



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
CRA BOARD MEETING

#15-0614

TO: CRA Chairman & Board of Directors
Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, Executive Director

DATE: May 5, 2015

TITLE: Streetcar Feasibility Study

The purpose of this item is to provide the scope of service for the Streetcar Feasibility Study along Sistrunk Boulevard. Per the agreement between the City of Fort Lauderdale and Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (BMPO) for Transportation Planning Services, approved at the September 3, 2014 Commission meeting, City staff negotiated a task order to complete the feasibility study. The scope of work to be performed by T.Y. Lin International (Exhibit 1), in the amount of \$198,000, is expected to be completed by late August. The study will analyze the technical feasibility of implementing a streetcar along Sistrunk Boulevard to include: ridership, operations, existing and proposed land use, integration with the Wave Streetcar phase 1 system, connections to existing and proposed transit systems and transportation improvements, capital and operations and maintenance costs, potential funding sources, and issues to overcome.

As background, at the October 21, 2014 Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board Meeting, the Board requested that a feasibility study be completed to extend the Wave Streetcar along Sistrunk Boulevard from the existing project alignment westward to the City limits. At the November 4, 2014 meeting, the CRA Board authorized staff and the BMPO to conduct the feasibility study via CAM 14-1383 (Exhibit 2) to complete a streetcar feasibility study along Sistrunk Boulevard.

The City Commission authorized staff to negotiate and execute a task order with the BMPO via CAM 14-1446 at the November 4, 2014 City Commission Meeting. The CRA Board and the City Commission also authorized an amendment to the FY 2015 Community Investment Plan (CIP) and Budget by amending the appropriate accounts in the Northwest Progresso Flagler Heights Community Redevelopment Agency (NPF CRA) CIP Fund in the amount of \$300,000 to complete the feasibility study.

On April 7, 2015 the City Commission held a workshop with the members of the NPF CRA Advisory Board. One of the issues discussed was the WAVE Streetcar project and its impacts to Flagler Village, as well as, the viability of the proposed extension west along Sistrunk Boulevard and the types of impacts extending the system might have future development patterns. As a result of the discussion on the WAVE Streetcar, there was consensus amongst members of the commission and advisory board that any extension of the WAVE westward along Sistrunk Blvd. would end at N.W. 7th Avenue. The result of this discussion will be taken into account during the feasibility study.

Resource Impact

The feasibility study has been funded by the Community Redevelopment Agency. The budget amendment approved through CAM 14-1218 includes a fiscal impact to the Northwest Progresso Flagler Heights CRA operating budget of \$198,000.00.

<i>Funds available as of</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)	PURCHASE AMOUNT
DSD060601-106-3199	CRA Community Redevelopment	Services- Materials/Other Professional Services	\$968,864	\$916,230	\$198,000.
PURCHASE TOTAL ►					\$198,000.

Strategic Connections:

This item is a Commission Annual Action Plan priority, included within the Management Agenda, advancing the Wave Streetcar.

It is also a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Infrastructure Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 1: Be a pedestrian friendly, multi-modal City.
- Objective 1: Improve transportation options and reduce congestion by working with agency partners.
- Initiative 3: Work with partners to construct the Wave Streetcar, including the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) ordinances and connections to airport, port, and rail stations.

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

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 Scope of Work – Sistrunk Boulevard Streetcar Feasibility Study

Exhibit 2 Commission Agenda Memo 14-1383

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