



February 16, 2023

Gerry O'Reilly
District 4 Secretary
Florida Department of Transportation
3400 West Commercial Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309

Re: Design Criteria and Funding Support for the Inclusion of Landscaping and Green Bike Lanes in Roadway Projects

The City of Oakland Park (City) requests that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), including and specifically District 4, review their current design criteria for landscaping and continuous green bike lanes relating to state and federally funded projects.

The City has been working closely with the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Broward County Transportation (BCT) on making our combined roadways within the City more pedestrian and bicycle friendly, while reducing urban heat islands. Examples of this continued collaboration include:

- BCT and the MPO supported and funded the City's efforts to install continuous green bike lanes on the Prospect Road and Andrews Avenue Improvement Projects using FDOT approved design criteria.
- BCT and the City are working to incorporate additional landscaping, including shade tree canopies, on projects such as Prospect Road and NW 21st Avenue Improvement Projects.

Unfortunately, this effort has not been successful on FDOT funded projects, as the landscaping and continuous green bike lanes are not being considered as approved nor eligible elements within state roads. For example, on the Powerline Road Improvement Project (part of a TIGER Grant), the City worked closely with FDOT's design-build team to find an acceptable tree type to be placed along the new landscape islands and within bulb-outs, it was ultimately determined by FDOT that none would meet FDOT's clear zone criteria for newly planted trees. However, this would have been a temporary condition as once established, the tree canopies would have cleared the restricted zone. Additionally, on Powerline Road, the newly constructed bike lanes are not continuously green due to FDOT District 4 restrictions.

Green Bike Lanes

FDOT District 6 allows and funds continuous green bike lanes. This is not the case in District 4 as the newly constructed Powerline Road project does not have continuously green bike lanes due to their restrictions.

The National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) supports and encourages the inclusion of green bike lanes; see below link. In summary, the benefits include:

- Promotes the multi-modal nature of a corridor.
- Increases the visibility of bicyclists.
- Discourages illegal parking in the bike lane.
- Raises motorist and bicyclist awareness of potential areas of conflict when used in conflict areas.
- Increases bicyclist comfort through clearly delineated space.
- Increases motorist yielding behavior.
- Helps reduce bicycle conflicts with turning motorists.

Additional information on these benefits is available online: <https://nacto.org/publication/urban-bikeway-design-guide/bikeway-signing-marking/colored-bike-facilities/>

Street Trees and Reduction of Urban Heat Islands

The City is very interested in maintaining, improving, and expanding its tree canopy and reducing urban heat islands; hence, the City's request for consideration from FDOT and the Broward MPO of the addition of trees on FDOT rights-of-way. The recently completed TIGER Grant project included landscaping (including new street trees) along Powerline Road. Discussions with the MPO and FDOT that included then City Mayor and MPO Board member Michael Carn committed that further funding for street trees would be awarded to Oakland Park.

The City would like to meet and discuss the matter of funding and installation of continuous green bike lanes and landscaping along FDOT corridors in our City. Should you have any questions, please contact Albert Carbon, City of Oakland Park Public Works Director, at 954.630.4458 or albertc@oaklandparkfl.gov.

Sincerely,


David Hebert
City Manager

c: Oakland Park City Commission



February 17, 2023

Mr. Gregory Stuart
Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization
100 West Cypress Creek Road, Suite 650
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

Dear Mr. Stuart,

This letter is to inform you that effective February 17, 2023, Milos Majstorovic, Transportation & Mobility Deputy Director, will replace Lisa Marie Glover as a Technical Advisory Committee member. Karen Warfel will remain the Primary Technical Advisory Committee member and contact person for the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 954-828-3781 or via email at brogers@fortlauderdale.gov.

Sincerely,

Ben Rogers, Director
Transportation and Mobility





**U.S. Department
of Transportation**

Office of the Secretary
of Transportation

Under Secretary for Policy

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Washington, DC 20590

February 22, 2023

Mr. Gregory Stuart
Executive Director
Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization
Trade Center South
100 West Cypress Creek Road, Suite 650
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

Dear Mr. Stuart:

Thank you for your letter supporting the Tri-City Connectivity Master Plan application for funding under the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Discretionary Grant Program funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

The Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program is the first-ever Federal program dedicated to restoring community connectivity through the removal, retrofit, mitigation, or replacement of eligible transportation infrastructure facilities. The deadline for submitting final applications was October 13, 2022, and we anticipate awards in early 2023. All properly submitted applications will receive full and careful consideration.

