City of Palmetto

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 5/7/12

Presenter: Jon Moore  Department: CRA-CCNA Consultant

Title: US 41 Gateway/Riverside Drive/10th Avenue/17th Street Conceptual Corridor

BACKGROUND:

In striving to meet its main goal of eliminating slum and blight in the Community Redevelopment District, the Palmetto Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) wishes to undertake a long term project to create an alternative north/south corridor through the CRA and urban core of the city. To facilitate this project, a conceptual plan must be vetted by the CRA and appropriate long term budgets must be programmed and adhered to.

The project will be broken down into 6 phases, with estimated budgets:

Phase 1: Green Bridge/Riverside Drive to 10th Ave. at $1,862,000
Phase 2: 10th Ave from Riverside Drive to 5th Street at $1,204,000
Phase 3: 10th Ave from 5th Street to 7th Street at $1,209,000
Phase 4: 10th Ave from 7th Street to 10th Street at $1,573,000
Phase 5: 10th Ave from 10th Street to 17th Street (unknown at this time)
Phase 6: 17th Street to 8th Avenue and then the bus terminal north of town (unknown at this time)

PROCEDURE:

Recommendation at May 8, 2012 CRAAB meeting to move forward with Conceptual Project Plan.
Seek approval of CRA Board for Conceptual Plan and in particular Phase 1.
Begin application of Phase 1 through application for a Metropolitan Planning Organization Multimodal Emphasis Corridor grant.

Budgeted Amount: $0.00  Budget Page No(s): xx  Available Amount: $0.00  Expenditure Amount: $0.00

Additional Budgetary Information:

Funding Source(s): None at this time

Sufficient Funds Available: Yes  Budget Amendment Required: Yes

Source: FY 11

City Attorney Reviewed: Yes  Advisory Board Recommendation: Against

Consistent With: No

Potential Motion/Direction Requested:

Motion to approve the CRA US 41 Gateway/Riverside Drive/10th Avenue/17th Street Conceptual Corridor and authorize application for a 50% matching MPO MEC Grant for Phase 1 of the proposed project in an approximate amount of $1,900,000.

Staff Contact: Jeff Burton  CRA Director

Attachments:
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3. MEC-3 – 10th Avenue from 5th Street to 7th Street
4. MEC-4 – 10th Avenue from 7th Street to 10th Street

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  o Roundabouts to reduce emissions, reduce energy consumption, calm traffic and reduce maintenance.
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Sarasota/Manatee MPO
US 41 Multimodal Emphasis Corridor
Guiding Principles, Qualifying Project Elements, & Program Policy
As Adopted March 26, 2012

Guiding Principles:
1. Must address two or more mobility, connectivity, or congestion needs
   Walkers, strollers, bikes, stakeboards, line skates
   Reducing congestion on 41 by moving traffic to 10th
   Linear Park Trail from Snead Island to Riveria Dunes

2. Must be appropriate for the context of adjacent existing or planned land uses
   Design concepts are in keeping with future land use plans, comprehensive plan & CRA Plan

3. Must have local support
   CRA plan and comp plan already approved;

4. Must improve safety for vulnerable users
   Designated Linear Park Trail, improved pedestrian crosswalks and roundabouts improve safety

5. Should encourage economic development or revitalization
   Goal of CRA Plan

6. Should not have significant unmitigated negative environmental impacts
   Will use LID concepts wherever possible to improve water quality
   Use LED lighting to reduce energy consumption
   Roundabouts reduce emissions, energy consumption and reduce maintenance
   Linear Park Trail encourages walking/biking which reduces energy consumption and emissions

7. Should have efficient management and operational strategies identified, including coordination between Sarasota and Manatee Counties
   Coordination of multi-modal activities with cities and counties

8. Should emphasize the preservation and maintenance of the existing transportation system
   Roundabouts and Linear Park Trail reduce maintenance of existing system

