



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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: March 8, 2023

TITLE: Resolution of Support Endorsing New Municipal Capital Projects as Part of the 2023 Mobility Advancement Program Projects for Broward County Surtax Funding - **(Commission Districts 1, 2 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution of support endorsing New Municipal Capital Projects, as a part of the 2023 Mobility Advancement Program Projects for Broward County Surtax Funding.

Background

In November 2018, Broward County residents approved a local one-cent surtax, beginning January 1, 2019, for 30-years to increase mobility and address transportation challenges in Broward County. Each year, the municipalities in Broward County can submit funding applications for Municipal Capital Projects. The Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is responsible for the application review and ranks the projects. The Broward County's Transportation Surtax General Counsel determines eligibility, the amount of funding available and approval (or denial) of the projects to be funded.

The City of Fort Lauderdale was awarded nine surtax projects in the 2020. In 2021 and 2022, the City of Fort Lauderdale submitted 19 and 14 projects applications, respectively, of which no projects were awarded funding.

The 2023 Municipal Capital Project application period opened on February 10, 2023, and will close on March 10, 2023. The applications require a resolution from the City Commission stating support for the projects to establish funding eligibility with Surtax funding. This year, each City is allowed to submit only three project applications with the understanding that each project must either create a new roadway, expand a roadway or intersection, or implement traffic calming measures. Two of the selected projects were the City's best ranked applications from 2022. Public outreach was completed for all three projects, all projects have a defined scope, and align with Transportation Surtax criteria.

The following 2023 project applications, if awarded, would be programmed for funding in 2027:

NE 26th Street Complete Streets Project

(District 1 – Coral Ridge Association) – The proposed project is located on NE 26th Street from US1 to Bayview Drive and will implement the neighborhood’s Master Plan. The proposed improvements include a sidewalk on the north side of the street, updated traffic calming features through raised intersections and tightening of turning radii, bike lanes, an extended left turn lane from NE 26th Street westbound onto US1. In addition, the project includes a roundabout at the intersection of NE 26th Street and Bayview Drive, intersection improvements at NE 26th Street and Middle River Drive, and the upgrade of roadway lighting to improve safety and sustainability. The application requests design funding in an amount of \$650,000.

SW 14th Avenue and Middle Street - Capacity increase and added parking lane

(District 2 – Sailboat Bend) - The proposed project is located on SW 14th Avenue, from Middle Street to Argyle Drive adjacent to the new City of Fort Lauderdale Police Station. This roadway improvement project intends to improve traffic flow from the neighborhood streets to Broward Boulevard with associated impacts on SW 14th Avenue, Middle Street and Argyle Drive. The project scope incorporates a right turning lane from SW 14th Avenue to Broward Boulevard, which should decrease neighborhood congestion and facilitate a more seamless flow of traffic. The project includes raised intersections on SW 14th Avenue and Middle Street as well as sidewalks, crosswalks, repositioning of on-street parking, curb and gutter, drainage systems, American with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramps, signage, and street lighting. The application requests design funding in an amount of \$223,320.

SW 19th Avenue and SW 20th Street-New Road construction

(District 4 – River Oaks) - The proposed project is located on SW 19th Avenue between SW 20th Street and SW 21st Street. The proposed work will include construction of a new roadway between SW 19th Avenue and SW 20th Street. The construction of the new road will improve traffic conditions providing an additional route throughout the neighborhood. The proposed project will include excavation, sub-base, base, asphalt, paving markings, signs, sidewalk, landscape, drainage, and other incidental activities. The surtax request is for construction funding in an amount of \$1,712,000.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

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* specifically advancing:

- 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.

Attachment:

Exhibit 1 - Resolution

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