



City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

Memorandum

File #: 19-00341

City Council

7/18/2019

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: City Council President Andy Terhaar

SUBJECT:

APPROVAL OF LOCALLY FUNDED AGREEMENT WITH STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS WEST CERVANTES STREET CORRIDOR TRAFFIC FEASIBILITY STUDY

RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council authorize the Mayor to take all necessary action to execute a Locally Funded Agreement (LFA) with FDOT relating to cost sharing for the West Cervantes Street corridor pedestrian safety improvement, complete streets and corridor management project.

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

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.

On April 11, 2019, the City of Pensacola entered into and ILA with Escambia County, and the Emerald Coast Regional Council (ECRC) using the same consultant tasked with the design of the short-term improvements to provide a succinct evaluation of the viability of the long-term strategy. The City and the County portions are based upon the proportion of the corridor within each jurisdiction.

On February 21, 2019, Escambia County entered into a similar LFA with FDOT relating to cost sharing for the West Cervantes Street corridor pedestrian safety improvements, complete streets, and corridor management project. The County contribution is \$1,000,000.00.

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

FUNDING:

Budget: \$1,000,000 West Cervantes Corridor - LOST Series IV

Actual: \$1,000,000 Construction Costs

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funds are available in the Local Option Sales Tax Fund.

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ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) LFA 443769-1-52-01 Locally Funded Agreement Between FDOT and City of Pensacola - West Cervantes Street Corridor Safety Improvements

PRESENTATION: No