

ITEM TITLE:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A MATCHING GRANT FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) LOCAL AGENCY PROGRAM FOR THE DE SOTO FOUNTAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS FOR SAME.

BRIEF HISTORY:

On April 16, 2024, the City Commission adopted Vision Zero due to an uptick in roadway fatalities. In the first quarter of 2024, the city endured as many deaths as any of the prior seven years. The De Soto Fountain is an important monument in Coral Gables, but the intersection is difficult to navigate since it does not function as a standard roundabout due to the existing geometry. The intent of the project would be to reduce excess asphalt pavement to provide a clearly defined roundabout, slow traffic down as it navigates the intersection, and provide pedestrian connectivity. This grant application would provide additional funds needed to move this critical project forward which aligns with the City's vision to provide safe infrastructure for vulnerable road users.

ATTACHMENT(S):

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

No.	Amount	Account No.	Source of Funds
1.			
Total:	\$2,460,000		

Fiscal Impact:

An initial amount of \$350,000 is being requested for this upcoming fiscal year to cover the cost of public outreach and initial design. The application will be for \$1,055,000. The City would be responsible for the matching funds of \$1,055,000 if approved for the next five-year work program cycle.

BUSINESS IMPACT: