



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**  
**City Commission Agenda Memo**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**#17-0271**

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

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

**DATE:** March 21, 2017

**TITLE:** Resolution to Support Revisions to the Broward Metropolitan Planning  
Organization's Multimodal Surface Transportation Priorities for Fiscal Year  
2017/18 and Amend the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution supporting revisions to the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization's Multimodal Surface Transportation Priorities for the 2017/18 Fiscal Year and amend the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan.

**Background**

The Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is responsible for transportation planning and the allocation of funding in Broward County. The Broward MPO works with the public, planning organizations, government agencies, elected officials, and community groups to develop transportation plans. A component of that planning is to develop Transportation Priorities that are used to inform and influence the programming of transportation funding each year.

The MPO's Multimodal Surface Transportation Priorities List contains projects that were not fully funded in the current year's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which is the 5-year program of transportation projects. The list identifies projects, in a priority order, that are to be considered when funding becomes available. The projects in the priorities list come from the MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) which spans a 25 year time period, and includes projects that may have been envisioned of many years earlier but move closer to the 5-year TIP program based on the LRTP prioritization process.

The MPO requested that agencies help perform a thoughtful review of the existing Multimodal Surface Transportation Priorities List to ensure that it reflects their priorities as the MPO prepares to develop the next 5-year TIP Program.

The existing FY17/18 Multimodal Surface Transportation Priorities List includes a variety of large regional projects including transit corridor projects and the Wave

Streetcar. It also includes smaller scale local projects. There are four projects on the current list that have a direct impact on the City of Fort Lauderdale:

- #2 The Wave Streetcar - \$195,281,000 for Wave construction and \$4,245,000 for operations
- #30 Modern Trolleys - \$5.7 million (this project has been funded at \$4.5 million for FY18 for the purchase of new trolleys for the Community Bus System)
- #31 Wayfinding Program - \$1.5 million
- #32 Downtown Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) - \$1.1 million

Based on its established Commission priorities, the City Vision and Strategic Plan, staff recommends maintaining the Wave Streetcar and the Modern Trolleys projects on the MPO's Multimodal Surface Transportation Priorities List, and consider prioritizing the 17th Street Mobility Masterplan Implementation funding in exchange for the Wayfinding Program and Downtown ITS System. The funding amount should stay the same to allow for exchanging the projects without requiring reprioritization of the dollars across the full Multimodal Surface Transportation Priorities List. Therefore, the funding associated with the new priority will be \$2.6 million.

Partners were also advised to give special consideration of needs on State roads since the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) references this list as they develop their department's 5-year work program. Staff prepared a listing of projects to consider including in the City's submittal of priorities. These projects are either on FDOT roadways, are projects being managed by FDOT, or are of regional significance. The list was informed by recommendations in neighborhood and corridor mobility master plans, priorities expressed by neighbors, and by considering projects that would fill gaps between existing projects.

Of special importance is the study and design of improvements to the multimodal circulation at the intersection of the US1/Federal Highway and Sunrise Boulevard intersection at Gateway. FDOT has begun exploring possible solutions for both the vehicle congestion and pedestrian access restrictions at this intersection and have requested that the City provide support to request that FDOT move forward with Planning, Development and Environmental (PD&E) process to identify a mutually agreed upon solution.

### **Resource Impact**

If the amendment is approved by the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the Tunnel Top Plaza project will be eligible for funding through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) if funding becomes available; however it does not guarantee funding.

### **Strategic Connection**

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 2: Integrate transportation land use and planning to create a walkable and bikeable community.
- Objective 3: Improve pedestrian, bicyclist, and vehicular safety.

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

**Attachments**

Exhibit 1 - 2017/2018 Broward MPO Multimodal Surface Transportation Priorities

Exhibit 2 - City's Proposed Multimodal Priorities List

Exhibit 3 - Resolution

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