



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

**#23-0841**

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

**FROM:** Greg Chavarria, City Manager

**DATE:** September 19, 2023

**TITLE:** Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of Grant Applications to the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization Complete Streets and other Local Initiatives Program Grant (CSLIP) - **(Commission Districts 1 and 2)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the City Commission adopt a resolution authorizing the submittal of grant applications to the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Complete Streets and other Local Initiatives Program (CSLIP) for NE 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue Complete Streets Project and the South Middle River Mobility Project in the amount up to \$3,000,000 for construction with a prioritization of NE 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue as the local preference.

**Background**

Annually, the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) puts out a call for projects for the CSLIP. The CSLIP is a competitive grant program aimed to fund medium sized projects with construction costs between \$500,000 and \$3,000,000 including Complete Streets, Safety & Security, Sustainability Initiatives, and Technology Advancements. Each municipality may submit up to two (2) city projects, and up to two (2) projects in partnership with other agencies or cities. The application requires a resolution of support from the City Commission.

Applications are objectively evaluated based on connectivity, mobility, safety, and economic development. Projects will be ranked with the top two or three projects receiving funding based on the availability of funds. Awarded projects will be vetted by the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT's) Local Agency Program (LAP), which regulates how Federal Funds are spent on local roadways by municipalities. The City will be required to manage the design and construction of the project(s) as well as fund the contingency costs. The grant is reimbursable beginning with design in FY2030, and the Construction funded in FY2032.

The NE 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue project has continued to rank near the top of the list, ranking third in last year's application cycle. This rank will potentially receive funding; however, it is depending on the amount of funding available in the FDOT Work Program which will not be finalized until after this year's application due date. The MPO recommended that the City reapply this year for the NE 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue project to ensure we do not miss a cycle if it

is not funded as part of the prior application cycle. It is recommended that NE 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue be the local preference if both projects are ranked for funding this cycle.

Last year, the NE 26<sup>th</sup> Street project CSLIP application was not awarded, however it has been recommended for funding through the Broward County Transportation Surtax Program and therefore is not being recommended for CSLIP funding this cycle. In its place, City staff recommend submitting an application for the South Middle River Mobility project.

The proposed projects to submit to the CSLIP program this cycle include:

- **NE 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue Complete Streets Project (FY24 City Commission Priority Project)**  
(District 1 & 2 – Lake Ridge & Poinsettia Heights) - The project is located on NE 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Sunrise Blvd and the South Fork of the Middle River. It will create a consistent cross-section for the length of the project and improve pedestrian crossings. The project is a priority for the Lake Ridge Neighborhood Mobility Master Plan (completed in 2015) and would be the permanent implementation of the tactical temporary project recently installed, with any additional modifications identified as needed. The grant funded project will add to the existing temporary project through the installation of landscaped median islands, addressing conflicts at the southern end of the project, adding raised intersections at NE 12<sup>th</sup> Street and NE 11<sup>th</sup> Street, while maintaining the current bike lanes and crosswalks. The project will also improve the section between NE 13<sup>th</sup> Street and the South Fork of the Middle River by adding a pedestrian crossing at NE 14<sup>th</sup> Street to improve safety for school children, raised intersections, raised crosswalks, extension of several medians, resurface the roadway, and deliver enhancements on the corridor, as identified by the Poinsettia Heights neighborhood.
- **South Middle River Mobility Project**  
(District 2 – South Middle River) – The neighborhood has completed a mobility master plan that identified the transportation needs and preferred improvements which include completion of missing sidewalks and traffic calming across the neighborhood. The proposed project will focus on the major corridors of NW 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, NW/NE 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW 7<sup>th</sup> Terrace, and the northern passages between Andrews Avenue and Powerline Road of NW 17<sup>th</sup> St/NW 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue/NW 18<sup>th</sup> Street/NW 7<sup>th</sup> Ave/NW 19<sup>th</sup> Street and NW 17<sup>th</sup> Ct/NW 3<sup>rd</sup> Ter/NW 17<sup>th</sup> Pl. The improvements will include the addition of sidewalks and traffic calming through raised intersections and intersection realignments to improve safety of all users.

Staff met with the Poinsettia Heights Board, Lake Ridge Residents Association, and South Middle River Civic Association many times over the past several years regarding these projects to develop the desired scopes and have verified support of the projects moving forward.

**Resource Impact**

If awarded, the funding will be through a reimbursable grant beginning in FY2030 for design, and FY2032 construction and CEI. The City will be required to provide contingency funding for the awarded project in FY2032 during the construction phase. Additionally, the City will be required to maintain the new sidewalks and traffic calming features once installed.

**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 - Improve roads, sidewalks, and trails to prioritize a safer, more walkable and bikeable community
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This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision Plan 2035: We Are Connected*.

**Attachments**

- Exhibit 1 – NE 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue Complete Streets Project
- Exhibit 2 – South Middle River Mobility Project
- Exhibit 3 – Resolution

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