement *We Are Prosperous* by improving our beach and thus enhancing tourism

Related CAMs: 14-0238 – Design and Implementation of the Fort Lauderdale Beach Improvement Project

14-0090 - Consolidated Budget Amendment (03/04/14)

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