



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

**#19-0678**

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

**FROM:** Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** November 5, 2019

**TITLE:** Resolution Approving an Interlocal Agreement with the Broward  
Metropolitan Planning Organization for Transportation Planning Services -  
**(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution approving an Interlocal Agreement for Transportation Planning Services with the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization in substantially the form attached, and authorizing execution of the Interlocal Agreement.

**Background**

The purpose and intent of the five-year Interlocal Agreement (ILA) is to provide the City with the ongoing resources and subject matter expertise of the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The MPO serves as the regional transportation planning organization for Broward County, responsible for the creation and implementation of transportation master planning, the distribution of Federal funding, and municipal project prioritization oversight of the Broward County Penny Surtax.

The transportation network in Broward County is extremely complex as various agencies are responsible for overlapping roadways with differing priorities, initiatives, and service delivery expectations. The City currently provides transportation planning services internally and has struggled with balancing resources, fulfilling commission priorities, maximizing project funding, and communicating with external agencies.

The transportation planning services ILA will streamline the oversight process, create organizational efficiencies, and eliminate redundant efforts that currently exist. The City will realize general fund cost savings by leveraging the existing structure of the MPO. A portion of the savings will be reallocated to provide additional Maintenance of Traffic resources.

The day-to-day workload for transportation project management, public education and outreach, Data and GIS mapping, grants, and transportation master planning efforts will shift from the City to the MPO. The City will continue to utilize internal resources to

address traffic flow and congestion issues by providing Maintenance of Traffic, Development Review, and Traffic Operations services. In addition, the City will retain a single planning position to oversee the agreement and act as a neighborhood liaison. The City Commission will continue to provide guidance and will retain decision making authority for all City transportation planning projects.

The MPO Board approved this item, with a 24-5 vote, on September 12, 2019.

### **Resource Impact**

This Interlocal agreement with the MPO requires a one-time payment of \$225,000 for start-up, training, and transitional costs in FY 2020. The \$550,000 annual base fee will be prorated during the first year at a cost of \$320,833

For future years, the estimated annual savings will be approximately \$395,000. Of this, \$95,000 is recommended to be reallocated to fund additional staff resources to improve the Maintenance of Traffic service delivery, resulting in a net benefit of approximately \$300,000 annually.

<b><i>Funds available as of November 4, 2019</i></b>					
<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>INDEX NAME (Program)</b>	<b>CHARACTER CODE/SUB-OBJECT NAME</b>	<b>AMENDED BUDGET (Character)</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
001-TAM040101-1101	TRANSPORTATION PLANNING	SALARIES AND WAGES / PERMINATE SALARIES	\$1,451,678	\$1,373,510	\$545,833.00
<b>PURCHASE TOTAL ►</b>					<b>\$545,833.00</b>

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic 2024 Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 2: Build a multi-modal and pedestrian friendly community.
- Objective: Improve transportation options and reduce congestion by working with partners

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

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 - City of Fort Lauderdale / Broward MPO Interlocal Agreement

Exhibit 2 - Resolution

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