



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
CONFERENCE MEETING

#16-1263

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

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

DATE: October 18, 2016

TITLE: Response to Request for Additional Information - NE 4th Avenue
Complete Streets Project

A resolution of support for the subject project was considered at the September 20, 2016 City Commission meeting and deferred to allow staff time to gather additional information requested during discussion of the item (Exhibit 1). The Commission also requested a visual representation of the changes proposed along the corridor (Exhibit 2). Finally, staff revised the NE 4th Avenue Lane Elimination Application to provide clarification on data tables discussed during the September 20, 2016 Commission meeting (Exhibit 3). Staff will provide a PowerPoint Presentation (Exhibit 4) summarizing the information provided in Exhibits 1-3.

The project is located along NE 4th Avenue/Dixie Highway between Sunrise Boulevard and NE 26th Street, within Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) right of way. It was prioritized by the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) within the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan for funding due to its purpose of providing bicycle connections at a regional scale.

At its April 19, 2016 meeting, the City Commission adopted Resolution 16-72 authorizing the submittal of a lane elimination application on NE 4th Avenue to FDOT. The results of the lane elimination analysis and the proposed design are provided in the Revised NE 4th Avenue Lane Elimination Application. FDOT District Office staff have reviewed the application and determined it to be technically supported and feasible to design. They requested a resolution affirming support of the project. Once received, FDOT will submit the application for consideration by the FDOT Central Office in Tallahassee. If approved, the project will then proceed with design in December 2016, with construction anticipated in May 2018.

Based on public comments received to date, the final design will include:

- Maintaining the 4 existing vehicle lanes between Sunrise Boulevard and NE 11th Street;
- Converting the outside vehicle lane in each direction through striping to provide a dedicated bicycle lane between NE 11th Street and Middle River Bridge; and
- Striping the northbound bicycle lane beginning at NE 16th Street to accommodate school bus usage between 2:30pm to 3:00pm on weekdays.

Other public comments received that will be addressed in the design phase include: Improving the signal timing at NE 11th Street and ensuring that the bike lanes are carried through the intersections. Additional public input will be solicited during the design phase of the project.

Related CAM

#16-1250 Resolution Supporting a Complete Streets Project on NE 4th Avenue

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Additional Information – NE 4th Avenue Project

Exhibit 2 – NE 4th Concept Layout

Exhibit 3 – Revised NE 4th Avenue Lane Elimination Application

Exhibit 4 – PowerPoint Presentation

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