



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
CONFERENCE MEETING

#16-0204

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

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

DATE: March 15, 2016

TITLE: Cypress Creek Mobility Hub Master Plan Study Presentation

South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA), in conjunction with the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and infrastructure solutions consultant, HNTB, will present to the City Commission the final report on the Cypress Creek Mobility Hub Master Plan Study. The presentation will include an overview of the planning process, market analysis, case study comparisons, recommendations, and next steps. City staff will participate in the presentation by discussing the larger effort with the Uptown area.

The Cypress Creek Mobility Hub Master Plan was developed in order to identify infrastructure improvements, site plan concepts, and joint development strategies that can be implemented in, and around the Cypress Creek Tri-Rail Station. The overall purpose of the master plan is to identify potential development on the 5.83 acres of land located immediately west of the Tri-Rail station, which is currently used for surface parking.

As part of the planning process, SFRTA and MPO requested participation from interested parties including the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Broward County, the City of Fort Lauderdale, and the City of Oakland Park, for the purpose of forming a steering committee. Representing the City were Jim Hetzel, Principal Planner with the Department of Sustainable Development, Karen Mendrala, Principal Planner with the Department of Transportation and Mobility, and Karen Reese, Business Assistance Coordinator, Department of Transportation and Mobility (Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport). The steering committee met monthly from December 2014 to October 2015 to provide feedback on various planning aspects ranging from land use and zoning regulations, to infrastructure availability and impacts from airport operations.

The planning effort was completed in October 2015 and a technical memorandum was prepared in December 2015. The memorandum identifies funded opportunities and infrastructure improvements for the mobility hub site with the overall goal to plan for efficient transportation connections that will support future growth and development,

enhance walkability, promote multi-modal options, and sustainable land development. The plan consists of the following aspects:

- Alignment with previous planning efforts and studies;
- Development opportunities on publicly owned land;
- Improved access to the Tri-Rail station for all transportation modes;
- Enhanced pedestrian connections;
- Improved bus circulation and access;
- Improved connection to the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport;
- Evaluation of enhanced Broward County Transit, Tri-Rail Shuttle service, and Express Buses;
- Evaluation of public parking needs within the study area;
- Evaluation of Complete Streets implementation within the study area;
- Traffic synchronization;
- Market analysis and demand; and
- Recommendations as well as next steps.

Exhibit 1 is copy of the presentation slides and Exhibit 2 is the Cypress Creek Mobility Hub Master Plan technical memorandum dated December 2015.

SFRTA and MPO are requesting City Commission support and acceptance of the findings and results of the technical memorandum by adopting a formal Resolution, which can be prepared for the upcoming April 5, 2016 City Commission agenda.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Neighborhood Enhancement Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 5: Be a community of strong, beautiful, and healthy neighborhoods.
- Objective 2: Enhance the beauty, aesthetics, and environmental quality of neighborhoods.

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – PowerPoint Presentation

Exhibit 2 – Cypress Creek Mobility Hub Technical Memo

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