



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

**FROM:** Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** June 4, 2013

**TITLE:** Ordinance - Mass Transportation Systems Assessments

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt an Ordinance on second reading establishing procedures and standards for the imposition of assessments for the funding of mass transportation systems.

**Background**

This Ordinance will provide a process for the imposition of assessments to fund mass transportation systems. The adoption of these procedures is necessary to allow a special assessment to be imposed by the City to fund a portion of the capital costs for the Wave Streetcar project. This ordinance is not specific to the Wave project, but to all transportation related assessments. It creates a procedure or process in which the City can exercise its home rule authority for imposing assessments for transportation improvements. The procedure provided in the ordinance allows the City to adopt a resolution for the Wave assessment and to impose a similar assessment for transportation improvements in the future without the need to adopt a new ordinance. Additional language has been included in the definition of Government Property in order to clarify this definition in the Ordinance.

The Wave Streetcar project is a modern electric streetcar system that will serve as a local circulator in Downtown Fort Lauderdale. It will have 10 stations with headways of 7.5/10 minutes (peak/off-peak). On April 1, 2008 under resolution 08-71, the City Commission endorsed the Downtown Transit Circulator (Wave Streetcar) project. It recommended a preferred route, identified the City's funding level, and endorsed the special assessment process for additional funding.

On December 18, 2012, the City Commission held a public hearing and passed a resolution to collect an assessment through the use of the uniform method of levy, collection and enforcement. **(Exhibit 1)**

On April 16, 2013, the City Commission approved this item on first reading (O-3).

On May 7, 2013, the City Commission deferred this item to the June 4, 2013 meeting.

Over 150 public outreach meetings have been conducted to date since 2003. Below is the public outreach meeting plan with additional opportunities to provide feedback.

Meetings with neighborhoods that have 100% of their boundary within the assessment:

- Poinciana Park Civic Association 4/10/13
- Flagler Village Association 4/17/13
- Downtown Civic Association 4/18/13

Meeting with neighborhoods that do not have 100% of their boundary within the assessment were:

- Croissant Park
- Beverly Heights
- Victoria Park
- Tarpon River
- Sailboat Bend
- Progresso Village

Meetings were held with other residential property owners, business groups and large non-residential property owners/institutions through April 30<sup>th</sup>.

An additional public hearing is being held on June 4, 2013 via Commission Agenda Memo #13-0595.

### **Resource Impact**

No impact at this time.

### **Related CAMs:**

- #13-0595 Public Hearing to Adopt Final Assessment Resolution
- #13-0592 Ordinance on Second Reading; deferred to June 4, 2013 meeting
- #13-0484 Ordinance on First Reading Mass Transportation Systems Assessments
- #13-0333 Wave Streetcar Project Special Assessment Overview
- #12-2601 Public Hearing - Election of the Uniform Method of Collecting Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessment for the Downtown Transit Circulator (Wave Streetcar) Project

Attachments:

Exhibit 1: Resolution #12-241

Exhibit 2: Ordinance

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