



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

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

**DATE:** October 23, 2018

**TITLE:** Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of Grant Applications to the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization Complete Streets and other Local Initiatives Program Grant

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution authorizing the submittal of grant applications to the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Complete Streets and other Local Initiatives Program (CSLIP) for Neighborhood Master Plan priority project implementation that includes the Lake Ridge and Coral Ridge neighborhoods within the City. These two projects were selected as they were priorities of their respective Neighborhood Mobility Master Plans, reduce crashes/fatalities to support Vision Zero, and create safe, multi-modal diversity through our neighborhoods.

**Background**

The CSLIP is a streamlined program merging the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funding with additional MPO funding for mobility projects. The program aims to fund projects such as, but not limited to, complete streets, traffic calming and intersection improvements, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) upgrades, mobility hubs, bus shelters, bike racks and technology advancements, such as transit signal priority and traffic control devices.

The maximum project application amount is \$2 million for construction with no match required. The grant also provides funding for design and contingency which are not counted toward the \$2 million limit. Projects and programs awarded for this cycle will be funded in FY2025 for design and FY2027 for construction. Applications will be objectively evaluated based on connectivity, mobility, safety, and economic development with bonus points applied to projects identified in the MPO adopted plans.

The MPO funds this program annually. Funding distribution equity will be achieved by awarding one project per applicant/joint applicant. If funding is available for a “second” round, then a second project can be awarded to an applicant, and so on.

The selected projects meet our objectives of advancing the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision, Vision Zero, advancing the City's Complete Streets Policy, and implementing projects identified in the Connecting the Block Program. Several of the projects are also identified in Neighborhood Master Plans as priority projects for implementation.

The following proposed two projects are submitted for application:

- **Lake Ridge Neighborhood Mobility Master Plan Implementation** - the project was deferred from last year's grant cycle to conduct additional studies prior to moving forward, which has been completed. The project will implement the NE 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue priority project which was identified in their Neighborhood Mobility Master Plan (completed in 2015) to provide traffic calming through the installation of a median, bike lanes, addressing conflicts at the southern end of the project, a raised intersection at NE 12<sup>th</sup> Street and a traffic circle at NE 11<sup>th</sup> Street, and reducing the number of lanes to match the cross-section to the north of NE 13<sup>th</sup> Street. The project will also address mobility needs on NE 11<sup>th</sup> Street including completing the sidewalk on one side and adding traffic calming on various streets within Lake Ridge. In addition to being the top priority for the Lake Ridge Civic Association, this project will continue bike facilities south toward downtown, mitigate fatal crash factors along corridors, and create space for two neighborhood monuments.
- **Coral Ridge Master Plan Implementation** – (NE 26<sup>th</sup> Street – Bayview Drive to US1) – implementation of the neighborhood's Master Plan which identified NE 26<sup>th</sup> Street as needing mobility improvements. The proposed improvements include a sidewalk on the north side of the street, updated traffic calming, bike lanes, an extended left turn lane from NE 26<sup>th</sup> westbound onto US1, and roundabouts at the intersections of NE 26<sup>th</sup> Street at Bayview Dr. and Middle River Drive. In addition to being part of the Coral Ridge Master Plan, this project implements the last gap of bike lanes and sidewalks linking Wilton Manors to Bayview Drive, it addresses neighbor complaints for speeding/cut-through and provides opportunity for increased swale/landscaping.

Staff has met with each neighborhood to verify each of their priorities and finalize the details of the scope of each project.

Staff seeks support of the two projects to move forward for submittal to the MPO CSLIP for funding by November 15, 2018 as listed above. Each applicant will receive one project, with the potential of a second round pending funding availability and so on until the funding is depleted.

A City Commission resolution in support of the applications and commitment to operation and maintenance, if awarded, is required as a part of the applications.

### **Resource Impact**

There is no anticipated resource impact with this item. If awarded, the City will be responsible to cover any non-eligible costs and/or construction costs over the \$2 million grant which are not anticipated at this time. If unanticipated costs arise with these projects

they would not be required until FY2026. Non-eligible costs include such items as landscaping and stormwater improvements not created by the project.

### **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 2: Integrate transportation land use and planning to create a walkable and bikeable community.
- Initiative 4: Develop bike amenities.
- Initiative 6: Develop and implement the Connectivity Master Plan to improve accessibility.
- Objective 3: Improve pedestrian, bicyclist, and vehicular safety.
- Initiative 1: Implement traffic calming mechanisms to increase safety through environmental design.

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

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Lake Ridge Neighborhood Mobility Master Plan Implementation Plan  
Exhibit 2 – Coral Ridge Neighborhood Mobility Master Plan Implementation Plan  
Exhibit 3 – Resolution

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