

**Infrastructure Task Force
Status Report**
January 22, 2019



Background:

In March 2017, the City Commission created the Infrastructure Task Force (ITF) to review and advise on the current state of, and future needs for, the City's infrastructure. To date, the ITF has held 20 public meetings, conducted feedback open houses in all four City Commission districts and provided interim recommendations to the Commission. Three of the recommendations have been acted upon by the Commission while one has not, as summarized below:

Recommendations with Commission action:

- **Water/Sewer** – the rate-based monies of the Water and Sewer fund (and other utility systems, including stormwater) should remain available only internally to fund some of the infrastructure needs of those utility systems, and should not, via the Return on Investment (“ROI”), be used to offset other City general costs funded through the General Fund; provided however, if the use of ROI mechanism is to be phased out over time, that the phase-out period not exceed 4 fiscal years.
 - ✓ *Commission action: began phasing out the ROI transfer in the FY 2019 budget by reducing the transfer to the General Fund by \$5 million.*

- **Stormwater** – approve a revised methodology for stormwater utility rates, based on a traffic-based methodology, in order to allow for sufficient rate-based funds to implement the current Storm Water Master Plan; provided that such additional funds are not subject to any ROI-based transfer to the General Fund.
 - ✓ *Commission action: rate study underway with current and “trip-based”-hybrid methodology and all Phase II stormwater projects are designed, permitted by Broward County and ready to bid (with final funding approval).*

- **Impact Fees** – regularly analyze and update impact fee structures and fees to ensure that new development is paying ‘its fair share’ of future infrastructure costs.
 - ✓ *Commission action: water, sewer and stormwater utility rate studies are underway including analysis of impact fees.*

Recommendation without any Commission action:

- **Roads/Sidewalks/Seawalls** – establish minimum annual General Revenue funded capital contributions to the City's CIP to support the City's broader infrastructure needs, ranging in size from 7-10% of the General Fund operating expenses.
 - *Commission action: no action to-date.*

Infrastructure Task Force Questions for the Commission:

1. Is the Commission committed to establishing ongoing and consistent funding for roads, sidewalks, seawalls and other General Fund financed infrastructure?

2. The Infrastructure Task Force believes that the institutional knowledge developed over the last two years could provide ongoing value to the City. Does the Commission agree and have a need for an Infrastructure-related Task Force to continue to serve providing guidance to the Commission and advocating for local infrastructure improvements?
 - a. If so, what are the Commission's needs, expectations and target dates?