

ITEM TITLE

A discussion regarding the status of City of Coral Gables Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

BRIEF HISTORY:

On May 17, 2012, the Miami-Dade County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) approved an award of a grant to the City of Coral Gables to develop a "Citywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan."

On August 28, 2012, the City Commission authorized the execution of the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Coral Gables and the MPO for the purpose of funding the plan.

On October 30, 2012, the Department of Public Works selected Stantec, an existing continuing services consultant, who partnered with Street Plans Collaborative, an urban planning, design, and research-advocacy firm, to develop the plan.

On June 10, 2014, the City Commission adopted the City of Coral Gables Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

Following the adoption of the Coral Gables Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, the Department of Public Works approached its continuing services consultants to provide design services for a preferred alternative to the first phase of the Bicycle Master Plan. Upon receiving feedback, it was determined that the level of design and investment exceeded the original estimate developed in the master plan. The Department will move forward with developing a Request for Qualifications to design components of the Bicycle Master Plan and package them in an effort to apply for significant grant funding. It is envisioned that the selected consultant will further refine the early phasing recommendations made in the Bike Master Plan that connects downtown to Cocoplum Circle. The development of these projects will include community input that will be reflected in the final design of the bicycle facilities.

Additionally, staff will move forward with in-house design of smaller bicycle facility projects, which are defined as requiring little roadway widening or signal modifications. Examples of potential projects include Sevilla Avenue from Red Road to Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Alhambra Circle from Coral Way to Sevilla Avenue, Country Club Prado, and Obispo Avenue.

While the infrastructure component of the bike plan is very important, the Department is actively implementing the Education, Encouragement, Enforcement and Evaluation components of the plan. This includes:

- 1. Development of the Coral Gables Bicycle and Pedestrian web page;
- 2. Restructure of the Traffic Advisory Board to include active modes of transportation;
- 3. Certification of bike rodeo trainers; city staff trained to host events that develop skills to help participants become better bicyclists;
- 4. Active membership of Executive Committee of Bike 305;
- 5. Inclusion of bicycle and pedestrian review component of design plans;
- 6. Requirement of bicycle parking at any special event with over one thousand participants; and
- 7. Development of bicycle programming within the Community Recreation Department.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

Date	Resolution/Ordinance	Comments
August 28, 2012	Resolution 2012-154	Authorized interlocal agreement
June 10, 2014	Resolution 2014-123	Authorized adoption of plan

APPROVED RV:

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ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Presentation