



City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

Memorandum

File #: 20-00422

City Council

8/13/2020

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: City Council Vice President Jared Moore

SUBJECT:

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BOULEVARD-ALCANIZ STREET AND DAVIS HIGHWAY TWO-WAY CONVERSION

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council request that the Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization (FL-AL TPO) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) move forward with the two-way conversion of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard/Alcaniz Street and Davis Highway

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

The two-way conversion of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard/Alcaniz Street and Davis Highway is a priority project identified in the Eastside and Urban Core Community Redevelopment Plans. In 2019, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) expressed a commitment to initiating a traffic study to determine the feasibility and estimated cost related to the conversion of these corridors from one-way to two-way traffic. HDR Engineering was engaged through the Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization (FL-AL TPO) to conduct the study from the I-110 interstate ramp to Wright Street. The study has been completed and contains findings and recommendations related to moving the project forward to implementation. Cory Wilkinson with HDR Engineering will provide an overview presentation.

On July 8, 2020 and July 21, 2020, the study was presented to the Eastside and Urban Core Redevelopment Boards, respectively. Both Boards recommended that the FL-AL TPO and FDOT move forward with the two-way street conversion. Further consideration of the design recommendations contained in the study was requested by the Urban Core Redevelopment Board as the project moves forward to design.

PRIOR ACTION:

July 10, 2019 - The ERB authorized a statement of support for the Martin Luther King, Jr.-Alcaniz and Davis Two-Way Conversion project and recommended inclusion of the project in the FY2020 CRA Work Plan.

August 5, 2019 - The CRA approved the FY2020 CRA Work Plan which included the Martin Luther King, Jr.-Alcaniz and Davis Two-Way Conversion project.

July 8, 2020 - The ERB recommended that the two-conversion of Martin Luther King, Jr.-Alcaniz and Davis Highway move forward and recommended the project as a project within its recommended project list and 5-year implementation plan for Fiscal Years 2021 to 2025.

July 21, 2020 - The UCRB recommended that the two-conversion of Martin Luther King, Jr.-Alcaniz and Davis Highway move forward and recommended the project as a priority within its recommended project list and 5-year implementation plan for Fiscal Years 2021 to 2025.

FUNDING:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

STAFF CONTACT:

Don Kraher, Council Executive
M. Helen Gibson, AICP, CRA Administrator
Victoria D'Angelo, Asst. CRA Administrator

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) MLK-Alcaniz-Davis Two-Way Traffic Feasibility Study

PRESENTATION: Yes