



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#22-0016

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: February 15, 2022

TITLE: Motion Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization to Implement Tactical Urbanism Enhancements on NE 15th Avenue Through The BTactical Urbanism Program – **(Commission District 2)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a Memorandum of Understanding, in substantially the same form, with the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to include tactical urbanism enhancements on NE 15th Avenue between NE 11th Street and NE 13th Street to be funded through their BTactical Urbanism Program.

Background

The Lake Ridge neighborhood completed a Neighborhood Mobility Master Plan with assistance from the City's Transportation & Mobility Department in 2015 which was accepted by the City Commission on August 22, 2017. Through that process the neighborhood prioritized the implementation of lane repurposing on NE 15th Avenue between Sunrise Boulevard and NE 13th Street as their priority project. This project has been supported by the City Commission to move forward for grant funding for implementation many times; most recently on October 21, 2021 to the MPO's Complete Streets and Other Localized Initiatives Program. As the full project is not funded at this time, City staff and the neighborhood desire to implement a paint and striping pilot project to install the desired cross-section.

Transportation & Mobility staff responded to the MPO's call for projects through their BTactical Program in November 2021 to leverage the striping work being completed by the City. After evaluating all the responses received, the Broward MPO selected the City's proposal for improvements along NE 15th Avenue as the top candidate for the Pilot 2022 Quick Build Pilot Project. The criteria used to rank and select areas in need of infrastructure improvement included: safety, connectivity, mobility, the Complete Streets Master Plan Bundle areas, and the High Injury Network (HIN).

The MPO's BTactical Program was established in 2020 through their Complete Streets Initiative Program to assist cities with temporary quick build projects focused on safety,

accessibility, and connectivity needs. Typically, the projects utilize low-cost measures such as paint, delineators and planters in collaboration with the neighbors through an engaging process that involves community participation in the installation.

The MPO will be providing technical assistance to implement tactical urbanism measures through a team of consultants and staff. The project on NE 15th Avenue will include green paint in the bike lanes, painting of a bike box north of NE 13th Street, installing delineators and planters within the buffer areas to improve compliance of vehicles not using the bike lanes, as well as safety within the bike lanes and medians. The process will include community engagement including a walk with neighbors to understand the corridor, sharing of ideas, and to implement measures that are identified through that process as possible.

If approved, the project will begin in February 2022 and be completed by the end of May 2022.

Resource Impact

This action will result in a positive impact to the City in the form of technical assistance from the MPO. No funding will directly be provided to the City. The resource impact will be the necessary staff time to participate in the project.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2021 Top Commission Priority*, advancing the Infrastructure, Transportation and Traffic initiatives.

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

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

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- The Transportation & Mobility Element
- Goal 1: Ensure the equitable development of a Complete Network for Transportation that prioritizes Safety and emphasizes multimodal mobility and accessibility.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Memorandum of Understanding

Exhibit 2 – Location Map

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