

# CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE City Commission Agenda Memo REGULAR MEETING

TO:	Honorable Mayor & Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
FROM:	Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager
DATE:	April 5, 2016
TITLE:	Resolution in Support of Co-sponsoring the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization's Application for a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution in support of cosponsoring the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) application to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) to the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant program to implement Complete Streets.

### **Background**

The Broward MPO is applying for a TIGER FY16 grant from the USDOT to help advance Complete Streets projects to create a regional network of multimodal accommodations. The application is in partnership with various communities, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Broward County to create a strong application based on regional implementation.

The MPO worked with the City to identify projects of regional significance to create a vibrant multimodal network leveraging the strong efforts that have been accomplished. The existing and programmed projects for bike lanes were mapped and the areas where there are gaps in the network projects are being proposed to be included in the MPO's TIGER application, including the two projects identified in Fort Lauderdale (Exhibit 1).

The projects that were identified within the City of Fort Lauderdale include Riverland Road/27<sup>th</sup> Avenue between SR7/US441 and Broward Boulevard and NW 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue between Prospect Road and McNab Road. These projects help to create a strong regional Complete Streets network and create important multimodal improvements for our neighbors. If successful, all projects will include a public outreach component to determine the final design elements with our neighbors.

• The proposed project along Riverland Road will provide funding to complete the improvements along Riverland Road/27<sup>th</sup> Ave. between State Road 7/US441 and Sunrise Boulevard, leveraging the work that the City is currently working on with

our neighbors between SW 31<sup>st</sup> Ave. and SW 21<sup>st</sup> St.. The projects will add bicycle and pedestrian enhancements. The roadway consists of segments that are under the jurisdiction of FDOT, Broward County and the City of Fort Lauderdale and will have varying cross-sections depending on the available right of way and desire of the community.

The NW 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue project will complete the missing segments of bike lanes to create a complete path of bike lanes from Riverland Road to Coconut Creek Parkway. The street is under the jurisdiction of Broward County. The portion of the street between Riverland Road and Commercial Boulevard will be completed as part of the Broward Mobility Project estimated to begin this fall through the Broward MPO. The proposed TIGER project will include the segment between Commercial Boulevard and McNab Road within the City of Fort Lauderdale, and extend into Pompano Beach to the north creating a 10 mile bike facility.

The application deadline for the TIGER Grant is April 29, 2016. The MPO is requesting that the City co-sponsor the TIGER application and support moving forward with projects along the identified corridors, if successful. The MPO is also requesting the City's financial commitment toward the project which is proposed to include already budgeted items as identified below.

## Resource Impact

There is no financial impact associated with this action. If awarded, the City has committed to utilize the funds already programmed through the Community Investment Plan (CIP) in the amount of \$300,000 in FY2020 under Project # FY20160401 and available annexation funds for Riverland Road. Only construction funds in Project # 12078 are eligible on the project between SW 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue and SW 21<sup>st</sup> Street and is estimated to be in the amount of \$550,000.

## **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 1: Improve transportation options and reduce congestion by working with agency partners
- Objective 3: Improve pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular safety

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

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – TIGER Project Map Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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