Qualifying Project Elements

1. Pedestrian facility improvements/connections
   a. New sidewalks
      Linear Park Trail – US 41 to 10th Avenue to Snead Island
   b. Cross-walk construction/enhancement
      New cross walk with ADA and markings
   c. Addition of pedestrian-oriented benches, landscaping, streetscaping
      Linear Park Trail amenities
   d. ADA compliance
      Yes
e. Way-finding
   New signage
f. Lighting
   New LED lighting

2. Bicycle facility improvements/connections — Linear Park Trail
   a. Bike lanes
   b. Pavement markings
   c. Installation of bike racks/storage
   d. Road diet/lane reductions

3. Multi-use trails Linear Park Trail
   a. Trail heads
   b. Gateways
   c. Grade separations

4. Traffic calming
   a. On-street parking — on 10th Avenue West
   b. Speed control pavement techniques
   c. Narrowing of lanes

5. Major transit infrastructure — Applies to US 41
   a. Dedicated transit lanes — Riverside Park turn out
   b. Signal priority
   c. Queue jumps
   d. Vehicles

6. Transit shelter/stop improvements
   a. Shelters — US 41
   b. Benches
   c. Lighting
   d. Transit ITS
   e. Branding — Palmetto graphics

7. ITS improvements — US 41
   a. Dynamic messaging
   b. ATIS (Advanced Traveler Information System) or ATMS (Advanced Traveler Management System)
   c. Integrated corridor management

8. Intersection improvements
   a. Dedicated turn lanes
   b. Channelization
   c. Roundabouts — on 10th Avenue at Riverside Drive and on 6th Street & 7th Street
   d. Signal timing improvements — Removing signalization at 7th Street and 10th Avenue
   e. Add/drop lanes — US 41
   f. Pedestrian features (including pedestrian signal) — enhanced crosswalks

9. Access management and frontage road/parallel road improvements
   a. Close median openings
   b. Reduce driveways
   c. Signage
   d. Multi-modal parallel roadway improvement — Linear Park Trail

10. Landscaping
    a. Median landscaping
    b. Right-of-way landscaping
c. Gateway landscaping – Riverside Park Gateway to Palmetto

d. Transit facility landscaping

e. Hardscape improvements

Program Policy

Rule 1 The MPO will allocate certain funds for each county for each year through the Long Range Transportation Planning process specifically for mobility projects on the US 41 corridor.

Rule 2 Projects selected for consideration must address Guiding Principles 1-4 as listed below:

1. Must address one or more mobility, connectivity, or congestion needs
2. Must be appropriate for the context of adjacent existing or planned land uses
3. Must have local support
4. Must improve safety for vulnerable users

Rule 3 Projects selected for consideration should address Guiding Principles 5-8 as listed below:

5. Should encourage economic development or revitalization
6. Should not have significant unmitigated environmental impacts
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8. Should emphasize the preservation and maintenance of the existing transportation system

Rule 4 Projects that include local matching funds are preferred. CRA funding

Rule 5 Project selection and prioritization shall consider benefits and differences between large and small scale projects.

Rule 6 No project will be added to the MPO's MEC priority list until the project has been evaluated in the established MEC prioritization process. FDOT shall be involved in the MEC prioritization and/or programming process.

Rule 7 Projects will be prioritized and programmed no less than every five years and more often as needed (recommend one year prior to LRTP adoption).

Rule 8 Once a project has been prioritized or programmed, FDOT or sponsoring local jurisdictions may not significantly change the project type, nor the scope of the project as adopted by the MPO Board without concurrence of the MPO Board.

Rule 9 Local jurisdictions must obtain cost estimates for their projects from FDOT prior to submittal to the MPO for evaluation and prioritization.

Rule 10 Projects submitted after the designated submittal deadline will not be prioritized, but will be added to the list below those projects submitted before them.
Rule 11  There is no maximum project cost for candidate MEC projects. However, local governments shall phase projects or provide local funds for amounts in excess of the allocated funding available.