



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
CRA BOARD MEETING

#21-0043

TO: CRA Chairman & Board of Commissioners
Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, Executive Director

DATE: February 16, 2021

TITLE: Motion Approving Budget Amendment - Transfer of Funds from Mitigation Account to Made to Move Grant Project - **(Commission District 2)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Commissioners approve a budget amendment to transfer the mitigation funds from The Manors to the Made to Move Project to implement the requested changes of the Neighborhood.

Background

The City received a Made to Move Grant from Blue Zones and Unilever in 2019 to improve activity transportation connections between the Flagler Greenway and the business centers in the MASS District. This project includes adding crosswalks at NE 2nd Avenue and NE 4th Avenue, intersection safety improvements through bulb outs and realignments, adding bicycle parking, and creative placemaking.

The project is being designed by Public Works and managed by Transportation & Mobility. When the design was shared with the Flagler Village Civic Association and the MASS District business association, it was requested that additional traffic calming be added by raising the entire intersection instead of just the crosswalk. This enhancement is beyond the \$100,000 available in the grant funding.

On January 22, 2014, the CRA Board of Directors approved the funding request for a streetscape enhancement grant for The Manor at Flagler Village located at Federal Highway and NE 6th Street. During the construction, the contractor removed pavers installed by the CRA at the corner of Federal Highway and NE 6th St and replaced them with concrete. While this was done in accordance with their approved site plan, neighborhood representatives questioned the removal and also asked that the City consider removing the sidewalk directly abutting Federal Highway to relocate the public sidewalk onto private property. Both of these actions required approval by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) because they are within the right of way of Federal Highway. The Related Group (Related) began the permitting process to complete these actions in February 2015 at which time Related posted a bond in the estimated cost of

the improvements of \$71,205. Through that process, it was discovered that the paver installation was never permitted through FDOT so would need to start from the beginning. Additionally, FDOT did not support the sidewalk concept.

On May 16, 2017, the City Commission approved a resolution to approve a maintenance agreement with the FDOT for the landscaping installed through The Manor at Flagler Village project and the pre-existing stamped asphalt crosswalk at NE 6th Street installed by the CRA. At that time Related provided a cash payment in the amount equal to the bond that was posted, which covered the estimated cost of all the contemplated improvements, even those deemed to be unfeasible. It was stated that the City can use those funds to pursue the re-installation of pavers at the intersection of Federal Highway and NE 6th Street adjacent to The Manor at Flagler Village or other improvements it wishes.

To date, the reinstallation of pavers has not been pursued. The Flagler Village Civic Association Board, being the entity originally requesting the mitigation, met on December 3, 2020 and voted in favor of the utilization of the available funds that included the clause “or other improvements it wishes” to implement the requested raised intersections on Flagler Drive as part of the Made to Move project to address safety concerns raised regarding vehicle speeding.

Therefore, it is recommended that the CRA approve the transfer of the \$71,205 transportation related mitigation funds to the Made to Move Project to implement additional safety measures through traffic calming.

Resource Impact

The impact of this action will transfer \$71,205 to the Made to Move Project to enable to request of the Flagler Village Civic Association and MASS District business association to be implemented through this project pending the Consolidated Budget Amendment on February 2, 2021.

<i>Funds available as of January 13, 2021</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
347.P12519.347A-6599	MADE TO MOVE FLAGLER GREENWAY	CAPITAL OUTLAY / CONSTRUCTION	0	0	71,205
PURCHASE TOTAL ►					71,205

Strategic Connections

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

- The 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 – Previous CAM 17-0497

Exhibit 2 – Made to Move Project Plans

Exhibit 3 – Flagler Village Civic Association Letter

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