



Legislation Text

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TO: Mayor and Commissioners
FROM: Susan Goebel-Canning, Director of Public Works
THROUGH: Mark R. Lauzier, City Manager
DATE: April 17, 2018

APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 41-18 IN SUPPORT OF THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE PROJECT ON GERMANTOWN ROAD SOUTH OF CONGRESS AVENUE TO OLD GERMANTOWN ROAD WHICH HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE PALM BEACH TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY (TPA) AS PART OF THE LOCAL INITIATIVES (LI) PROGRAM AND TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) FOR APPROVAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019.

Recommended Action:

Approve Resolution No. 41-18 in support of the City's grant application to the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency (TPA) for a Local Initiatives program grant for the Germantown Road (South Congress Avenue to Old Germantown Road) project.

Background:

The Palm Beach TPA administers two competitive application processes annually for the funding of projects located within Palm Beach County. The application process typically commences in December, when the TPA posts online application materials. The application for this project was approved by the City Commission and submitted in March. The application is pending ranking and potential recommendation for funding by the TPA staff, advisory committees and ultimately by the TPA Board. Scoring criteria is based on the Goals, Objectives and Values of Directions 2040, the Palm Beach TPA's Long Range Transportation Plan.

Two applications may be submitted for each grant program. Only the application with the highest score will receive the award. The LI grants limits awards to no less than \$250,000 and a maximum of \$5,000,000.

This project will include the installation of improved pedestrian facilities, protected bicycle facilities where feasible and bike lanes or sharrows where constricted, pedestrian-scaled lighting, and landscaping. Any roadway improvements will be in accordance to the City's Complete Streets Policy as approved by the City Commission. Placement of cycle pads on the Linton Boulevard bridge to improve both pedestrian and bicyclist crossing facilities will need an agreement between Palm Beach County and the City of Delray Beach to allow the City to install the pads, which allow bicyclists to ride across the bridge, off the sidewalk.

City Attorney Review:

City Attorney recommends approval.

Funding Source/Financial Impact:

These are grants and the full amount of funding for the City to contribute has yet to be determined.

Timing of Request:

Yes. This request is time-sensitive as it keeps the project on schedule. Resolutions of support for the project grant applications shall be submitted by May 1, 2018. Grant applications were required to be submitted for both the Local Initiatives Program and Transportation Alternatives Program by March 2, 2018, at 5:00 pm.