



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#24-0320

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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: March 19, 2024

TITLE: Resolution Rescinding Resolution No. 24-42, and Approving Resolution of Support Endorsing New Municipal Capital Projects as Part of the 2024 Mobility Advancement Program Projects for Broward County Surtax Funding - **(Commission District 1, 2, 3, and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution rescinding Resolution No. 24-42 and approving a resolution of support endorsing New Municipal Capital Projects, as a part of the 2024 Mobility Advancement Program Projects for Broward County Surtax Funding.

Background

On February 20, 2024, the City Commission approved Resolution No. 24-42 to endorse new municipal capital projects as part of the 2024 Mobility Advancement Program Projects for Broward County Surtax Funding. At that time, City staff recommended that the City Commission endorse the NE 26th Street Complete Street Project, the SW 14th Avenue & Middle Street Project, and Lauderdale as the three City of Fort Lauderdale applications for the 2024 cycle.

The Breakers Avenue Traffic Calming (Breakers) project was not included in the recommendations as it did not rank well in a previous cycle submission. However, given the recent announcement of potential State and Federal appropriations for Breakers, City staff believe it would be prudent to submit a 2024 surtax application for Breakers to potentially fund any remaining needs.

City staff submitted the following 2024 project applications on March 8, 2024. The first two projects are scheduled to receive surtax funding in 2028 for the design phase and requested construction phase funding. The third project is Breakers Avenue Traffic Calming project.

- **NE 26th Street Complete Streets Project Construction Funding**

(Commission District 1 – Coral Ridge Association) – The proposed project is located on NE 26th Street from US1 to Bayview Drive and will implement the neighborhood’s Master Plan. The proposed improvements include a sidewalk on the north side of the street, updated traffic calming features through raised intersections and tightening of turning radii, bike lanes, and an extended left turn lane from NE 26th Street westbound onto US1. In addition, the project includes a roundabout at the intersection of NE 26th Street and Bayview Drive, intersection improvements at NE 26th Street and Middle River Drive, and the upgrade of roadway lighting to improve safety and sustainability. The project was awarded design surtax funding in 2023 (programmed for 2028) in the amount of \$500,000. The application requests an estimated amount of \$9,677,609 in surtax funding for construction of this project.

- **SW 14th Avenue and Middle Street Construction Funding**

(Commission District 2 – Sailboat Bend) - The proposed project is located on SW 14th Avenue, from Middle Street to Argyle Drive adjacent to the new City of Fort Lauderdale Police Station. This roadway improvement project intends to improve traffic flow from the neighborhood streets to Broward Boulevard with associated impacts on SW 14th Avenue, Middle Street and Argyle Drive. The project scope incorporates a right turning lane from SW 14th Avenue to Broward Boulevard, which should decrease neighborhood congestion and facilitate a more seamless flow of traffic. The project includes raised intersections on SW 14th Avenue and Middle Street as well as sidewalks, crosswalks, repositioning of on-street parking, curb and gutter, drainage systems, American with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramps, signage, and street lighting. The project was awarded design surtax funding in 2023 (programmed for 2028) in the amount of \$223,320. The application requests an estimated amount of \$7,882,936 in surtax funding for construction of this project.

- **Breakers Avenue Traffic Calming Construction Funding**

(Commission Districts 2 – Central Beach Alliance) - The Breakers Avenue Traffic Calming project seeks to improve vehicular and pedestrian safety on Breakers Avenue between Romar Street and Vistamar Street. The corridor has experienced continued growth and development which has created a need to enhance safety elements along the roadway. The project will deliver a safer environment by narrowing travel lanes, increasing sidewalk widths, implementing ADA accommodations, lighting, drainage, and wayfinding. A key element is the reduction in intersection widths to mitigate vehicle and pedestrian interactions. The estimated cost is \$13,600,000 with \$3,000,000 of City funding allocated to the project. The application requested \$10,600,000 in surtax funding for the construction of this project which may be adjusted should State or Federal appropriations be awarded.

If the 2024 applications are awarded, the City would receive funding in 2029.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a 2024 *Commission Priority*, advancing the Transportation and Traffic initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure and Resilience Focus Area, Goal 4: Facilitate an efficient, multimodal transportation network.

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

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

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- The Urban Design Element
- Goal 4: Enhance the existing built environment and elements unique to Fort Lauderdale, including waterways, bridges, tunnels, and other traversable features.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Resolution No. 24-42

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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