



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

#19-0626

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: July 9, 2019

TITLE: Resolution in Support of the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization's
Complete Streets Project on SE/SW 17th Street - **(Commission District
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Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution in support of the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Complete Streets Project to add bike facilities, improve pedestrian accommodations and add traffic calming on SE/SW 17th Street.

Background

The Broward MPO established its Complete Streets Initiative with the mission to assist its member governments in implementing Complete Streets in their respective communities. To expand upon the efforts of the Complete Streets Initiative, the MPO developed a regional Complete Streets Master Plan (CSMP). The plan included a technical data-driven analysis, project selection approach, ranking criteria, and public outreach strategy that identified gaps in the regional network of multimodal connectivity. The overall plan was reviewed and approved by the MPO Board at its February 14, 2019 meeting and includes a prioritized list of projects across the County.

The priority project from the MPO Plan within the City of Fort Lauderdale is on SE/SW 17th Street between Cordova Road and SW 9th Avenue. This project was also identified in the City's Connecting the Blocks Program for needing improvements. The project includes bicycle facilities, pedestrian upgrades, and traffic calming. At this time, the project is at a concept level based on needs assessment, however no plans or designs of how these elements will be improved have been developed.

In order for this project to move forward and be programmed for funding, the City Commission must provide support of moving the project forward. Once programmed, public outreach will be conducted to allow neighbors along SE/SW 17th Street to identify needs and develop design and provide feedback. The design and construction will be managed by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) on behalf of the MPO

and City. FDOT is requiring cities with projects within the Complete Streets Master Plan to provide general support of moving forward into design contingent on the support of our neighbors through a public outreach process and support of FDOT delivering the project.

If approved, the design funding will be programmed for FY25 and construction funding in FY27. During that time public outreach will occur to develop the desired scope and will require community support prior to construction.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action. Design and construction will be funded by the MPO with project management completed by FDOT.

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 3: Improve pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular safety

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - Broward MPO Complete Streets Master Plan

Exhibit 2 - Resolution

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