



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
CONFERENCE MEETING**

#13-0333

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

FROM: Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: April 2, 2013

TITLE: Wave Streetcar Project Special Assessment Overview

The Wave 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 authorizing the collection of an assessment through the use of the uniform method of levy, collection and enforcement. (Exhibit 1)

The presentation will explain the assessment methodology, assessment rates and implementation procedures. (Exhibit 2) The DDA will be in attendance and available to answer questions, if necessary.

Public hearings will be scheduled for May 7, 2013 and June 4, 2013 and will provide public comment opportunities.

Over 150 public outreach meeting have been conducted to date since 2003. (Exhibit 3) Below is the schedule of public outreach meetings currently planned by the DDA providing for additional opportunities to provide feedback in advance of the first public hearing on May 7th.

Neighborhoods that have 100% of their boundary within the assessment:

- Poinciana Park Civic Association – Wednesday, April 10th at 6:00 p.m.
- Downtown Civic Association – Thursday, April 18th at 7:00 p.m.
- Flagler Village Association – Wednesday, April 17th 6:30 p.m.

Neighborhoods that do not have 100% of their boundary within the assessment will be invited to a future meeting (by April 30th). They include:

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

In addition, the DDA will be conducting one-on-one meetings with business groups and large non-residential property owners/institutions through April 30th.

Resource Impact

There is no resource impact at this time.

Related CAM:

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: Wave Assessment Program

Exhibit 3: Public Outreach Report

Exhibit 4: Assessment Program Report

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