



CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

TO: Mayor and City Commission
THRU: Mark R. Lauzier, City Manager
FROM: Caryn Gardner-Young, Assistant City Manager *CGY*
RE: Downtown Mobility and Bike Pedestrian Plan Status
DATE: December 26, 2018

Background:

Recently, there has been discussion regarding the City of Delray Beach's (City) transportation needs and what projects should be applied for and funded by the Transportation Planning Agency - TPA (MPO). Concerns came to the attention of the City Commission and City Staff during the design plan phase for the Swinton Avenue project that is being constructed by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The City Commission expressed concerns about the process to apply for such a project with FDOT, who made the decision to submit for the project with FDOT and how those get reviewed and approved.

Staff reviewed the history of the Swinton project and our research indicated the following:

- 1) The application for the project was signed by Mayor Glickstein and submitted by Randall Kracarek in 2015 who was the City Engineer and then ESD Director for a time.
- 2) Letters of support were provided by Human Powered Delray (HPD), Green Implementation Board and Delray Bike Club (Patrick Halliday). Please see attached support letters.
- 3) A Resolution in support of the project was brought to the City Commission for consideration in June 2017 by Dale Sugarman and the Resolution was passed on Consent with a Motion by Commissioner Petrolia and Second by Deputy Vice Mayor Johnson with a 5-0 vote. See attached Resolution.

Additionally, there has been some confusion whether the City possesses an approved Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. Staff reviewed the history of a possible Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan which our research indicated the following:

- 1) In 2014, HPD developed a proposed Master Plan which consisted of maps. Please see attached
- 2) At its November 13, 2014 Workshop, the City Commission considered Resolution 62-14 which is attached.
- 3) The Resolution regarding a Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan states as follows:
 - a. The City endorses the efforts of HPD and directed staff to continue to collaborate with HPD to advance its plans for pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure
 - b. Staff was directed to review and consider the HPD Interim Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and where appropriate to incorporate into the City's LDRs.

- c. Staff was directed to review the HPD Interim Master Plan and consider its implementation subject to funding
- d. Staff was to seek HPD input to explore and pursue grants and funding sources for the implementation of the HPD Interim Master Plan

Based upon the language, the City Commission did not formally adopt the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, but they did provide policy direction to endorse it and gave City Staff direction to move forward with the concepts therein. This would explain why a project like Swinton Ave would be approved by the City Commission when funding was identified via the MPO-TPA.

Next Steps:

- 1) City Staff is recommending that we bring back to the City Commission a discussion on the Swinton Avenue Project during the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Update at the January 22nd Workshop. We have asked FDOT representatives to be present.
- 2) April 9th City Commission Workshop – We will provide a preview of the 2020-2025 CIP as well as set expectations for the FY 2020 capital and operating budget process review timeline.