



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#24-0719

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

FROM: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

DATE: August 20, 2024

TITLE: Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of a Grant Application to the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization Complete Streets and other Local Initiatives Program Grant - **(Commission District 2)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Commission adopt a resolution authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Complete Streets and other Local Initiatives Program (CSLIP) for the South Middle River Mobility Project in the amount up to \$4,000,000 for construction.

Background

Annually, the Broward MPO puts out a call for projects for the CSLIP. The CSLIP is a competitive grant program aimed to fund medium sized projects with construction costs between \$1,000,000 and \$4,000,000 including Complete Streets, Safety & Security, Sustainability Initiatives, and Technology Advancements. The application requires a resolution of support from the City Commission.

Applications are objectively evaluated and ranked based on connectivity, mobility, safety, and economic development. Each year municipalities are allowed to submit up to two (2) projects independently and an additional two (2) with partner agencies. However, over the past several years, the MPO has funded approximately three (3) projects annually based on the availability of funds. Furthermore, municipalities would not receive funding for a second project until all other eligible projects are funded from other municipalities. For this reason, only one project is being submitted for consideration this year.

Awarded projects will be vetted by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) who oversees the use of Federal Transportation Funds that are spent on local roadways by municipalities to ensure eligibility and compliance with implementation regulations. The City will be required to manage the design and construction of the project in compliance with the Federal Local Agency Program (LAP) as well as fund the contingency costs. The grant is reimbursable beginning with design in FY2031 and the Construction funded in FY2034.

Staff recommends the proposed South Middle River Mobility Project for the CSLIP

program this cycle. The neighborhood has completed a transportation master plan that identified the needs and preferred improvements. The improvements proposed include the addition of sidewalks and traffic calming through raised intersections, intersection realignments, and asphalt speed humps to improve safety of all users. The proposed project will implement the following:

- NE/NW 13th Street - add ADA ramps between Powerline Road and NE 4th Avenue
- NW 7th Avenue - add traffic calming devices between Sunrise Boulevard and NW 13th Street
- NE/NW 16th Street - add traffic calming between Powerline Road and NE 4th Avenue
- NE/NW 11th Street – add sidewalks between Powerline Road and NE 4th Avenue
- NW 1st Avenue – add sidewalks between Sunrise Boulevard and NW 13th Street
- Northern Passage cut thru - add traffic calming devices between Andrews Avenue and Powerline Road of NW 17th Street /NW 6th Avenue/NW 18th Street/NW 7th Avenue/NW 19th Street and NW 17th Court/NW 3rd Terrace/NW 17th Place.

Staff met with the South Middle River Civic Association over the past several years regarding these projects to develop the desired priority corridors and scope and have verified support of the projects moving forward. A similar project was submitted last year to the same grant program and scored highly. Detailed engineering cost estimates are being developed.

Resource Impact

If awarded, the funding will be through a reimbursable grant beginning in FY2031. The City will be required to provide contingency funding for the awarded project in FY2034 during the construction phase. Additionally, the city will be required to maintain the new sidewalks and traffic calming features once installed.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *FY 2024 Commission Priority*, advancing the Transportation & Traffic Initiative.

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

- Infrastructure & 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 Infrastructure Focus Area
- Transportation & Mobility Element
- Goal 2: Obtain the highest possible value and utility from investments in the City's transportation network.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Proposed scope of work

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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