



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

FROM: Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: February 4, 2014

TITLE: A Resolution authorizing two (2) Transportation Alternatives Program
(TAP) Grant Applications

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution authorizing the submittal of applications for Dixie Highway and Bayview Drive to the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for its FY 2017/2018 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant program.

Background:

The annual MPO Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant round for 2014 will be released in February. TAP funding can be used for construction of pedestrian and bicycle facilities; infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility; community improvement activities and environmental mitigation; recreational trail program projects; and safe routes to school projects. This year's grant deadline is anticipated to be in late March with awards being officially made in September 2014. Projects and programs awarded/programmed for this cycle will be funded in FY 2017/18 for construction.

This year \$2.55 million will be available through this grant program for projects in Broward County. The minimum TAP project application amount is \$250,000 with a maximum of \$1 million. There is no match required for this grant. Due to this limited funding, the program is extremely competitive. Applications will be ranked based on scoring criteria which include such things as providing safe routes for non-drivers, high benefit of the project relative to the size of the community, promoting safety and security, documented project support, supporting a high density land use, and benefiting underserved populations.

The City is permitted to submit two applications to the MPO, with only one being eligible for funding if both are ranked high enough and meet FDOT eligibility criteria. The selected projects are listed as existing projects in the draft Multimodal Connectivity

Program and meet our objectives of advancing the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale vision, advancing the Complete Streets Policy, and having community support.

Staff presented four (4) potential projects to the City Commission at its January 22, 2013 meeting that would be eligible for funding through the TAP Grant process. The City Commission recommended the Dixie Highway and Bayview Drive projects for the FY2017/2018 grant application. Each project is briefly explained below:

- (1) Dixie Highway – NE 13th Street to NE 18th Ct – 1.9± miles: The application will include safety enhancements including pedestrian lighting, raised table intersections, and crosswalks. This project will supplement the existing FDOT project being designed for the roadway that includes sidewalks and bike lanes to create multimodal connectivity.
- (2) Bayview Drive – Sunrise Blvd to Commercial Blvd – 3.7± miles: The application will include designated bike lanes, crosswalks, pedestrian lighting, landscaping and ADA improvements.

Resource Impact

There is no resource impact with this item except, if the Dixie Highway project is selected, the grant funds may be used as the City match for the larger MPO Dixie Highway Streetscape project.

Strategic Connections

1. 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.
2. 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 2: Integrate transportation land use and planning to create a walkable and bikeable community.

Initiative 4: Develop bike amenities.

Initiative 6: Develop and implement the Connectivity Master Plan to improve accessibility.

Objective 3: Improve pedestrian, bicyclist, and vehicular safety.

Initiative 1: Implement traffic calming mechanisms to increase safety through environmental design.

3. This item is in compliance with the *Complete Streets Policy*. The projects will add

Complete Streets design principles to roadways including traffic calming, pedestrian amenities, and bicycle facilities.

Attachment:

EX 1 - Resolution

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