



City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

Memorandum

File #: 18-00185

City Council

5/10/2018

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: Ashton J. Hayward, III, Mayor

SUBJECT:

APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH ESCAMBIA COUNTY AND LETTER OF REQUEST TO FDOT FOR WEST CERVANTES CORRIDOR TRAFFIC FEASIBILITY STUDY

RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council authorize the Mayor to take all necessary action to execute an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with Escambia County relating to cost sharing for the West Cervantes Corridor Traffic Feasibility Study and approve a letter requesting the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to program the locally-funded Traffic Feasibility Study.

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

On December 14, 2016, the Florida-Alabama TPO formally adopted the West Cervantes Corridor Management Plan. The Plan identified short-term and long-term strategies to improve the 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) to reduce the existing four-lane facility to a two-lane facility; or (2) to 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.

City and County staff have met with FDOT representatives to determine the course of action to implement the Plan. Through the course of their meetings, it became apparent the next step was to proceed with a Traffic Feasibility Study to confirm the viability of the long-term strategy. Providing additional support for this decision have been the concerns voiced by FDOT with respect to allowing enhanced short-term improvements which might have to be removed to accomplish the long-term goals. Given that funds are not available through FDOT to facilitate the Study, the proposed Interlocal Agreement would allow the City and County to fund the Study locally by sharing the cost. The City and County portion would be based upon the proportion of the corridor within each jurisdiction.

The accompanying letter requests FDOT program the Study as soon as possible.

PRIOR ACTION:

September 20, 2017 - City Council adopted the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget.

FUNDING:

Budget:	\$1,500,000	Local Option Sales Tax Series IV
Actual:	\$ 384,000	Traffic Feasibility Study (64% of FDOT Estimate)
	<u>32,000</u>	8.3% Contingency
	<u>\$ 416,000</u>	

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

City Council appropriated \$1.5 million from Local Option Sales Tax Series IV funds for unspecified improvements to the West Cervantes Street Corridor in the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget. The estimated cost provided by FDOT is \$600,000. A contingency of 8.3% has been added to the estimate, increasing the overall project cost to \$650,000. The City's proportionate cost would be 64%, or \$416,000.

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: Yes

4/24/2018

STAFF CONTACT:

Eric W. Olson, City Administrator
L. Derrik Owens, Director of Public Works & Facilities/City Engineer
Sherry H. Morris, Planning Services Administrator

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Interlocal Agreement with Escambia County - West Cervantes Street Corridor Traffic Feasibility Study
- 2) FDOT Traffic Feasibility Study Letter of Request - West Cervantes Street

PRESENTATION: No