Thank you for your support of this program and for your partnership as we work to strengthen our nation's infrastructure.

Sincerely,

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Carlos A. Monje, Jr.



February 24, 2023

Mr. Gerry O'Reilly, P.E.
District Secretary
Florida Department of Transportation District IV
3400 West Commercial Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309

RE: Gateway Intersection Project Development and Environment Study (FM 441955-1)

Dear Secretary O'Reilly:

The City of Fort Lauderdale formally requests that the City be an active participant in the Project Development and Environmental Study for the Gateway Intersection. The Gateway Intersection is fully located within the City of Fort Lauderdale and has substantial impacts on both north/south and east/west traffic and multi-modal accommodations. The City's Transportation and Mobility Department can represent the City of Fort Lauderdale to provide insight, share concerns, and assist with public outreach throughout the process.

During the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (BMPO) meeting held on February 9, 2023, Mayor Dean Trantalis requested that the Florida Department of Transportation include a tunnel alternative in addition to the already selected fly-over alternative. Please consider this request, as the City of Fort Lauderdale wants to better understand various scenarios and their associated impacts.

Thank you for your efforts to improve safety and functionality for all users at the Gateway Intersection. We look forward to working with you throughout the process and look forward to these improvements within our community.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ben Rogers, Director of Transportation and Mobility at brogers@fortlauderdale.gov or 954-828-3781.

Sincerely,

[Greg Chavarria \(Feb 25, 2023 07:30 EST\)](#)

Greg Chavarria
City Manager

C: Anthony G. Fajardo, Assistant City Manager
Ben Rogers, Transportation and Mobility, Director
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February 28, 2023

Florida Department of Transportation
District Four
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Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309
Attn: Secretary Gerry O'Reilly

Florida Department of Transportation
District Six
1000 NW 111th Ave
Miami, FL 33172
Attn: Secretary Stacy Miller

Dear Ms. Miller & Mr. O'Reilly:

On behalf of the Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC) we are pleased to submit the enclosed Transportation Regional Incentives Program (TRIP) priority list for FY24-29 to both Florida Department of Transportation District 4 and District 6.

The SEFTC has voted unanimously to approve this list on the 23rd day of February 2023, based on the recommendation of the Regional Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (RTTAC). The projects reflect the regional transportation needs which meet the TRIP criteria in priority order.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beam Furr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail.

Beam Furr

Chair, SEFTC

Encl: Transportation Regional Incentive Program Project Priority List

CC: Sabrina Aubery, FDOT D4
Ken Jeffries FDOT D6
Aileen Boucle', Executive Director, Miami-Dade TPO
Greg Stuart, Executive Director, Broward MPO
Valerie Neilson, Executive Director, Palm Beach TPA

