



City of Delray Beach Grants

PROJECT: E-4 Greenway Construction

PROGRAM: Transportation Alternatives

Federal Contribution: \$750,000 for design and construction

Local Contribution: \$1,821,610 for construction

Initial Cost Estimate: \$910,301

Grant Award Year: 2016 for FY 2018 through 2022 Priorities

Commission Approval: March, 2016 approved Resolution of Support prior to grant application

Entity Leading Design: City of Delray Beach

Design Start Date: 5/1/17 **Design Completion Date:** 6/13/19

Construction Start Date: 1/22/20 **Construction Completion Date:** 12/12/20

Status: On hold -- Coordination issues with Lake Worth Drainage District (LWDD) concerning allowable use of the E-4 Canal right of way have not been resolved. While the Canal right of way is owned by the City, the LWDD has an exclusive easement for flood control maintenance purposes and the LWDD Board has been opposed to allowing any use of the area that is not directly associated with flood control activities or maintenance. LWDD has approached the City concerning a joint project to resolve some canal erosion issues in this area, which could result in curing this deficiency if all parties can come to a funding agreement.

Description: This is a "First Mile Project" in which the City would create a one-mile bicycle/pedestrian multi-use path along the east bank of the E-4 Canal between Lowson Boulevard and West Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach.

Benefits: This project will facilitate safe, more attractive bicycle and pedestrian travel in this corridor. The completion of this project supports City of Delray Beach pedestrian and bicycle mobility goals.

Risks: A significant deficiency in the corridor that must be resolved prior to the construction start date of January 2020 has been identified, as well as an additional safety issue that has been raised concerning the section of this path that would be within the City of Delray Beach Municipal Golf Course. All

affected partners must be in support of the project for the project to receive actual funding. There is a high risk that these deficiencies cannot be cured in time for construction to begin on schedule to meet the assigned program year, which would result in the project being cancelled.



Staff Recommendation: Withdraw the project at this time. Complete discussions with LWDD resulting in a cure of that deficiency, perform public outreach with Golf Course patrons and with area bicycle groups to provide for proper bicyclist and pedestrian safety that does not diminish the golfing experience, and resubmit for future year funding. Once these actions have been taken, Staff will bring a full analysis of the project with current anticipated costs and conceptual design back to Commission for approval. This may include a request from LWDD for either financial or in-kind participation from the City to resolve canal bank erosion issues. All of these considerations will be presented to Commission prior to resubmitting the application for future year funding through the Palm Beach County Transportation Planning Agency (TPA). Although the TPA Board is continuing to consider the actual ramifications of not completing a project that has been awarded grant funding, discussion of penalties have ranged from a five-point deduction in project scores in the following year's applications to being required to sit out one year for any project in the next year's grant cycle.