



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

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

DATE: March 18, 2014

TITLE: GRANT APPLICATION – Motion approving the submittal of a grant application to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Recreational Trails Program for Snyder Park, \$200,000

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a motion authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the development of Snyder Park.

Background

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) administers the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) program on behalf of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration. The RTP program provides grants for the development of recreational trails for motorized and non-motorized recreational vehicles. This RTP grant application will provide funding for the development of a bike trail and related amenities at Snyder Park.

This bike trail within Snyder Park will complement the Multimodal Connectivity Program by creating a connection to the bicycle facilities currently under design on SW 4th Avenue, adjacent to Snyder Park. The SW 4th Avenue bicycle lanes will connect Snyder Park to the bicycle lanes planned along Broward Boulevard and south to the bicycle facilities planned along Perimeter Road.

Grant funds will be matched with a 20% local match (80:20). The application deadline is March 31, 2014. Grantees are allowed up to two years from the effective date of the agreement to complete the project.

Resource Impact

There is an anticipated positive impact to the City in the amount of \$200,000 which would allow for project implementation in fiscal year 2015. There is not a current year budget impact. The use of park impact fee as a source of matching funds was presented to the Commission on March 18, 2014 Conference Agenda (CAM 14-0301).

Strategic Connections:

This item helps advance the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale* vision of **We are Connected**, where neighbors can move seamlessly and easily through a safe transportation system where the pedestrian is first.

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

- 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
- Goal 4: Be a healthy community with fun and stimulating recreational activities for our neighbors
- Objective 2: Celebrate our community through special events and sports

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 2: Integrate transportation land use and planning to create a walkable and bikeable community
- Initiative 4: Develop bike amenities

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – Grant Pre-application Form

Exhibit 2 – RTP Program Information

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