TRANSPORTATION REGIONAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TRIP) PROJECT PRIORITY LIST

Fiscal Years (FY) 24-29

Broward MPO, Miami-Dade TPO, and Palm Beach TPA

Adopted by SEFTC on February 23, 2023

County-Rank	Proj. #	Year Added	New / DTWP / TIP	Project	Location	Improvement	Upcoming Transportation Improvement Programs					Notes		
							Current Year	Next Year						
							FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27		FY 28	FY 29
MDC-1		2023	New	Downtown Intermodal Terminal	Next to the Government Center Metrorail Station	To design and build a Downtown Intermodal Terminal to serve as the end-of-line terminal for existing bus routes as well as proposed premium BRT routes such as the SMART Plan East-West and Flagler Corridor BRT. This terminal is proposed to be integrated with a TOD development in the Government Center area, which will also provide an intermodal connectivity with the Metrorail, Metromover systems, and MiamiCentral station.					LF \$4,851	LF \$5,635	LF \$5,635	Total project cost is estimated to be \$35M. The project can use more state funding if more is available.
										TRIP \$4,851	TRIP \$5,635	TRIP \$5,635		
MDC-2		2023	New	South Dade Trail	from Florida City to Dadeland South Metrorail Station	Upgrade the multi-use path within the South Dade Transitway			LF \$3,786					Planning Phase is funded; Design Phase \$7.5M
									TRIP \$3,786					
MDC-3		2023	New	25th Street Widening	from 87th Ave to Turnpike	Capacity Improvement - Widen from 4 to 6 Lanes			LF \$ 6,738					Design Phase Funded; ROW Phase \$13M
									TRIP \$ 6,737					
MDC-4		2023	New	Waterborne Transportation	from near Haulover park to Downtown Miami	Waterborne Transportation - NEPA and Design			LF \$600					
									TRIP \$600					
MDC-5	444622-3	2022	DTWP	Beach Express North	I-195 (Sr 112)	Capital to purchase 6 40' electric buses and begin service				TRIP \$1,283	TRIP \$520			Purchase Vehicle/Equipment
									TRWR \$1,451	LF \$520				
									LF \$2,734					
MDC-6	451656-1	2022	DTWP	Rolling Stock for South Florida Rail Corridor	South Florida Rail Corridor	Additional rolling stock to meet the needs for additional stations.		TRIP \$2,500						Purchase Vehicle/Equipment
								LF \$2,500						
MDC-7	447413-1	2022	DTWP	SOUTH DADE TRANSITWAY SW 112 AVE PARK & RIDE LOT	SW 112 Ave	Park and Ride Lot		TRIP \$1,138						Pre construction of Park n Ride Lot underway
								TRWR \$1,111						
								LF \$2,249						
MDC-8	447414-1	2022	DTPW	SOUTH DADE TRANSITWAY SW 296 ST PARK & RIDE LOT	SOUTH DADE TRANSITWAY & SW 296 ST	PARK & RIDE LOT		TRIP \$892						Pre construction of Park n Ride Lot underway
								LF \$892						
MDC-9	447416-1	2022	DTPW	PICKUP/DROP OFF LOCATIONS FROM SW 344 ST TO DADELAND	SW 344 ST TO DADELAND	PICKUP/DROP OFF LOCATIONS	TRIP \$625	TRIP \$1,089	TRIP \$1,192					Pre construction of Park n Ride Lot underway
							LF \$625	TRWR \$837	LF \$1,192					
								LF \$1,926						
MDC-10	447417-1	2022	DTPW	SOUTH DADE TRANSITWAY - MARLIN RD PARK & RIDE LOT	SOUTH DADE TRANSITWAY & MARLIN RD	PARK & RIDE LOT			TRIP \$473					Park and Ride lot, adopted - not begun
									TRWR \$1,292					
									LF \$1,765					
MDC-11	447418-1	2022	DTPW	SOUTH DADE TRANSITWAY SW 264 ST/BAUER DR PARK & RIDE	SOUTH DADE TRANSITWAY & SW 264 ST/BAUER DR	PARK & RIDE LOT			TRIP \$893					Park and Ride lot, adopted - not begun
									LF \$893					
MDC-12	447419-1	2022	DTWP	MOUNT SINAI MULTIMODAL SMART TERMINAL	MOUNT SINAI	MULTIMODAL SMART TERMINAL	TRIP \$1,787							Pre construction of Park n Ride Lot underway
							LF \$1,787							
MDC-13	449501-1	2022	DTWP	SOUTH DADE TRANSITWAY PARK & RIDE LOT DADELAND SOUTH	SOUTH DADE TRANSITWAY & DADELAND SOUTH	PARK & RIDE LOT				TRIP \$2,015				Park and ride lot, adopted - not begun
										TRWR \$465				
										LF \$2,480				
MDC-14	449641-1	2022	DTPW	UNITY STATION TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT TERMINAL	UNITY STATION	TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT TERMINAL			TRIP \$720					Parking Facility, adopted not begun
									TRWR \$624					
									LF \$1,344					

