



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

#15-0498

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

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: September 16, 2015

TITLE: Resolution to Approve a Highway Maintenance Memorandum of
Agreement for Improvements - NW 9th Avenue Improvement Project with
Florida Department of Transportation

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution authorizing execution of a Highway Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement (HMMOA) (Exhibit 1), in substantially the form attached, with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for improvements to be constructed for the NW 9th Avenue improvement project.

Background

The City was awarded a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant in 2012 for the NW 9th Avenue Improvement Project within the Dorsey-Riverbend Neighborhood and Northwest Community Redevelopment Agency (NWCRA).

The project is a neighborhood Complete Streets improvement project from Broward Boulevard to Sistrunk Boulevard, which will include:

- Resurfacing of NW 9th Avenue;
- Four-foot wide bike lane where possible and sharrows otherwise;
- Utility adjustments;
- Drainage modifications and improvements including bioswales and french drain;
- Installation of solar pedestrian lighting;
- Additional landscaping;
- Improvements to the intersection of NW 4th Street to realign the roadway and install a pedestal signal which will replace the existing mast arm.

A public outreach meeting to review the proposed plans was held on July 21, 2015.

In compliance with Title 23, U.S. Code, Section 116 and Federal Highway Administration regulations, the HMMOA between FDOT and the City is required in order to maintain the project prior to construction taking place. This agreement also includes the City granting permission to FDOT and its contractors, to enter onto existing City properties to construct the project, certify that the project can be constructed within the existing public right-of-way, as well as, the City's commitment to maintain the improvements once constructed and the final inspection is completed to the City's satisfaction.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact at this time since the improvements will not be completed until Fiscal Year 2017. In future years, annual maintenance costs will be incurred for landscaping, sidewalks, pavement and pedestrian lighting as the enhancements are installed. The costs will be limited during the first several years, with increases over time. These enhancements will be incorporated into the regular landscaping, pavement, lighting and sidewalk maintenance of City streets following the completion of construction.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan*, included within the Infrastructure Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 1: Be a pedestrian friendly, multi-modal City.
- Objective 2: Improve transportation land use and planning to create a walkable and bikeable community.
- Initiative 1: Plan for the Metropolitan Planning Organization Hub network to connect people from live centers to employment centers.

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

Related CAMs

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Attachments

Exhibit 1 - Highway Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement

Exhibit 2 - Resolution

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