



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#18-0360

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

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

DATE: June 5, 2018

TITLE: Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Grant Funds and Execution of a
Joint Participation Agreement with Florida Department of Transportation
for the Northwest Community Link Route

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$200,000 from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for operating costs, for the Northwest Community Link route; and adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Joint Participation Agreement (JPA) on behalf of the City.

Background

The Transportation and Mobility Department (TAM) has an ongoing relationship receiving support from FDOT for Sun Trolley routes operated by the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Transportation Management Association (TMA) and have applied for funding to support operations of the revised Northwest Community Link and Neighborhood Link routes.

The City produced a Transit Master Plan in 2017 to plan for near- and long-term improvements to the Sun Trolley community bus system. One of the recommendations from the report was to adopt a near term realignment of the Northwest Community Link and Neighborhood Link routes. The realignment will seek to serve additional neighborhoods in the city and streamline existing route segments to operate more efficiently. Because the project is designed to relieve congestion on the I-95 corridor through additional connections to South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) Tri-Rail service, it is eligible for FDOT Transit Corridor funding. Grant funding will be available for up to five years, but no later than May 30, 2023 with separate JPAs being processed for supplemental each year.

The City is concluding a public outreach process started in September 2017 to identify new routing recommendations based on public feedback, ridership data collected, and staff input. TAM held a series of public meetings to receive input on the route alternatives in April and expects to submit the final recommendations to Commission by July 2018 for public hearing. Based on final discussions with FDOT, TAM will plan to apply 100% of the grant funding to support operation of the Northwest Community Link route.

Resource Impact

There is a positive fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$200,000 which will supplement existing City funding resources. The FDOT grant will fund up to 100% of the portion of the route providing new service compared to the existing route, which is prospectively 6.7 miles of the proposed 16.2 mile route. This grant does not require a match. Funds are being appropriated contingent upon the approval of the June 5, 2018 Budget Amendment CAM 18-0224.

Source:					
Funds available as of May 9, 2018					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
129.GNWCOMM18.129-D479	NW COMMUNITY LINK ROUTE	FDOT TRANSPORTATION	\$0	0.00	200,000.00
				APPROPRIATION TOTAL ►	200,000.00
Use:					
Funds available as of May 9, 2018					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
129.GNWCOMM18.129-3299	NW COMMUNITY LINK ROUTE	SERVICES-MATERIALS/ OTHER SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$200,000.00
				PURCHASE TOTAL ►	\$200,000.00

Strategic Connection

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included in 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.
- Initiative 1: Strategically route and expand the Sun Trolley as an overall complement to upcoming major transportation projects.

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

Related CAM

#18-0224 Consolidated Budget Amendment

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - Joint Participation Agreement

Exhibit 2 - Resolution

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