



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#18-0960

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

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

DATE: September 4, 2018

TITLE: Resolution to Approve an Interlocal Agreement with Broward County for
the Transportation System Surtax

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement with Broward County for the Transportation System Surtax.

Background

Broward County Commission voted on June 5, 2018 to place a Transportation Surtax Levy of one percent (1%) on the November 6, 2018 ballot. The proposed surtax is for a 30-year period and is estimated to receive approximately \$15.6 billion over the duration. Of the revenue collected, an amount equal to a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the proceeds received by the County, less the amount directly paid for Community Bus Services, shall be used to fund Submitted Municipal Projects in the order of ranking established by the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The remaining funding will be used to improve regional premium transit, consistent with Broward County's Transportation Development Plan, approved on January 9, 2018 and leverage additional federal transportation grants.

The surtax will need to be approved by the majority of voters during the election. If passed, a transportation surtax fund will be established into which all surtax proceeds will be deposited. An independent Oversight Board will be established to ensure transparency and objectivity in the review of applications for funding. That Board will be determined by a new seven member appointing authority.

A process for municipalities to apply for project funding from surtax funding was established, which includes a request that the MPO review and rank all municipal projects based on each project's ability to alleviate traffic congestion and enhance connectivity. Community Bus Service will be directly funded for necessary operating, maintenance, and capital costs of existing, improved or new service, subject to conditions and to such expenditures being approved by the Oversight Board.

The total planned allocation to cities is \$3.3 billion over 30 years, \$540 million of which will be in the form of direct distribution to cities with eligible Community Shuttle programs. The Broward County Commission will consider all municipal projects previously requested and submitted to the County. There are a total of seven hundred nine (709) current municipal projects submitted with an estimated total cost of \$2.8 billion.

Prioritization is given to projects that relieve traffic congestion and improve connectivity; however, eligible projects also include street lighting, drainage related to roadway runoff, buffer/sound walls, fiber optics for transportation systems, landscaping, parking related to transit or a transportation project, and roadway improvements.

If the MPO is not able to review, rank and prioritize Submitted Municipal Projects prior to calendar year 2020, the County shall fund the Community Bus Service only during calendar year 2019 and the remainder of the 10% shall be added to the funding for Submitted Municipal Projects in 2020.

This Agreement shall become effective only if, the MPO and municipalities representing a majority of the population of Broward County formally approve, execute, and return the executed Agreement to the County on or before September 30, 2018. Municipalities must be a party to the agreement in order to receive funding. If a municipality does not enter into the Agreement by September 30, 2018, that municipality shall not be eligible to receive any surtax proceeds in 2019.

Resource Impact

The City has submitted a final project list to the County as previously shared on August 6, 2018 through Commission Memo 18-120 (Exhibit 3) and will request funding for the City's Community Bus Program; however, the exact share of revenue is not able to be determined at this time. The projects will be ranked by the MPO on their reduction of vehicle congestion and increased connectivity and funded according to rank.

Strategic Connections

This 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 – Transportation System Surtax Interlocal Agreement
Exhibit 2 – Correspondence from Broward County Administrator
Exhibit 3 – Final City of Fort Lauderdale Surtax List

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