



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

COMMISSION ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 2017





The following 11 priorities were established by the City Commission at two workshops held on June 8 and 24, 2016. Strategic Initiative Teams, incorporating volunteer representatives from all departments, and led by a Department Director that is not the director of the department that would traditionally be responsible for the project, are actively working to move these priority projects forward. Strategic Initiative progress reports to management takes place at monthly FL²STAT meetings. Quarterly progress reports of the Commission Annual Action Plan will continue to be provided to the City Commission. Please note that while these are the top focus for the coming fiscal year, the projects are generally complex and multi-year.



Beach Community Redevelopment Area: The Beach Community Redevelopment Agency, in partnership with the City of Fort Lauderdale departments of Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Sustainable Development, and Transportation and Mobility, will continue to work toward the completion of significant capital improvement projects within the boundaries of the Central Beach Community Redevelopment Area (CRA). These initiatives include the Las Olas Corridor and Beach Streetscape Improvement project (including the parking garage), Las Olas Marina Expansion, Aquatic Center, D.C. Alexander Park, and Sebastian Street. There is an unspent balance of \$62,064,282 in the Community Investment Plan (CIP) for these projects. The successful completion of these projects will fulfill the Beach CRA's goal to enhance access to the beach and Intracoastal Waterway, as well as strengthen the visual and physical image of the Central Beach, while providing for an active and safe pedestrian, bicyclist, and vehicular environment.



Athletic Fields for Soccer and Lacrosse: The Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with the Public Works Department, will be working to increase and enhance the field space available to the public, particularly for soccer and lacrosse. Major components of this project include the addition of soccer and lacrosse fields at Mills Pond Park (currently in construction); identification of additional locations for field space through the Parks Master Plan, with the prioritization of park impact fees for funding; continuing discussions with schools and neighboring communities for joint use of fields; and the conversion of existing fields to turf to extend use and availability. There is an unspent balance of \$3,363,019 in the CIP for the construction of the Soccer/Lacrosse complex at Mills Pond Park. These enhancements will move the City closer toward meeting the growing demands for field space by the community.



Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights (NPF) Community Redevelopment Area:

The Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights CRA, in partnership with the City of Fort Lauderdale departments of Public Works, Sustainable Development, Transportation and Mobility, and the City Manager's Office, will continue to work to enhance and advance business development offerings, as well as capital improvements projects within the boundaries of the NPF CRA. Major project areas include 7th Avenue development, façade and business development incentives, enhanced marketing of available properties for sale, infill housing, installation of crosswalks along Sistrunk Boulevard, construction of three parking lots, and a lease with the YMCA for use of the Mizell Center. There is an unspent balance of \$7,099,565 in the CIP plus approximately \$12,390,000 in incentives in the FY 2017 Operating Budget. The goals of these projects are in alignment with the overall goals of the NPF CRA, which include expanding economic opportunities and fostering dynamic commercial and residential development, as well as enhancing neighbor quality of life.



Beach Mobility Master Plan:

The Transportation and Mobility Department will work to provide a comprehensive evaluation of traffic and mobility conditions on the barrier island, allowing for the identification of issues, solutions, and potential funding. Benefits to the community include enhancing quality of life, facilitating multi-modal transportation implementation and utilization, and promoting economic development opportunities. There is \$175,000 in the FY 2017 Operating Budget for the Beach Mobility Master Plan efforts. The goal of this project is to change the way people travel to, from, and within the coastal areas of the City in order to support and sustain a thriving tourist and local resource.



Stormwater Management and Funding:

The Public Works Department, in partnership with the Finance Department and the Budget Division, will continue to work toward constructing stormwater management solutions and identifying funding for future stormwater investments. The focus for the coming fiscal year will include the completion of Phase I projects, the continuation of Phase II neighborhood projects (including modeling, community engagement, and design), the completion of a rate study, and the consideration of a bond package to fund Phase III projects. There is a total of \$17,090,956 of unspent funding in the CIP for all stormwater infrastructure projects in FY 2017. This initiative will be a comprehensive approach to provide and construct solutions for stormwater challenges.



911 Communications: A multidisciplinary team with representatives from the departments of Information Technology Services, Police, Fire Rescue, Human Resources, Public Works, and Finance has been investigating the feasibility of resuming a City-operated and managed emergency communications center. Additional work will include the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for an agency to manage all operations (including hiring, training, set-up, design, procurement, construction, and full-facility management) of a new communications center, with the potential for the City to take over management after a pre-determined period of time. The team will also continue to identify and assess a permanent location for the communications center. There is \$1,500,000 of unspent funding in the CIP for this project. The intent of this project is for the City to resume management of emergency public safety communications in an effort to withdraw from the Broward County Regional Communications system.



Homeless Strategy and City Action Plan: The Neighbor Support Division, in partnership with the Police Department's Homeless Task Force, will continue to develop strategies and action plans to support homeless individuals, educate the community, and enforce existing ordinances, to achieve desired outcomes and enhance quality of life. Potential strategies include identifying alternative feeding sites and partnering with shared meals programs, identifying locations for personal storage lockers and a homeless assistance day center, developing a public education campaign, continued enforcement of the panhandling ordinance, and continued participation in the continuum of care rapid rehousing program. There is no specific funding identified in the CIP or FY 2017 Operating Budget for this project at this time.



Central City Regional Activity Center Rezoning: The Central City Community Redevelopment Area (CRA), in partnership with the City's departments of Sustainable Development and Transportation and Mobility, will be examining the CRA area and proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) to achieve a mixed-use environment. \$124,704 has been included in the FY 2017 Operating Budget to fund consulting services for a zoning study. The City Commission's goal is to see the Central City CRA transformed into a more vibrant, mixed-use community.



17th Street Mobility Plan: The Department of Transportation and Mobility (TAM) will finalize recommendations and propose an implementation plan for mobility improvements to the 17th Street corridor. In partnership with the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Division of the Information Technology Services (ITS) Department, a multi-modal level of service analysis for the area was completed, allowing TAM to develop a prioritized list of recommendations to be presented to the City Commission by December 2016. During FY 2017, TAM will work to complete Phase II of this plan, which includes seeking funding, partnerships, and integration into existing development and regulatory programs in order to begin to implement the City Commission approved recommendations. \$59,218 of encumbered funds from FY 2015 is available in the FY 2017 Operating Budget to finalize the study. The 17th Street Mobility project aims to balance mobility along the corridor by shifting a portion of vehicle trips to transit, walking, and biking through engineering and policy solutions.



Police Station of the 21st Century: The Fort Lauderdale Police Department, in partnership with the departments of Finance, Information Technology Services, Parks and Recreation, and Public Works, will identify funding and finalize design plans for a modern police station to benefit our neighbors and the community-at-large. The design of the new Police station may also impact the location of the City's fleet services and facilities maintenance operations. There is no specific funding identified in the CIP or FY 2017 Operating Budget for this project at this time.



South Andrews Area Redevelopment: The Department of Sustainable Development, in partnership with the Department of Transportation and Mobility, will work to update the existing master plan for the South Andrews Avenue area, develop incentives for workforce housing and commercial development, and evaluate multi-modal transportation amenities, such as "Park and Ride" options and a parking garage. Significant progress should be made during FY 2017 to allow the City Commission to make a decision on the final direction of the projects, and to allow for the appropriate allocation of funding in FY 2018 for implementation. There is no specific funding identified in the CIP or FY 2017 Operating Budget for this project at this time. The intent of these projects is to stimulate and enhance business development along the corridor; allowing it to experience similar growth and development to that which is currently taking place along North Andrews Avenue.