



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

FROM: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

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TITLE: Resolution of Support for the Projects Identified by the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization within the City of Fort Lauderdale to be Included in Metropolitan Transportation Plan - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution of support for the projects identified by the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization within the City of Fort Lauderdale to be included in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

Background

The Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization is a federally mandated public agency that is responsible for creating policy on regional transportation issues and deciding how to collaboratively spend federal money on transportation projects in Broward County.

The federal government requires all Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) in the country to produce a Metropolitan Transportation Plan that is a long-range planning document illustrating the transportation projects that are priorities for the MPO's region. 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 identifies transportation needs in Broward County 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 a five-year update branded as *Route to 2050*. On May 16, 2023, the City Commission passed a resolution of support for the list of projects to submit to the MPO for consideration for inclusion in the MTP. The City submitted 79 projects

which included a variety of needs from moving vehicles, complete streets, LauderTrail, and projects from the bridge master plan.

The MPO has since reviewed the projects submitted by the cities and agencies within Broward County. The review was first based on the requirement of projects having to be regionally significant. The projects were then grouped into the relevant funding categories of Roadway, Complete Streets, Transit & Hubs, Technology, Resiliency, or Safety. Within those categories projects were ranked based on the prioritization criteria adopted by the MPO Board that relates to Equity & Accessibility, Resiliency & Safety, and Economic Vitality & Mobility. Following the prioritization, cost projections were developed, and projects were included in the Cost Feasible Program based on projected funding availability.

The following is the list of projects submitted by the City that are included in the final MTP Cost Feasible Plan:

- Powerline Road Safety Project – Sunrise Boulevard North of Oakland Park Boulevard
- LauderTrail – Sailboat Bend/Dorsey Riverbend
- Riverside Park Mobility Project
- Victoria Park Mobility Project
- NE 15th Avenue Bridge over the South Fork of the Middle River
- Sunrise Boulevard at A1A Eastbound Lane Redesign
- NW 31st Avenue – Multimodal Corridor Project
- NE 15th Avenue over S Fort of Middle River Bridge Project

The Cost Feasible Plan includes twenty-six projects submitted by the City, MPO, Florida Department of Transportation, and South Florida Transportation Authority within the city boundaries. There are forty-five (45) additional eligible projects that will be included as unfunded needs in the Plan.

The MPO requires the City Commission to adopt a resolution of support for the final list of projects to be included in the MTP so that projects are eligible for potential future funding.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact with this action. The action will allow for potential future federal funding for the projects listed. Any future programming of projects will require additional Commission action prior to programming.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *FY 2024 Commission Priority*, advancing the Transportation & Traffic Initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029 Strategic Plan*, specifically *advancing*:

- The Infrastructure & Resilience Focus Area, Goal 4 - Facilitate an efficient, multimodal transportation network.

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – MTP List of Projects Within the City of Fort Lauderdale

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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