



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#21-0947

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: October 21, 2021

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) places 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 ranging between \$500,000 and \$3,000,000, including Complete Streets, Safety and Security, Sustainability Initiatives, and Technology Advancements. Each municipality may submit up to two city projects, and up to two 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 impact 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 contingency costs. The grant is reimbursable beginning with design in FY2028 and the construction funded in FY2030.

On November 17, 2020, the City Commission passed Resolution 20-231 supporting CSLIP applications for the NE 26th Street and NW 15th Avenue projects. Unfortunately, staff was advised that it is likely that the described projects will not be funded through last year's cycle, due to limited funding availability of the program. The MPO advised City

staff to resubmit the described applications again this year because they are developed projects and meet the grant criteria.

The proposed projects include:

- **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, raised intersections, raised crosswalks, extension of several medians, 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 through raised intersections and tightening of turning radii, 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, Lake Ridge Residents Association, and Coral Ridge Association various times, over the past several years, regarding the described projects. Staff has verified support of the projects and has finalized the details of the respective project scopes.

Resource Impact

If awarded, the funding will be available through a reimbursable grant beginning in FY2028. The City will be required to provide contingency funding for the awarded project in FY2030. The cost estimates are below for each project:

City of Fort Lauderdale Funding Responsibility			
Project Name	FY2028 (Reimbursable)	FY2030 (Reimbursable)	FY2030 (Not Reimbursable)
NE 26 th Street	\$208,000	\$1,392,000	\$208,000
NE 15 th Avenue	\$200,000	\$1,300,000	\$200,000

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Top 2021 Commission Priority*, advancing the Transportation and Traffic initiative.

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*.

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan*, specifically advancing:

- Infrastructure Focus Area
- The Transportation & Mobility Element
- Ensure the equitable development of a Complete Network for transportation that prioritizes Safety and emphasizes multimodal mobility and accessibility.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – NE 15th Avenue Complete Streets Project

Exhibit 2 – NE 26th Street Complete Streets Project

Exhibit 3 – Resolution

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