



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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, CRA Executive Director

DATE: May 19, 2026

TITLE: Resolution Appropriating and Authorizing Funding in an Amount Not to Exceed \$200,000 for Capital Improvement Master Planning Services with Alta Planning + Design, Inc. and Amending the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Fort Lauderdale to Include Funding for Design and Construction Services and Implementing the Capital Improvement Master Plan for the Central City Community Redevelopment Area - **(Commission Districts 2 and 3)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Commissioners adopt a Resolution appropriating and authorizing funding in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for Capital Improvement Master Planning Services with Alta Planning + Design, Inc. and amend the CRA's Interlocal Agreement with the City of Fort Lauderdale to include the creation, design, construction and implementation of the Capital Improvement Master Plan for the Central City Community Redevelopment Area.

Background

On February 24, 2024, the Central City Redevelopment Advisory Board (CCRAB) held a special meeting to review fund balances and discuss capital improvement priorities, including previously identified needs within the Central City Redevelopment Plan and input from prior community engagement efforts. The CCRAB supported allocating \$1,300,000 for capital improvement design and construction, and up to \$200,000 for area-wide streetscape design standards. The CCRAB also participated in an exercise to prioritize key project types, including roadway lighting, traffic calming, underground utilities pedestrian improvements, landscaping, and gateway features (Exhibit 1).

To further inform priorities, staff conducted an online survey of neighborhood associations within the CRA area, which received fifty-seven (57) completed responses and reinforced the priorities identified during the workshop. Survey results were presented to the CCRAB on April 13, 2024, and used to guide further discussions on implementation approaches.

At that meeting, the CCRAB considered whether to advance specific projects or to engage a consultant to develop a comprehensive, area-wide capital improvement plan.

The advisory board supported development of a master plan to establish a strategic and prioritized framework for future improvements. Based on this input, staff initiated a solicitation, in coordination with the Procurement Services Department, for professional planning services to develop a Capital Improvement Master Plan for the Central City Area.

The Capital Improvement Master Plan will outline potential infrastructure projects, streetscape standards and guidelines, and prioritize improvements throughout various implementation phases. The Central City CRA aims to strategically advance infrastructure enhancements that promote connectivity, increase public safety, and support the CRA's objective to revitalize the area.

Alta Planning + Design, Inc., will be tasked to prepare and organize base mapping to support technical analysis and streamline a series of public workshops and meetings with stakeholders. Outreach activities will include collaboration with the CCRAB, Lake Ridge Civic Association, Lauderdale Manors HOA, Poinsettia Heights Civic Association, South Middle River Civic Association, and South Middle River Terrace Neighborhood Association. Business stakeholders, including the Central City Alliance, will actively participate to ensure that comprehensive community feedback is integrated throughout the planning process.

CRA staff recommend an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement to include the Capital Improvement Master Plan as a Project and to approve appropriation of an amount not to exceed \$200,000 to retain the services of Alta Planning + Designs, Inc., to develop a capital improvement master plan.

Consistency with the Central City Redevelopment Plan

This effort supports the implementation of the Central City Redevelopment Plan as it is consistent with Section V. *Redevelopment Strategies*, which identifies *Infrastructure and Neighborhood Improvements* as key initiatives, including traffic calming, and infrastructure upgrades; as well as neighborhood improvements that include sidewalks, lighting, landscaping, and open spaces enhancement. The project also advances section VI. *Implementation Plan*, which identifies *Right-of-Way and Streetscape Priorities* as critical to improving drainage, traffic flow, parking, area aesthetics. By engaging a consultant to develop a Capital Improvement Master Plan, the CRA will have a clear, phased framework to identify, prioritize and implement these improvements efficiently, ensuring that future investments align with the adopted Redevelopment Plan.

Resource Impact

There is a fiscal impact to the CRA in the amount of \$200,000 in Fiscal Year 2026 in the account listed below. Future appropriations are contingent upon approval and appropriation of the annual budget.

Funds available as of April 29, 2026					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
20-348-9100-541-60-6599-P12855	Central City Streetscape Improvement Project	Capital Outlay/Construction	\$2,652,260	\$2,652,260	\$200,000
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$200,000

Strategic Connections

This item is a FY 2026 Commission Priority, advancing the Infrastructure and Resiliency initiative.

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

- The Infrastructure Focus Area, Goal 3: Be a sustainable and resilient community

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

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

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- The Sanitary Sewer, Water & Stormwater Element
- Goal 6: Ensure that all areas of the City are reasonably protected from flooding giving due consideration to the City’s natural and built environment.

Related CAMs

#26-0422

#26-0537

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – February 22, 2024, CCRAB Special Meeting Approved Minutes

Exhibit 2 – April 3, 2024, CCRAB Regular Meeting Approved Minutes

Exhibit 3 – Amendment to Interlocal Agreement between City of Fort Lauderdale and Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency

Exhibit 4 – Resolution

Exhibit 5 – Interlocal Agreement

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