



KEEP  
GABLES  
GREEN

NO BIKE LANES OR SIDEWALKS

# Coral Gables FDOT Grant Application Specific to Alhambra Circle Bicycle Lanes Grant Application 2015



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT VI  
TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM APPLICATION  
FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020

2015 APPLICATION CYCLE

Application Deadline:  
5:00 p.m. on or before March 20, 2015

# Community Support Material to Grant Award



## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT VI TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020 2015 Application Cycle

**Mobility enhancement or community development for disadvantaged groups.** The City of Coral Gables and its community partners, Bike Walk Coral Gables and the Coral Gables Museum have begun implementing the adopted Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan by providing bicycle programming for children and active adults over fifty. Some of this programming includes bicycling day camps, special events for all ages and developing confidence in older adults to use a bicycle as a means of transportation. Bike lanes have been cited by participants as infrastructure that makes these groups more likely to use their bikes. Additionally, where sidewalk connections do not exist at intersections, they will be provided to meet ADA standards. **Contribution of local funding.** The City of Coral Gables will contribute no less than 20% to fund the project. **Improving neighborhood or community quality of life and reducing the need for single occupancy vehicle trips.** In addition to implementing the adopted Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, the City is beginning the process to develop its Comprehensive Multimodal Transportation Plan. One of the primary objectives of this plan, once implemented, is to provide people with sustainable, viable and effective alternatives to personalized motorized vehicles, to reduce vehicle trips, and to manage vehicular congestion. The plan will provide a blueprint for developing a citywide system that serves all modal user groups, including commuting, recreational and utilization trips. It will provide for a well-integrated urban street grid providing access to existing job centers without sacrificing the high quality of life that exists within city neighborhoods. By developing a comprehensive multimodal transportation plan and continuing to build our bicycle network, The City of Coral Gables is demonstrating its commitment to improving neighborhood quality of life and reducing the need for single occupancy vehicle trips. **Evidence of community support.** Attached.

- a)  Conceptual plans are attached to this application, if available (scope.pdf)
- b)  A more detailed scope of work is attached to this application, if available (detailed scope.pdf)
- c)  Typical section drawings are attached to this application (typical section.pdf)

4. Summarize any special engineering and environmental characteristics of the project, and describe the characteristics of the project location and surrounding community: None

Typical Section drawings and descriptions are attached, if available (typical section.pdf)

5. Describe the project's existing Right-of-Way ownerships. Identify when the Right-of-Way was acquired, and how ownership is documented (i.e. plats, deeds, prescriptions, certified surveys, easements) [Click here to enter text.](#)

- a)  No right-of-way acquisition is proposed
- b)  Documentation of any right-of-way acquisition or ownership documentation is attached (ROW.pdf)

6. Is Right-of-Way acquisition proposed?

Yes  No

a) If yes, describe the proposed acquisition, including expected fund sources, limitations on fund use or availability, and who will acquire and retain ownership of proposed right-of-way? [Click here to enter text.](#)

b) Will temporary construction easements be required?

<sup>2</sup> All right-of-way acquisitions must comply with State and Federal rules, regulations and procedures.



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If it is proposed that the project be administered by a governmental entity other than the Department of Transportation, the entity must be certified to administer Federal Aid projects in accordance with the Department's Local Agency Program (LAP) Manual (Topic No.525-010-300)  
*Refer to Chapter 18 of the LAP Manual requirements regarding the use of consultants.<sup>5</sup>*

4. Have any public awareness activities or community meetings been held, scheduled or planned?

Yes  No

If yes, please describe: This project is part of the Commission adopted Coral Gables Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. The plan was presented at a public meeting held on November 13, 2013, the Traffic Advisory Board on May 20, 2014 and adopted at a Commission meeting on June 10, 2014.

5. Is there public and/or private support for the project, for example: petitions, written endorsements, resolutions, and letters of support?

Yes  No

Please describe: Coral Gables Resolution 2014-123 adopts the Master Plan. Letter of Support attached.

6. What is the proposed maintenance and ownership responsibilities for the project when completed?

Please describe: The City of Coral Gables will maintain.

