



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

#26-0487

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: June 2, 2026

TITLE: Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of a Grant Application to the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization to the Roads for Economic Vitality (REV) Program for the Riverside Park Mobility Project in the Amount of Up to \$5,000,000 - **(Commission District 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Roads for Economic Vitality (REV) Program for the Riverside Park Mobility Project in the amount of up to \$5,000,000.

Background

The Broward MPO released a call for projects for its competitive grant program, which was formerly known as the Complete Streets and Other Localized Initiatives Program (CSLIP). The program has been rebranded as the Roads for Economic Vitality (REV) Program for consistency with United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) policies. The overall purpose of the grant program has remained consistent, however, there have been updates to evaluation criteria and ranking methodology.

The City currently has three (3) active projects awarded through the MPO's grant program as detailed below:

- Shady Banks and Tarpon River Master Plan Implementation (approximately \$2,500,000) – the project will add traffic calming and sidewalks in various locations within the neighborhood. The project is currently in design, with construction anticipated to commence in Fiscal Year (FY) 2027;
- NE 15 Avenue Mobility Project from Sunrise Boulevard to South Fork of Middle River (approximately \$4,000,000) – the project will further improve the pilot project implemented a few years ago and add crosswalks and traffic calming throughout. Design funding is programmed for FY 2027 and construction funding is programmed for FY 2030; and

- South Middle River Mobility Project (approximately \$4,000,000) – this project will add traffic calming and sidewalks on priority corridors established by the neighborhood. Design funding is programmed for FY 2029 and construction funding is anticipated for FY 2031.

The program is now offered on a biennial basis, with agencies able to submit only one (1) application in each cycle. Over the past several years, the MPO has funded no more than three (3) projects annually based on the availability of funds. The REV Program does not require a local match.

The application deadline for this cycle is June 17, 2026. Applications will be objectively evaluated and ranked based on economic vitality, safety, access, and mobility. Project applications will be vetted by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), who oversees the use of USDOT funds spent on local roadways by municipalities to ensure eligibility and compliance with federal implementation regulations.

The proposed project for this cycle is the Riverside Park Mobility Project. The City recently completed a Riverside Park Traffic Calming and Mobility Plan identifying needs and its preferred improvements. The process included walking audits on May 13, 2025, and September 9, 2025. Additionally, staff attended Riverside Park Residents Association meetings on November 5, 2025, to share findings and preliminary recommendations; and on January 7, 2026, to share the final recommendations and discuss prioritization. Stakeholders included residents, Stranahan High school personnel, Broward County School Board staff, Broward MPO staff, Broward County transportation staff, and City staff.

The proposed improvements include new sidewalks and traffic calming through raised intersections and an asphalt speed table to improve safety for all roadway users. The project anticipates the following improvements:

- Grand Drive/SW 5 Court – sidewalks, curve warning safety signage, crosswalk and a speed table between SW 13 Avenue and SW 14 Avenue;
- SW 15 Avenue – raised intersections at SW 9 Street and SW 7 Street with crosswalks;
- SW 18 Avenue – filling sidewalk gaps, installation of curbs to reduce vehicles parking and turning in swales related to student drop off, crosswalks and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accommodations across SW 5 Place, and a raised intersection at SW 2 Street; and
- SW 20 Avenue – filling sidewalk gaps, raised intersection at SW 4 Street with a crosswalk.

The grant is a reimbursable grant program. If awarded, the City will be required to manage the design and construction of the project in compliance with the Federal Local Agency

Program (LAP) and fund the contingency costs and any non-eligible scope elements. The performance period associated with the grant is anticipated to begin with design as early as FY 2032, and construction in FY 2035.

A resolution of support from the City Commission is required to submit the grant application. Project selections are expected to be announced prior to the end of calendar year 2026.

Resource Impact

If awarded, the funding will be through a reimbursable grant beginning in FY 2032. While the grant does not require a local match, the City will be required to provide contingency funding during the construction phase in FY 2035 and maintain the improvements. Any resource impacts will be presented to the City Commission if a grant is awarded for this project.

Strategic Connections

This item is a FY 2026 Commission Priority, advancing the Transportation and Traffic Initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- Infrastructure & Resilience Focus Area
- Goal 4 - Facilitate an efficient, multimodal transportation network.

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:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Transportation & Mobility Element
- Goal 2: Obtain the highest possible value and utility from investments in the City's transportation network.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Proposed Scope of Work

Exhibit 2 – Riverside Park Mobility Plan

Exhibit 3 – Resolution

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