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DISCUSSION ITEM

FROM: City Council Member Jewel Cannada-Wynn

SUBJECT:

UPDATE ON WEST CERVANTES STREET PROJECT

SUMMARY:

On December 14, 2016, the Florida-Alabama TPO adopted the West Cervantes Street Corridor Management Plan. The Plan identified short-term and long-term strategies to improve traffic flow and safety for all modes of travel along the corridor. The long-term strategies provided for a “road diet” with two options: (1) reduce the existing four-lane facility to a two-lane facility; or (2) rebalance the lanes by decreasing the width of the travel lanes and adding landscaped medians.

On July 13, 2017, the Pensacola City Council adopted Resolution No. 17-29 supporting the short-term and long-term recommendations within the West Cervantes Corridor Management Plan and the progression of the project through all phases by FDOT for design and roadway improvements. The County adopted a similar Resolution.

On September 20, 2017, the Pensacola City Council appropriated \$1.5 million of Local Option Sales Tax Series IV funding in Fiscal Year 2018 in order that West Cervantes Street improvements may be constructed to the fullest extent and as quickly as possible as well as funding the City’s shared portion of the Traffic Feasibility Study

On May 29, 2018, the County and City entered into an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) to contribute proportionate funding to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the completion of a Traffic Feasibility Study (TFS) for the West Cervantes Street corridor from Dominquez Street to “A”

Street.

On June 14, 2018, the Pensacola City Council authorized the use of funds dedicated to West Cervantes Street Corridor for short-term improvements.

Due to limited resources post-Hurricane Michael, FDOT was unsuccessful in programming the locally -funded TFS in the current year work-plan. At the TPO's December 12, 2018 meeting, FDOT staff recommended that the County and City allow the TPO's general planning consultant to perform the study. The City of Pensacola and Escambia County mutually supported the FDOT recommendation to retain the TPO's general planning consultant to perform the West Cervantes Street Corridor TFS.

On February 13, 2019, the TPO approved TPO staff to coordinate with City and County staff to finalize a scope of services and enter into a contract with the TPO's general planning consultant for the West Cervantes Street Corridor Traffic Feasibility Study.

PRIOR ACTION:

September 20, 2017 - City Council appropriated \$1.5 million of Local Option Sales Tax Series IV funding in Fiscal Year 2018 for West Cervantes Street Corridor Improvements.

June 14, 2018 - City Council authorized the use of funds dedicated to West Cervantes Street Corridor for short term improvements

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None

PRESENTATION: No