



City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

Memorandum

File #: 21-00472

Community Redevelopment Agency 6/14/2021

ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: Delarian Wiggins, Chairperson

SUBJECT:

JACKSON STREET TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Escambia County for development of a phased transportation master plan for Jackson Street from Fairfield Drive to A Street.

SUMMARY:

The City of Pensacola's adopted Westside Community Redevelopment Plan identifies Jackson Street as a principal corridor for transportation improvements. Escambia County plans to develop a transportation master plan to be called "Jackson Street Reimagined: A Transportation Master Plan" for improvements to Jackson Street from Fairfield Drive to the City/County jurisdictional border. The County has approached the CRA with a partnership opportunity to extend the scope of the project eastward from the jurisdictional line to A Street, within the Westside community redevelopment area.

Shared goals for the Jackson Street improvements include:

1. Creation of a safe and comfortable complete street for all users which adheres to urban transportation design best practices and principles;
2. Improvements to safety and elimination of fatal crashes through reduction in speed of vehicles, improvements to lighting and addressing other human-scaled street elements;
3. Creation of safe and consistent crossings, especially at transit stops, parks, schools, and other community assets;
4. Saving existing trees and creating a consistent and sustainable shade canopy which incorporates storm water filtration and bio retention elements, as feasible;
5. Enhancements to neighborhood livability along the corridor by promoting a residential street design and addressing the functional needs of adjacent uses, such as parking; and
6. Encouraging economic development and reinvestment along the corridor.

To facilitate this partnership, Escambia County and the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) must enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

The attached MOU establishes that the County and CRA will jointly cooperate to carry out the project. Escambia County will be responsible for procuring a highly qualified urban transportation design and engineering firm or team to develop a phased conceptual-level transportation master plan. The phased plan will include construction cost estimates to aid in the implementation of the project. Additionally, for the purpose of providing consistency review and grant writing services during implementation, Escambia County will retain the firm on a continuing services basis. The continuing services period will be for a period of five (5) years with one five-year renewal upon mutual agreement of the County, CRA and the firm.

The County will manage and administer the project in close coordination with and with concurrence from the CRA at key milestones. Cost sharing between the County and the CRA will be based on the approximate linear miles contained within each jurisdictions' boundaries. The total project cost for plan development is estimated at up to \$300,000, with 30% of the cost (or up to \$90,000) being the responsibility of the CRA based on the respective linear miles. Staff has submitted a grant application requesting \$40,000 from the Department of Economic Opportunity to assist in offsetting the cost to the CRA.

PRIOR ACTION:

None

FUNDING:

Budget: \$ 90,000 Westside CRA Complete Streets

Actual: \$ 90,000 Estimated Cost (CRA Portion)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2021 Westside Community Redevelopment Area budget for Complete Streets. A grant application for \$40,000 has been submitted to offset the costs of the project.

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: Yes

5/26/2021

STAFF CONTACT:

Kerrith Fiddler, Deputy City Administrator - Community Development
M. Helen Gibson, AICP, CRA Administrator
Victoria D'Angelo, Assistant CRA Administrator

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Memorandum of Understanding - Jackson Street Transportation Plan

PRESENTATION: No