



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#16-0138

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

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

DATE: April 5, 2016

TITLE: Resolution Accepting the Cypress Creek Mobility Hub Master Plan
Technical Memorandum prepared by HTNB Corporation for South Florida
Regional Transportation Authority and Broward Metropolitan Planning
Organization dated December 2015

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution accepting the findings and recommendations from the Cypress Creek Mobility Hub Master Plan Technical Memorandum prepared by HTNB Corporation (HNTB) for South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) and Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

Background

At the March 15, 2016, City Commission Conference Meeting, a presentation was made to the City Commission outlining the findings and recommendations of the Cypress Creek Mobility Hub Master Plan and its relation to current City efforts regarding the Envision Uptown project. At the conference meeting SFRTA, in conjunction with the MPO, and with their consultant HNTB, presented the Cypress Creek Mobility Hub Master Plan, which identified infrastructure improvements, site plan concepts, and joint development strategies that could be implemented in and around the Cypress Creek Tri-Rail Station. The overall purpose of the master plan is to identify potential development to 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 Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Broward County, the City, and City of Oakland Park, for the purpose of forming a steering committee. Representing the City was Jim Hetzel, Urban Design and Planning, Karen Mendrala, Transportation and Mobility, and Karen Reese, 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.

In October 2015, the planning analysis was completed and a technical memorandum was generated in December 2015 which identifies funding 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 master plan memorandum identifies:

- 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.

SFRTA, in conjunction with the MPO and their consultant team HNTB, is requesting the City Commission accept and support the master plan by adopting a formal resolution. A formal resolution will support the City's planning initiatives, land use amendment, and future master plan for Uptown, as well as any potential funding opportunities through agencies such as the MPO.

Exhibit 1 is the Cypress Creek Mobility Hub Master Plan Technical Memorandum dated December 2015 and Exhibit 2 is the Resolution.

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 – Cypress Creek Mobility Hub Master Plan Technical Memorandum

Exhibit 2 – City Resolution

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