



## Legislation Text

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**TO:** Mayor and Commissioners  
**FROM:** Caryn Gardner-Young, Assistant City Manager  
**THROUGH:** Mark R. Lauzier, City Manager  
**DATE:** January 16, 2018

APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 04-18 ENDORSING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) DELIVERY FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE BRANT BRIDGE AND INSTALLATION OF A SHARED MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION PATH FROM OREGON LANE TO AVOCET ROAD.

**Recommended Action:**

Motion to approve Resolution No. 04-18 endorsing the FDOT delivery of funding for the reconstruction of the Brant Bridge and installation of a shared multi-modal transportation path from Oregon Lane to Avocet Road and authorization of the Mayor or City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

**Background:**

The Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) administers two competitive grant application processes annually for the funding of projects located within Palm Beach County. The grant application process typically commences in January, when the MPO posts online application materials. Applications are ranked and recommended for funding by the MPO Advisory Committees and the MPO Board. Scoring criteria is based on the Goals, Objectives and Values of Directions 2040 and the Palm Beach MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan. 2017 project applications to be recommended for funding will be included in the MPO's Project Priority List for Fiscal Years 2019 - 2023 which is anticipated for MPO adoption in mid-2017. The latest Long Range Transportation Plan Directions 2040 carved out future allocations of MPO Surface Transportation funds to be used at the MPO's discretion. As a result, the Local Initiatives (LI) program was created as an annual application process to identify and evaluate potential funding for the better lower-cost, non-regionally significant transportation projects that our communities want and our economies need.

Approximately \$18 million has been allocated annually to fund projects under the Local Initiatives (LI) Program. Established by MAP-21, the federal Transportation Alternatives Program is a cost reimbursement program where projects are selected by the MPO but administered by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The program funds on and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities; infrastructure for improving non-driver access to public transportation for enhanced mobility; community improvement activities; environmental mitigation; recreational trail projects; safe routes to school projects; and projects for planning, designing, or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former divided highways. Approximately \$3 million has been allocated annually in recent years to fund Transportation Alternative (TA) projects.

On February 21, 2017 the City Commission authorized staff to submit grant applications for three

projects to be considered under the Local Initiative Program along with one application for consideration under the Transportation Alternative Program:

- Barwick Road Complete Street - Atlantic Avenue to the northern City limit (L-30 Canal) - Local Initiative Program - Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost = \$1,672,013
- Lindell Boulevard Complete Street - Federal Highway to SW 10th Avenue; north on SW 10th Avenue to Linton Boulevard - Local Initiative Program - Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost = \$2,325,403
- Carl Bolter Drive and Avocet Road loop connection between the Brant Drive bridge and Lindell Boulevard - Local Initiative Program - Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost = \$440,302
- Linton Boulevard ICWW Bridge Eastbound Protected Bike Lane - similar to existing westbound; eliminate grass strip between curb and sidewalk to provide a wider sidewalk; provide ramp for bicycle access to the protected bike lane from the sidewalk; and include the non-slip bike lane cover on grated portion to prevent cyclists from slipping on the bridge - Transportation Alternative Program Supported by Palm Beach County Engineering - Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost = \$1,099,888

All four of the City's applications were approved to move forward in the funding process. City Commission adoption of Resolution 04-18 in support of the Carl Bolter Drive and Avocet Road loop connection between the Brant Drive bridge and Lindell Boulevard - Local Initiative Program, which includes replacement of the obsolete Brant Bridge, is a required step to continue in the funding process for this project. A portion of this project lies within the boundary of the City of Boca Raton, which also supports this project and has submitted a letter of support that will accompany Resolution 04-18. The Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency (TPA) awarded this grant opportunity. Construction is currently scheduled in FY 2021.

**City Attorney Review:**

Completed

**Finance Department Review:**

N/A at this time

**Funding Source/Financial Impact:**

This project may require partial funding in future Capital Improvements Project budget.

**Timing of Request:**

Passage of this Resolution will keep this project on track to receive funding.