

RESOLUTION NO. 41-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE PROCUREMENT AND OVERSIGHT OF CONSULTANTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COUNTYWIDE TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN; SUPPORTING THE FORMATION OF A TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE SAME; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the movement of people, goods and services in, around, and throughout Palm Beach County relies on an interconnected transportation network and related transportation services; and

WHEREAS, the transportation network and transportation services are the responsibility of multiple jurisdictions and governmental agencies such as the Florida Department of Transportation (“FDOT”), Palm Beach County, local municipalities, and various taxing districts and authorities; and

WHEREAS, citizens are focused on going to and from their destinations and are mostly unaware of jurisdictional boundaries, ownership responsibilities, and funding sources for these transportation networks and services; and

WHEREAS, the quality, manner and time required for people, goods and services to move in the county has tremendous impacts on every aspect of life in Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, population growth in recent years has consistently outpaced the existing transportation network's capabilities creating traffic congestion, longer travel times, safety issues, extra expenses, frustration and negative impacts to air quality; and

WHEREAS, population growth is expected to continue to increase for the foreseeable future due to the desirability and quality of life in South Florida and Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, a Countywide Transportation Master Plan can effectively address the issues involved with the transportation network and services that exist now and into the future; and

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, the City of Delray Beach, and other municipalities and taxing authorities recognize that working together in a collaborative and proactive manner is the most efficient way forward for the benefit of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the development of a collaborative and comprehensive Countywide Transportation Master Plan requires the engagement of a consulting firm with experience and capabilities in creating such plans; and

WHEREAS, the only entity which brings together County and local municipal stakeholders for purposes of working together to address issues of a countywide nature is the Intergovernmental Coordination Program (the “ICP”); and

WHEREAS, the ICP is identified in the Intergovernmental Coordination Element of Palm Beach County's Comprehensive Plan, and is likewise identified in the Comprehensive Plan of each of the municipalities located in the County whose membership is memorialized via interlocal agreements; and

WHEREAS, the ICP membership also includes the taxing authorities and districts who build and maintain transportation infrastructure in Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, the ICP is able to provide a platform for the establishment of unified, trusted and collaborative outcomes, instead of individually or factionally established outcomes that favor the positions of only certain jurisdictions over those of others; and

WHEREAS, the ICP will need the full support of the members both at the policy level with elected officials, and the technical level with professional staff, in order to ensure the successful development and adoption of a Countywide Transportation Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2024, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners and the Palm Beach County Planning, Zoning and Building Department issued Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 25-016/CB seeking proposals from qualified consultants to develop a Countywide Transportation Master Plan for Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, the goal of Palm Beach County's Countywide Transportation Master Plan is to establish a multijurisdictional process and planning framework that provides for a countywide vision for transportation and mobility that safely connects people to places; and

WHEREAS, the Countywide Transportation Master Plan incorporates an intergovernmental coordination approach, as necessary, to create an effective, convenient, and regionally connected multimodal system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby affirmed as true and correct, and ratified.

Section 2. The City Commission of the City of Delray Beach has reviewed and hereby expresses its desire and intent to join with local municipalities, Palm Beach County, and other interested taxing authorities and stakeholders in a collaborative process for purposes of developing and adopting a comprehensive Countywide Transportation Master Plan.

Section 3. This resolution expresses that the City of Delray Beach does hereby support the following as necessary for the achievement of a comprehensive Countywide Transportation Master Plan:

- a. The crafting of a scope of services by the Palm Beach County City Manager's Association (PBCCMA) through its own internal process, the final version of which will be distributed to local municipalities, Palm Beach County, and other taxing authorities and stakeholders for review and comment; and

- b. The ICP's Multijurisdictional Issues Coordination Forum Executive Committee (MICFEC) serving as the oversight board for the consulting firm that gets hired to craft the Countywide Transportation Master Plan. The MICFEC will prepare and provide policy level activities specifically related to the contractual relationship with the consulting firm; the scheduling, noticing, and holding of public meetings with the consulting firm; the providing of direction to the technical level professional staff and the facilitating of engagement and participation with the ICP membership; and the making of recommendations to the government bodies of fellow municipalities, Palm Beach County, and other taxing authorities and stakeholders; and
- c. The formation of an expanded version of the Intergovernmental Plan Amendment Review Committee (IPARC) by adding, at the discretion and direction of MICFEC, municipal and county engineers, public works, and information technology professionals; Transportation Planning Agency (TPA), FDOT, Tri Rail, and Palm Tran, professionals; and other professionals deemed necessary or desirable. This assembly of technical level professional staff will serve as the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The TAC, which may also be known as "IPARC 2.0," will provide information required by the consulting firm, will serve as the subject matter experts for the development of the Countywide Transportation Master Plan, and will provide input and advice to the consulting firm and to MICFEC; and
- d. The coordination and processing of the contract with the selected consulting firm by use of the County government as the responsible agency for contract administration, including but not limited to assuring compliance with the terms and conditions of the contract, invoice processing, and payments.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED in regular session on the ____ day of _____, 2025.

Thomas F. Carney, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Alexis Givings, City Clerk

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

Lynn Gelin, City Attorney