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BC-1	446200.1		DTWP	RESURFACING	SR-820/PINES BLVD FROM I-75 NORTH ON-RAMP TO E OF NW 118TH AVE	MPO ADDED SCOPE: SHARED USE PATH, PEDESTRIAN LIGHTING, AND TRANSIT FEATURES AT BUS STOPS. SAFETY FEATURES TO INCLUDE INTERSECTION WIDENING, SIGNALS, AND PED LIGHTING AT NW 142 AVE/SW 145 AVE		ACNR \$7,310 DDR \$1,236 DIH \$46 SU \$1,037 TRIP \$463 TRWR \$397	DIH \$47						2022 FDOT added TRIP/TRWR to this project DTWP.
BC-2	448102.1	2021	DTWP	Rolling Stock for South Florida Rail Corridor	South Florida Rail Corridor	Additional rolling stock to meet the needs for additional stations.				TRIP \$322	SU \$2,500 TRWR \$1,781 TRIP \$397				2022 TRIP Value increased from \$397 to \$719
BC-3	431756.1	2018	TIP	University Drive	NW 40th St to Sawgrass Expressway	Widen from 4 to 6 lanes	SU \$100	CM \$13 TRWR \$205							Fully funded as of 2021. 2022 DTWP does not show funding.
BC-4	436980.1	2019	TIP	Pembroke Rd	Douglas Rd to University Dr	Widen from 4 to 6 lanes		SA \$90 SU \$1,017 TRIP \$164	SU \$791 TRIP			SU \$5,226 TRIP \$4,008			2022 funding moved to FY24 in 23-27 DTWP
BC-5	448104.1	2020	TIP	Griffin Rd. Bus Service	Griffin Rd. Tri-Rail (Dania Beach) to Sunrise (Sawgrass Mills Mall)	New local bus route along Griffin Rd., operating seven days a week. TRIP request supports purchase of five new buses needed for new service.		LF \$3,390 TRIP \$3,390							
BC-6		2022	New	Rolling Stock for South Florida Rail Corridor	South Florida Rail Corridor	Additional rolling stock to meet the needs for additional stations.			SU \$2,500 TRIP \$2,500		SU \$5,000 TRIP \$5,000	SU \$2,500 TRIP \$2,500			Added 2022 to utilize TRIP reserves in 2025, 2027, 2028
PBC-1	448103.1	2020	TIP	Rolling Stock for South Florida Rail Corridor	South Florida Rail Corridor	Additional rolling stock to meet the needs for additional stations.			SU \$2,500 TRIP \$1,956 TRWR \$544						
PBC-2	446098.1	2020	TIP	US 1	Camino Real to Indiantown Road	Purchase electric buses and charging stations to add transit capacity and support introduction of corridor-based BRT		SU \$2,168 TRWR \$2,168							
PBC-3	438386.4	2018	TIP	US 1	Palmetto Park Rd to Northlake Blvd (SR-850)	Construct 14 enhanced transit shelters within existing ROW		DIH \$238		SU \$3,853 TRIP \$1,135 TRWR \$1,001	SU \$26				
PBC-4	449850.1	2021	DTWP	Rolling Stock for South Florida Rail Corridor	South Florida Rail Corridor	Additional rolling stock to meet the needs for additional stations.					SU \$2,500 TRIP \$2,500				Requesting \$2.5M TRIP match.
PBC-5	448103.2	2022	DTWP	Rolling Stock for South Florida Rail Corridor	South Florida Rail Corridor	Additional rolling stock to meet the needs for additional stations.				SU \$2,500 TRIP \$600 TRWR \$400	TRIP \$1,500				
PBC-6	TBD	2023	New	Okeechobee Blvd and SR 7 corridor	Okeechobee Blvd and SR 7 from Wellington Mall to downtown West Palm Beach	Purchase electric buses to support enhanced transit service							SU \$5,000 TRIP \$5,000		Requesting \$5M in TRIP match.
Notes:							Total TRIP Funding Request	\$2,412	\$14,354	\$21,317	\$8,672	\$16,549	\$12,143	\$10,635	
1. For each project, the TRIP funding request is equal to the identified matching funds in each year. 2. Bold Underlined text = request for new project and/or new funding 3. LF - Local Funds; SU - Surface Transportation Funds (STP), Urban Areas > 200K															



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Fiscal Year	FY 23	FY 24 ^a	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	TOTAL
FDOT D4 (TRIP + TRWR)		\$3,553	\$862	\$104	\$6,695	\$104	\$8,597	\$19,916
FDOT D4 419282.1 Reserves: TRIP		\$690	\$0	\$20	\$3,771	\$38	\$5,673	\$10,193
FDOT D4 419282.1 Reserves: TRWR		\$2,862	\$862	\$84	\$2,924	\$66	\$2,924	\$9,723
FDOT D6			\$11,124	\$0	\$4,851	\$5,635	\$5,635	\$27,245
Total (D4 + D6)	\$0	\$3,553	\$11,986	\$104	\$11,546	\$5,738	\$14,232	\$47,160

a. FY 24 reserves cannot be programmed.