7. Are local funds being applied to the project?

Yes  No

If yes, explain the flexibility of those funds: The City of Coral Gables has allocated \$600,000 to bicycling infrastructure over the past two fiscal years and plans to appropriate \$700,000 each fiscal year moving forward. The City has the capacity to provide a 70% match equivalent to \$XXXX.

8. Is there any other specific implementation information that should be considered?

Please describe: [Click here to enter text.](#)

### G. COST ESTIMATE

1. Provide a summary of estimated costs in the table below for the work being proposed. A detailed project cost estimate must be attached to this application (detailed cost\_estimate.pdf)

Planning Activities	\$

<sup>5</sup> Refer to LAP manual at [http://www.dot.state.fl.us/specificationsoffice/LAP/LAP\\_TOC.xlsx](http://www.dot.state.fl.us/specificationsoffice/LAP/LAP_TOC.xlsx)

\* NOT SPECIFIC TO ALHAMBRA CIR

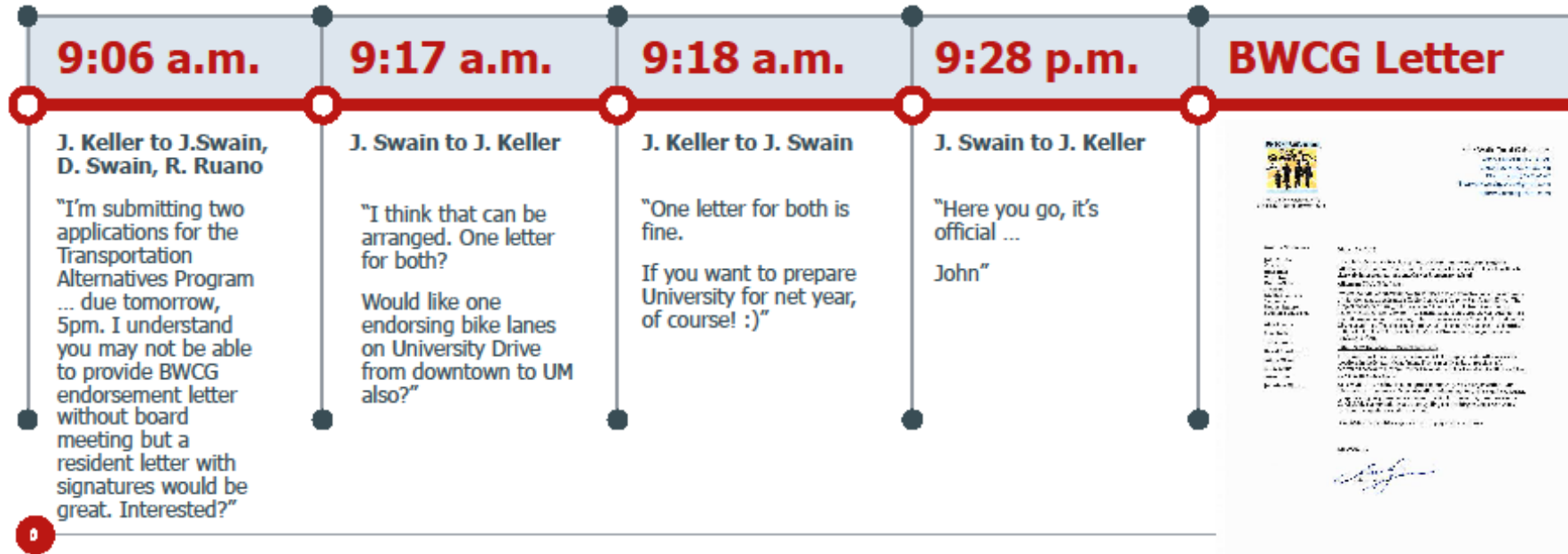
# FDOT 2015 APPLICATION

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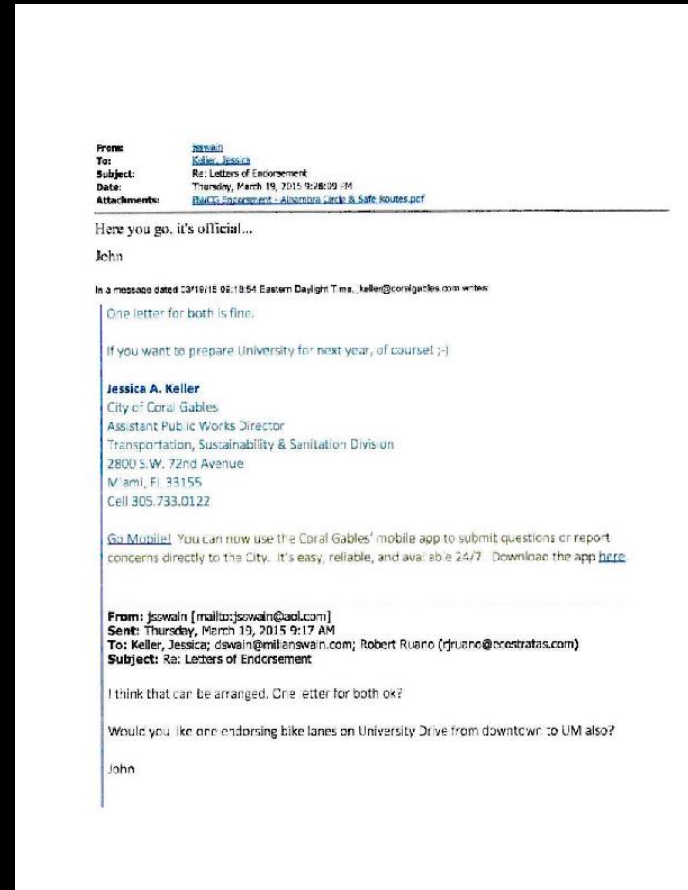
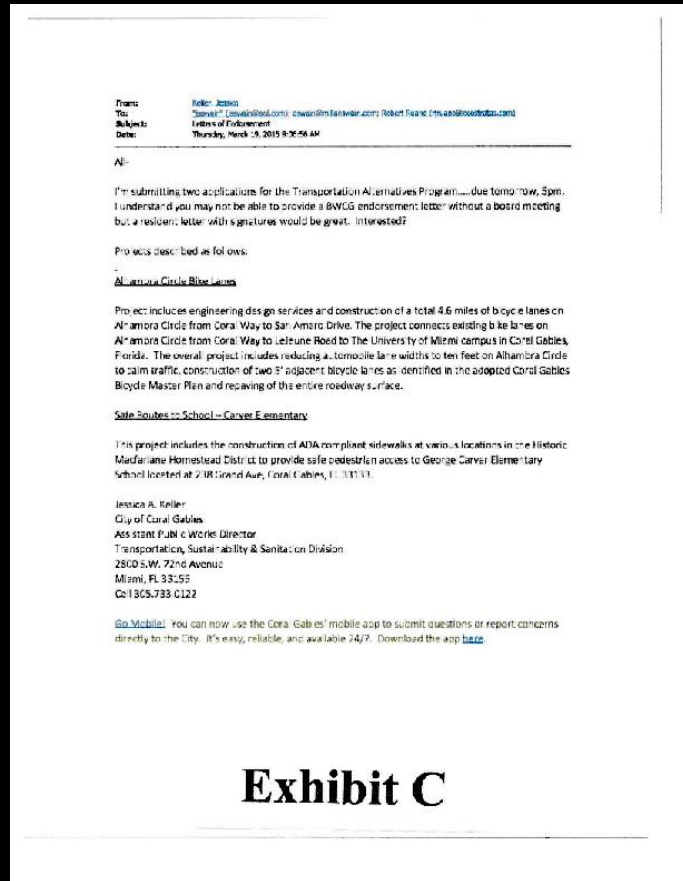
## March 19, 2015 Timeline

### Manufactured Alhambra Circle Community Support

Email Correspondence from Jessica Keller, CG Asst. Public Works Director and J. Swain, Bike Walk Board Member (obtained through public records request)



# March 19, 2015 Email Correspondence Between CG Asst. Public Works Director Keller and Bike Walk Board Member J. Swain





Florida Bicycle Association's  
Bicycle Business of the year - 2014

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**March 19, 2015**

The City Of Coral Gables is applying for grants under the Transportation Alternatives Program. One is for bike lanes on Alhambra Circle and another for sidewalk improvements around Carver Elementary school.

