



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

#20-0841

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: November 17, 2020

TITLE: Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of Grant Applications to the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization Complete Streets and other Local Initiatives Program Grant - **(Commission Districts 1 and 2)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends 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 NE 26th Street Complete Streets Project and NE 15th Avenue Complete Streets Project.

Background

Annually, the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) puts out a call for projects for the MPO Complete Streets and Other Localized Initiatives Program (CSLIP). CSLIP is a competitive grant program aimed to fund medium sized projects with construction costs between \$500,000 and \$3,000,000 including Complete Streets, Safety & Security, Sustainability Initiatives, and Technology Advancements. Each municipality may submit up to two (2) city projects, and up to two (2) projects in partnership with other agencies or cities. The application requires a resolution of support from the City Commission.

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. Projects will be ranked with top projects receiving funding based on the availability of funds. Awarded projects will be vetted by the Local Agency Program (LAP), which regulates how Federal Funds are spent on local roadways by municipalities. The City will be required to manage the design and construction of the project as well as fund the design and Construction Engineering Inspection (CEI) costs. The City will also be required to fund the design in FY2025 and the CEI is proposed to be funded in FY2027 by the grant, which is two years sooner than the previous process.

Staff recommends the following two described projects, as they meet the grant requirements and the City's objectives by advancing the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision and Strategic Plan, the City's Complete Streets Policy. Further, implementing

proposed projects support the Connecting the Block Program.

- **NE 15th Avenue Complete Streets Project**

(District 2 – Lake Ridge & Poinsettia Heights) - The project is located on NE 15th Avenue between Sunrise Blvd and the South Fork of the Middle River. It will create a consistent cross-section for the length of the project and improve pedestrian crossings. Mentioned project is a priority for the Lake Ridge Neighborhood Mobility Master Plan (completed in 2015), as it provides traffic calming through the installation of a median, bike lanes, crosswalks, addressing conflicts at the southern end of the project, raised intersections at NE 12th Street and NE 11th Street, and reducing the number of lanes to match the cross-section to the north of NE 13th Street. Proposed project will improve the section between NE 13th Street and the South Fork of the Middle River by adding a pedestrian crossing at NE 14th Street to improve safety for school children, resurface the roadway, and deliver enhancements on the corridor, as identified by the Poinsettia Heights neighborhood.

- **NE 26th Street Complete Streets Project**

(District 1 – Coral Ridge Association) - Proposed project is located on NE 26th Street from US1 to Bayview Drive and will implement the neighborhood's Master Plan. The proposed improvements include a sidewalk on the north side of the street, updated traffic calming features, bike lanes, an extended left turn lane from NE 26th westbound onto US1, and a roundabout at the intersection of NE 26th Street and Bayview Dr., intersection improvements at NE 26th Street and Middle River Drive, and the upgrade of roadway lighting to improve safety and sustainability.

Staff met with the Poinsettia Heights Board on October 13, 2020, Lake Ridge Residents Association on October 15, 2020, and Coral Ridge Association on October 22, 2020 to verify support of the projects and to finalize the details of the project scopes.

Resource Impact

If awarded, the City will be required to provide funding for the design in FY2025 for the projects awarded and CEI in FY2027. The cost estimates are below for each project:

| Project Name | Grant request | FY2025 Design Costs (City Responsibility) | FY2027 CEI Costs (City Responsibility) |
|----------------------------|----------------------|--|---|
| NE 26 th Street | \$1,415,000 | \$208,000 | \$208,000 |
| NE 15 th Avenue | \$1,248,000 | \$187,000 | \$187,000 |

Strategic Connections:

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 2 - Build a multi-modal and pedestrian friendly community.
- Objective - Improve roads, sidewalks, and trails to prioritize a safer, more walkable and bikeable community

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – NE 15th Avenue Complete Streets Project

Exhibit 2 – NE 26th Street Complete Streets Project

Exhibit 3 – Letters of Support

Exhibit 4 – Resolution

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