

Legislation Text

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A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Committing Funding To The Johnson Street 31st Court To US-1 Complete Streets Project, And Authorizing The City Manager To Execute The Attached Commitment Letter Setting Forth The City's Commitment to the Project Pursuant to The Funding Schedule For The Right Of Way Acquisitions Portion Of The Project With An Estimated Cost Of Six Million (\$6M) Dollars Over a Three Year Period.

Staff Recommends: Approval of the Attached Resolution.

## Explanation:

The Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization (Broward MPO), the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), and the City of Hollywood are committed to improving alternative modes of transportation and support Complete Streets Corridors providing safe choices to pedestrians, cyclists, transit riders and motorists. Broward MPO has allocated funds for the reconstruction of Johnson Street from 31st Court to US1 as part of its Transportation Mobility initiative; the Broward MPO funding is for the design and construction of the project which is currently estimated at \$13M.

A typical local street with two way traffic, swales for drainage and sidewalks has a 50' right of way; Johnson Street east of I-95 has segments with 40' and 45' feet wide right of ways, is an alternate to Hollywood Boulevard with its two lanes of traffic and continuous center lane cross section and is heavily used by pedestrians and bicyclists without the benefit of sidewalks or bike lanes. The Broward MPO and FDOT require the City to fund the right of way acquisitions estimated to cost six (\$6M) Million dollars to develop this Complete Streets project, and to minimize acquisition costs and property impacts the existing 40' foot segment from 28th Avenue to 22nd Avenue will be developed as a 42' foot cross section with Sharrow Bike Lanes.

In FY 2016 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) the City allocated \$1,150,000.00 to this project, an additional \$1,265,000.00 was allocated in the FY 2017 CIP, for a total available funding of \$2,415,000.00. In order to start design and property acquisition, FDOT and the Broward MPO require the City to commit in writing to funding the cost of the right of way acquisition and execute a Locally Funded Agreement establishing the funds distribution schedule, and leading to the 2021 construction start date.

The right of way acquisition will be managed by the FDOT rights of way office. A public hearing was held on this project June 29, 2016 at City Hall Room 219 Commission Chambers. The meeting minutes are attached; the concern or request to add traffic lanes to the current configuration will be managed as a future project, as it would substantially increase right of way costs, construction costs and puts at risk the Broward MPO funding intended for Sidewalks and Bike Lanes.

Recommended for inclusion on the agenda by: Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager Gus Zambrano, Assistant City Manager Thomas Barnett, Director, Department of Development Services Luis A. Lopez, City Engineer