



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE City Commission Agenda Memo REGULAR MEETING

- TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
- **FROM**: Greg Chavarria, City Manager
- **DATE**: May 16, 2023
- TITLE: Resolution of Support for the Submission of Projects for Consideration to the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization to be Included in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution of support for the submission of projects to the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to be considered for inclusion in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The proposed projects include major transportation priority projects in the City of Fort Lauderdale that are in need of funding.

Background

The Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is a federally mandated public agency that serves as a catalyst for change in transportation. The Broward MPO is responsible for making policy on local transportation issues and deciding how to collaboratively spend federal money on important transportation projects that deliver solutions, help keep Broward County moving, and improve quality of life for all.

The federal government requires all MPOs in the country to produce a Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) that is a 20-year planning document illustrating the transportation projects that are priorities for the county. This document is updated every five (5) years and during each of those cycles, local municipalities are asked to share their priority projects for potential inclusion in the document.

The Broward MPO uses the MTP to guide the use of Federal, State, and other funds to create a transportation system that moves people and goods, creates jobs, and strengthens communities within its planning area. The MTP will identify transportation needs in the Broward region and include a plan that can be funded with sources that are reasonably expected to be available between today and the year 2050.

Additionally, to receive federal transportation funding through earmarks or competitive grants, projects need to be identified in the MTP.

The MPO is in the process of their five-year update branded as *Route to 2050.* Staff met with the MPO on March 10, 2023, to review potential projects and learn from the Broward MPO about their direction for project inclusion specific to this cycle.

Based on that direction, Transportation and Mobility Staff prepared the Project Needs List (Exhibit 2) of projects that have been identified as needs, including projects on local roads, the Bridge Master Plan priority listing, and projects on State and County roadways to continue to advocate for their implementation.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

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

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

- Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 2 Build a multi-modal and pedestrian friendly community.
- Objective 1 Improve transportation options and reduce congestion by working with partners.

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Location Map Exhibit 2 – Project Needs List Exhibit 3 – Resolution

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