



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
CRA BOARD MEETING

#22-0771

TO: CRA Chairman & Board of Commissioners
Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency

FROM: Greg Chavarria, CRA Executive Director

DATE: September 6, 2022

TITLE: Resolution Approving an Amendment to Interlocal Agreement for the NE 4th Avenue Complete Street Project between Broward County, the City of Fort Lauderdale, and the Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency - **(Commission District 2)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution approving an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for the NE 4th Avenue Complete Street Project between Broward County, the City of Fort Lauderdale, and the Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency.

Background

The City of Fort Lauderdale and the Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency were awarded a grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 from Broward County under Broward Redevelopment Program (BRP) on March 5, 2019, for the NE 4th Avenue Complete Street Project, and on December 30, 2019, entered into an inter-local agreement (Agreement). The inter-local agreement has a termination date of December 31, 2022 (Exhibit 1).

The construction project is being administered by the City of Fort Lauderdale Department of Transportation and Mobility. The agreement is structured on a reimbursement basis with the first disbursement by the County in the amount of \$333,333 occurring upon approval of the County of the construction contract, approved plans and all required development and permit approvals for the project. The second and final disbursement in the amount of \$666,667 will occur at the completion of the project when the City submits all receipts, approved permits, certificates of completion, sign offs and all other necessary documentation indicating the work is completed in a satisfactory manner including a professional engineer signing and sealing that the project is complete, operational and in substantial conformance with the plans and specifications.

As of July 2022, the Florida Department of Transportation approved the design permit application finalizing the design phase of this project. The solicitation for the advertisement and procurement of a construction company to complete the work is currently underway. As the project cannot be completed in the time allotted by the

Agreement, staff has formally requested an extension to December 31, 2024. The Broward County Housing Finance and Community Redevelopment Division is aware of this issue and the need to extend the termination date of the Agreement.

The City Manager provided a letter to the County on June 29, 2022, requesting an additional 24-month extension of the termination date in the Agreement (Exhibit 2). A copy of the amendment changing the termination date of the Agreement to December 31, 2024, is attached as Exhibit 3. Broward County staff have informed us that this item is anticipated to be placed before the County Commission for their consideration at their meeting of October 11 or October 25, 2022.

Consistency with the Central City Community Redevelopment Plan

The Central City Redevelopment Plan, Section V.A, identifies the redevelopment of the NE 4th Avenue Corridor as an Economic Development Strategy for this area. The project will improve safety, lower transportation costs, promote economic development, increase property values, reduce emissions and fossil fuel use, foster a green environment, and help create a healthier community by encouraging walking and biking.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2022 Top Commission Priority*, advancing the Infrastructure and Resiliency initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 2: Build a multi-modal and pedestrian friendly community
- Objective: Improve roads, sidewalks, and trails to prioritize a safer, more walkable and bikeable community

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

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

- The Internal Support Focus Area
- The Capital Improvements Element
- Goal 6: Ensure adequate funding for infrastructure and capacity exist concurrently with development or redevelopment.

Related CAM

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Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Interlocal Agreement

Exhibit 2 – Letter to Broward County

Exhibit 3 – Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement

Exhibit 4 – Resolution

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