To: council Members

From: staff

Date: June 12, 2020

Subject: Interlocal Agreement with the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency

Background

The purpose of this item is to request Council approval to execute a new agreement (attached) with the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency (TPA) to provide professional services relating to land use and planning assistance in support of TPA projects and priorities. For the past several years, Council staff has provided the Palm Beach TPA with a broad range of land use planning, evaluation, and public outreach assistance. The current five-year agreement expires on June 30, 2020 and Council staff has been requested by the Palm Beach TPA to continue to provide planning assistance to the TPA and local governments, as determined by the TPA.

Analysis

Council has been engaged in several planning assistance agreements with the Palm Beach TPA (and their predecessor the Palm Beach MPO) since 2008. Council has provided general land use, transportation, and outreach assistance with local governments and agencies. Project-specific assistance has included station area planning around existing and anticipated Tri-Rail commuter rail stations, establishment of Quiet Zones along the FEC Railway, and greenways and trails. Most recently, work was performed on the US 1 Multi-modal Corridor Study, Forest Hill Boulevard Complete Street, and Lake Worth Road Complete Street. Current projects include a Lane Repurposing Study on US 1 in North Palm Beach and a Multimodal Mobility Plan for the Indian Trail Improvement District.

The proposed Interlocal Agreement has a three-year term, with the potential of two one-year extensions. The amount of potential revenue for the three-year term is $500,000, with up to an additional $150,000 for each one-year extension.

Conclusion

Improving the relationship between land use patterns and transportation planning will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the transportation network, create better opportunities for multi-modal success, and enhance quality of life throughout the region. Additional funding will allow Council to assist in the advancement of these goals, enhance the transit-supportive land use
and policy framework in the region, provide direct assistance to local governments, and assist in implementation of the Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

**Recommendation**

Council should authorize the Chair to execute the attached Interlocal Agreement with the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency, and any minor amendments, on behalf of Council.

**Council Action – June 19, 2020**

Commissioner Dzadovsky from St. Lucie County moved approval of the staff recommendation. Vice Mayor Hmara from the Village of Royal Palm Beach seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Attachment