



Memorandum

File #: 19-00309

Eastside Redevelopment Board

7/10/2019

ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: Ann Hill, ERB Board Member

SUBJECT:

TWO-WAY CONVERSION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DRIVE AND DAVIS HIGHWAY

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Eastside Redevelopment Board (ERB) support the conversion of Martin Luther King (MLK) Jr. Drive and Davis Highway from one-way streets to two-way streets. Further, that the ERB authorize the ERB Chairperson to provide a statement of support, as may be necessary to further the projects. Finally, that the ERB recommend the inclusion of the MLK Jr. Drive two-way conversion project as an identified project under the Complete Streets element of the Fiscal Year 2020 Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Work Plan for the Eastside Community Redevelopment Area.

SUMMARY:

Conversion of Davis Highway and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive from one way to two way traffic is a project identified in the Eastside/Urban Infill Area Redevelopment Plan. During its meeting on May 1, 2019, the Eastside Redevelopment Board (ERB) recommended inclusion of the Davis Highway two-way conversion project under the Complete Streets Program in the Fiscal Year 2020 Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Eastside Community Redevelopment Area Work Plan. Since the ERB's action in May, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has expressed a commitment to initiating a traffic study to determine the feasibility and costs related to the two-way conversion of Davis Highway and Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard.

The ERB is asked to provide a statement of support for the MLK Jr. Boulevard and Davis Highway two-way conversion projects. Further, that the ERB recommend the addition of the two-conversion of MLK Jr. Boulevard to the Fiscal Year 2020 CRA Work Plan for the Eastside Community Redevelopment Area under the Complete Streets element.

PRIOR ACTION:

May 1, 2019 - The ERB recommended approval of the CRA Work Plan for the Eastside redevelopment area for Fiscal Year 2020, with the addition of the Davis Street two-way conversion as an identified project.

FUNDING:

No dedicated local funding has been identified at this time. Since MLK Jr. Boulevard and Davis Highway are

state roadways, the City of Pensacola and the Pensacola Community Redevelopment Agency will need work collaboratively with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), and potentially the Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) to identify and secure the funding needed to further the projects.

STAFF CONTACT:

M. Helen Gibson, CRA Administrator
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ATTACHMENTS:

None.

PRESENTATION: No