

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE City Commission Agenda Memo REGULAR MEETING

TO:	Honorable Mayor & Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
FROM:	Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager
DATE:	May 3, 2022
TITLE:	Resolution of Support for the NW 21 st Avenue Complete Streets and Other Localized Initiatives Grant Project - (Commission District 1)

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Commission adopt a resolution supporting Oakland Park's NW 21st Avenue Complete Streets and Other Localized Initiative Grant Project which includes the installation of green coloring within the existing bike lanes in the City of Fort Lauderdale on NW 21st Avenue from north of Prospect Road to Commercial Boulevard.

Background

The City of Oakland Park applied for funding for mobility improvements through the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization's (BMPO) Complete Streets and Other Localize Initiatives Grant program in 2019 for a project on NW 21 Avenue between NW 26th Street and Commercial Boulevard. NW 21st Avenue is under the jurisdiction of Broward County and is within the municipalities of Fort Lauderdale, Tamarac and Oakland Park.

The scope of the overall project includes the installation of landscaped medians, narrowing vehicle travel lanes to widening existing bike lanes, the installation of green coloring in the bike lane, and milling and resurfacing from NW 26th Street to Oakland Park Boulevard. The project scope also includes adding green coloring to the existing bike lanes that were added through another project recently completed from Oakland Park Boulevard to Commercial Boulevard.

The Fort Lauderdale City limit is within the project area from the canal north of Prospect Road to Commercial Boulevard. This includes approximately 1,820 linear feet of bike lanes to be colored green. The green coloring will be installed through the project and are supported by the roadway owner, Broward County. However, the County will not maintain the green coloring and requires that each municipality commit to the maintenance within their respective boundaries. The project is scheduled to begin design in FY23, construction in FY25 and will be managed by the Florida Department of Transportation. Since the design has yet to begin, the materials for the green coloring have not been determined.

The Resolution of Support, if approved, will be utilized to advance the project to the design phase. A subsequent Commission action will be required prior to the construction phase, which will identify the associated maintenance responsibilities and funding requirements.

Resource Impact

There are no current fiscal year resource impacts related to this action. However, the action indicates that the City, contingent upon future budget appropriations, will fund the future maintenance expenditures of the green coloring in the bike lanes. The future expenditures cannot be identified at this time, as the product materials have not been determined.

Strategic Connections

This item is a 2022 Top Commission Priority, advancing the Transportation and Traffic initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 2: Build a multi-modal and pedestrian friendly community.
- Objective: Improve roads, sidewalks, and trails to prioritize a safer, more walkable and bikeable community

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

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan:

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Location Map Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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