



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

**#20-0471**

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

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

**DATE:** July 7, 2020

**TITLE:** Resolution Supporting the Submittal of an Application to the Broward  
Metropolitan Planning Organization for Funding through the Planning  
Technical Assistance Program for a LauderTrail Project Feasibility Study -  
**(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution in support of the City of Fort Lauderdale's Application for the Planning Technical Assistance Program (PTAP) for feasibility study funding through the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

**Background**

The MPO is accepting applications for their Planning Technical Assistance Program. The purpose of the PTAP program is to collaborate with municipalities to assist with planning efforts, prioritization, and the funding of diverse transportation options.

The PTAP program includes a funding source of \$600,000 for county-wide efforts, and awards are application based. The City of Fort Lauderdale has submitted an application, which requires a City Commission Resolution prior to the MPO's review, for feasibility services for the LauderTrail project. The LauderTrail project is an urban trail designed to connect neighborhoods and destinations in a safe and enjoyable way for all its users. It is transitioning from its conceptual planning phase to the feasibility and design phases.

Based on comparative trail studies, such as Jacksonville's Emerald Trail (\$88,000.00), staff estimates the feasibility cost to be \$100,000.00 in which the City would provide the greater of 10% or \$10,000.00.

**Resource Impact**

The LauderTrail project has \$5,000,000 in funding from the Parks Bond. If awarded, \$10,000.00 would be utilized to fund the study.

### **Strategic Connections**

This project, LauderTrail, was named a Commission Agenda Top Priority in 2018, re-classified as a High-Priority in the FY 2020 Commission Annual Action Plan and is included in the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal: Build a multi-modal and pedestrian friendly community.
- Objective: Improve roads, sidewalks, and trails to prioritize a safer, more walkable and bikeable community.

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

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Planning Technical Assistance Program Application

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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