



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#16-0113

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

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

DATE: February 16, 2016

TITLE: Resolution Approving a Locally Funded Agreement with Florida
Department of Transportation for the Old Dixie Highway Project

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution authorizing execution of a Locally Funded Agreement (LFA) (Exhibit 1), in substantially the form attached, with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to construct the Old Dixie Highway Complete Streets Project on behalf of the City.

Background

The Middle River Terrace Civic Association was previously awarded a Neighborhood Community Investment Program (NCIP) Grant to develop a conceptual plan for Complete Streets improvements on Old Dixie Highway. In 2013, a final concept was agreed upon that included on-street bike lanes, traffic calming including a traffic circle, landscaping, stormwater improvements, and pedestrian lighting.

Since that time, the project has continued to move forward toward construction. Funding was established through the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Work Program; however, there was still a gap in the necessary construction funds. In 2014, the City was successful in the \$1 million Transportation Alternatives Grant (TAP) application to fill the gap in funding, specifically for construction of the traffic calming elements of the project. Additionally, in 2014, FDOT began the project design including meeting with staff to understand the expectations of the City and to receive the details of the conceptual plan developed by Middle River Terrace.

There have been several public meetings throughout the design process to ensure that the project is meeting the expectations of the neighborhood's conceptual design including a public meeting on May, 21, 2015 to review the draft plans. The project will include implementation of the neighborhood vision including:

- Filling in sidewalk gaps to have 5' sidewalks on both sides of the street
- A traffic circle at NE 16th Court
- Addition of four foot bike lanes
- Reduction of lane width from 12' to 10' lane widths
- Additional landscaping
- Raised table intersections with crosswalks: NE 13th Court, NE 14th Court (West), NE 15th Street (East), NE 16th Street (West), NE 16th Court (raised roundabout), NE 17th Street, and NE 17th Court (East)
- Raised crosswalk only at: North of NE 14th Place (West), North of 14th Place (East), South of NE 15th Street, North of NE 18th Street, and North of NE 18th Court
- Pedestrian lighting
- Reduction of the speed limit from 35mph to 25mph
- New neighborhood entry monument signs as designed by the neighborhood
- Adjusting the curve that is not currently centered in the right of way to allow sidewalks on each side of the street
- Improvements to drainage through swale improvements
- Reduction of corner radii in certain locations to reduce speeds entering and existing cross-streets

The current schedule anticipates 100% design plans to be complete in July with the project going out to bid in late October. Construction is anticipated to begin by the end of the year and likely to take a year's time to complete. Final construction phasing and timing will not be determined until a construction contractor is selected.

The total project cost is estimated at \$2,984,022 for construction with \$87,450 of that total coming from NCIP funds being contributed toward the construction of two new monument signs and additional landscaping. Combining these projects reduces City costs by having the design completed by FDOT as part of the overall project and including the installation of the items as part of the overall project construction.

Resource Impact

The resource impact to the City is the contribution of the \$87,450 of NCIP funds that were awarded to the Middle River Terrace Civic Association to be transferred to FDOT for coordinated implementation of the neighborhood entryway signs and additional landscaping.

<i>Funds will be available as of January 20, 2016</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	PURCHASE AMOUNT
331-P12081.331-6599	DIXIE HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS	CAPITAL OUTLAY/ CONSTRUCTION	\$87,450.00	\$87,450.00	\$87,450.00
			PURCHASE TOTAL		\$87,450.00

Strategic Connections

This item is 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 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 CAM

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Attachments

Exhibit 1 - Locally Funded Agreement

Exhibit 2 - Resolution

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