Alhambra Circle Bike Lanes

Project includes engineering design services and construction of a total 4.6 miles of bicycle lanes on Alhambra Circle from Coral Way to San Amaro Drive. The project connects existing bike lanes on Alhambra Circle from Coral Way to LeJeune Road to The University of Miami campus in Coral Gables, Florida. The overall project includes reducing automobile lane widths to ten feet on Alhambra Circle to calm traffic, construction of two 5' adjacent bicycle lanes as identified in the adopted Coral Gables Bicycle Master Plan and repaving of the entire roadway surface.

Safe Routes to School – Carver Elementary

This project includes the construction of ADA compliant sidewalks at various locations in the Historic Macfarlane Homestead District, to provide safe pedestrian access to George Carver Elementary School located at 238 Grand Ave, Coral Gables, FL 33133.

Bike Walk Coral Gables is a non-profit community based organization. Our mission is to promote a safe and friendly environment for cyclists and pedestrians by sponsoring programs and events to educate the community. We envision a Coral Gables community that values cycling and walking as safe and healthy forms of transportation and recreation.

Bike Walk Coral Gables supports the two projects listed above.

Respectfully,

  
John Swain - Chairman



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November 2, 2015

Ms. Jessica Keller  
Director of Public Works  
City of Coral Gables

Dear Ms. Keller:

Re: 2015 Transportation Alternatives Program Project Selection

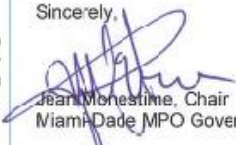
This is to inform you that your application for the 2015 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) cycle has been selected and approved for funding. The following project is included in the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) 2017-2021 Tentative Five-Year Work Program, which was approved by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Governing Board by Resolution No. 42-15, on October 22, 2015. In the pertinent fiscal year, the funds will be administered through the FDOT Local Agency Program (LAP) to ensure compliance with Federal and State requirements and policies.

Project	Applicant	FM #	Year	Phase	Amount
Alhambra Circle Bike Lanes	Coral Gables	438621	FY 2021	Construction	\$597,670

This selection process was a collaborative effort between the MPO and the FDOT with input from a staff review committee and our citizen advisory committees.

We appreciate the efforts of all the applicants in submitting projects through the TAP process. The MPO is committed to funding transportation alternatives projects that help improve safety and mobility for our residents and visitors. If you have any questions, please contact David Henderson at 305-375-1647 or [dhenderson@miamidadempc.org](mailto:dhenderson@miamidadempc.org).

Sincerely,

  
Jean Monestime, Chair  
Miami-Dade MPO Governing Board

cc: Jesus Guerra, MPO Interim Executive Director  
Gus Pego, P.E., Secretary, FDOT District VI  
Harold Desdunes, P.E., FDOT District VI  
Aiah Yassir, FDOT

# September 25, 2019

- CLOSE TO FIVE YEARS LATER

- First Alhambra Circle resident meeting held at the Youth Center – most residents did not receive notice of the meeting.
- Consultants had been hired, plans drawn and residents specifically told that no bicycle lanes on Alhambra Circle was NOT an option.



# October 19, 2019 Alhambra Circle Walk Through



# January 25, 2019 Alhambra Circle Community Meeting

Corner of Coral Way and Alhambra Circle



**Significant Safety Issues  
Posed by Placing a Bike  
Path on Narrow and  
Winding Alhambra Circle**

# Alhambra Circle Bridge Area





# Immediate Double Winding Curves Upon Crossing Bridge Towards Bird Road



Emergency Vehicles  
will be delayed on a narrow Alhambra Circle  
collector street.



**Coral Gables is not a thing of the moment, of the year or even of the passing period, but a wonderful monument to the achievement of worthwhile perseverance in the creation of beauty and in the coming true of dreams that will as solidly endure and as beautifully and bountifully age as does the everlasting coral on which this master development is founded.**

**- George Merrick**