



City of Delray Beach Grants

PROJECT: Lowson Blvd. / 10th Street from Congress Avenue to Military Trail

PROGRAM: Local Initiatives

Federal Contribution: \$4,630,978 (Combined w/ companion project) This estimate was provided in 2014 and may not be adequate to cover costs at today's prices.

Local Contribution: \$161,000 is estimated for construction by TPA; design costs will be approximately \$400,000 per project

Initial Cost Estimate: \$2,062,255 excluding project design or bridge design and construction for just this portion of the project. Total contribution above reflects combined projects.

Grant Award Year: 2014 for FY 2016 through 2020 Priorities

Commission Approval:

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

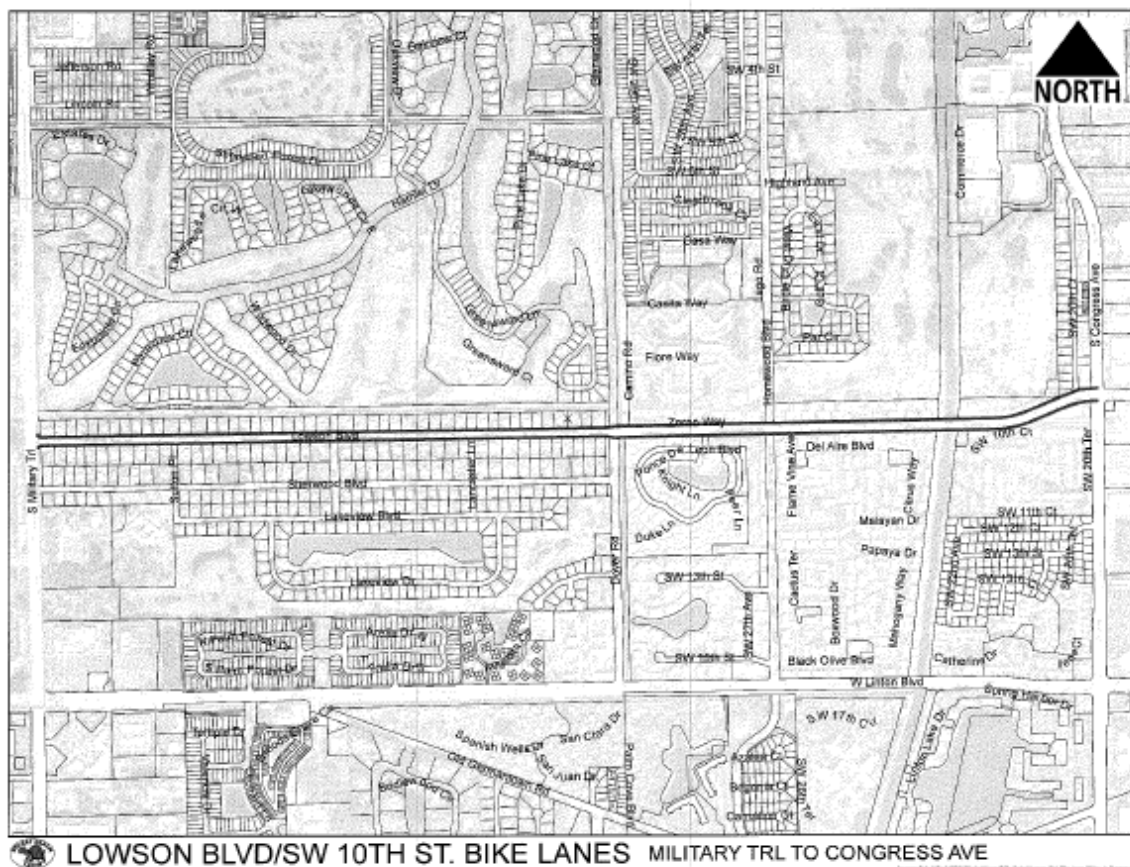
Status: Pedestrian bridge is at 50 percent design. Survey and design of Roadway and Sidewalk improvements has not been initiated.

Description: The Project application describes this project as creation of continuous bicycle lanes and sidewalk on both sides of Lowson Boulevard / SW 10th Street from Military Trail to Congress Avenue. This project is part of the program to further the goals and objectives of the Delray Beach Pedestrian Bicycle Task Team report. This project includes widening the bridge over the E-3 Canal. This project will be constructed wholly within City-owned right of way. The application states that City matching funding will be provided in the appropriate year via the City's Capital Improvement Program.

A companion project application for Lowson Boulevard / 10th Street also was awarded from 6th Avenue (US 1) to Congress Avenue.

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: Design for this section of the project has begun on the Pedestrian Bridge across the E-3 Canal bridge only. Activities that remain to be completed include survey of the corridor and design of the bicycle and pedestrian travel lanes including roadway improvements and sidewalks. Public Outreach also will need to be accomplished in this area prior to the onset of design services. It is unlikely that the City can catch up with full project design in time to meet the strict budgeting deadlines for this approved grant application. Additionally, a Cultural Resources analysis may be required over the E-3 Canal prior to the onset of construction, which will add time and expense to the process. Deficiencies in the corridor that must be resolved prior to the construction start date of January 2020 have not been identified and, therefore, there is a potential that these could not be cured in time for construction to begin on schedule to meet the assigned program year. There is a potential funding shortfall for construction.



Staff Recommendation: Withdraw the project at this time. Complete bridge design, and roadway and sidewalk design, perform public outreach in the corridor and resubmit for future year funding. The Capital Improvement Program Budget for FY 18/19 includes \$500,000 to continue with this project. Should the Commission choose not accept Staff recommendation, Staff can bring a full analysis of the project with current anticipated costs and conceptual design back to Commission for approval 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.

