

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE | PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

**NW 7TH AVENUE &
NW 9TH AVENUE
CONNECTOR ROADWAY**

MONDAY • AUGUST 5, 2013 • 5:30 - 7:00 PM

**JOSEPH C. CARTER PARK SOCIAL CENTER
1450 West Sunrise Boulevard | Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311**

The purpose of the public meeting is to provide an update on the status of the NW 7th Avenue & NW 9th Avenue Connector Roadway and obtain public input on the proposed project. Neighbors are welcome and encouraged to attend.

For questions, please contact the
Transportation and Mobility Department at
954-828-3764 or visit www.fortlauderdale.gov.



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Meeting Questions and Answers:

Q1. What is the City's preference between the current project plans (option 1) and a complete streets concept (option 2)?

A1. In option 2 the City would not be looking to acquire additional right of way but working within the current right of way.

Q2. Who makes the decision on which option we will proceed with?

A2. The City Commission

Q3. When will this decision be made?

A3. Commission Conference Meeting 8/20/2013.

Q4. Is this meeting open to the public?

A4. Yes, the meeting will be held at City Hall on the 8th floor at 1:30pm, all are invited to attend. This will be a policy decision.

Q5. What costs are associated to Right of Way (ROW) acquisition for each option?

A5. \$34 million in option 1 and minimal costs if any for option 2. Option 2 would include working within the current right of way, but certain easement costs may be associated with achieving certain streetscape elements. In option 2, we would evaluate which east-west street would accommodate the most complete streets design elements as a connector between NW 7th Avenue and NW 9th Avenue.

Q6. How much has been spent on this project to date?

A6. Approximately \$700K with 60% of the roadway design completed.

Q7. What was the initial benefit to connecting 7th and 9th when this project originated?

A7. This project was originally designed to relieve traffic congestion along Sunrise Boulevard between NW 7th Avenue and NW 9th Avenue (Powerline Road).

Q8. Is the presentation available to the public for viewing?

A8. Staff will send the presentation to all attendees who provided their information when signing in. We will upload the presentation on the website as well.

Q9. Can we look at what commercial and residential impact this project will have?

A9. Approximately 85% of the properties affected by the project are commercial. The probability of funding the project under option 1 will be limited. The regional transportation model has evolved into one that emphasizes complete streets.

Q10. Where on 9th Avenue is this project being considered?

A10. North side Powerline Road to south side South Middle River Drive

Q11. What happens if we stick with option 1?

A11. The City would need to commit \$34 million for ROW acquisition and work with the MPO for construction funding. This project is currently ranked 13th on the MPO priority list of projects. On average the Broward MPO completes approximately 7 projects on this priority list each year. All 31 municipalities have projects submitted and all compete for funding. The Broward MPO has to prioritize and decide on which projects to fund. The current focus for project selection is with Complete Street concepts.

Comment from attendee:

Not a resident of the area being considered but a Fort Lauderdale resident looking to do a complete streets project for Dixie Hwy. Suggested residents get on board with the complete streets concept and move forward because there are a lot of communities looking to advance their projects and initiatives through this process.

Q12. If option 1 is eliminated what is the timeline for getting Option 2 funded?

A12. Phase 1 would take approximately 8 to 12 months to reach 60% design if the MPO selects this project to move forward. Nothing is guaranteed but this option is more in line with the MPO's initiatives.

Q13. Can we look at reaching out more to residents and communities for future meetings?

A13. We will use every available resource to notify the public of outreach meetings.

Q14. Are we considering connections to other streets with option 2 such as connecting 5th Court to 9th Avenue?

A14. We will need to evaluate the ROW for all east-west corridors that connect NW 7th Avenue with NW 9th Avenue if a decision is made to proceed with option 2.

Resident Comment:

I think Option 2 is excellent; seems that residents will feel more comfortable in their neighborhoods with the added complete streets elements being proposed in the alternative design option.