



COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT

Meeting Date: July 23, 2024
To: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers
From: Maria Covelli, Grants Coordinator
Through: George Garrett, City Manager

Agenda Item: **Resolution 2024-57**, Approving a Grant Agreement between the City of Marathon and the Florida Department of Transportation in the amount of \$250,000.00 For Creation of a City of Marathon Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan; Appropriating Funds; And Providing For An Effective Date

BACKGROUND & JUSTIFICATION:

Florida receives funding by contract authority from the United States Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) through the Surface Development Block Grant. Subject to the overall federal-aid obligation limitation, a portion of these allocations are for transportation "alternatives" or "enhancements". The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) administers this federal funding, now known as the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside program (TA), through a competitive process. TA funds a variety of smaller-scale transportation projects and activities that expand and integrate accessible nonmotorized travel choices and make them safer, including on- and off-road bicycle and pedestrian facilities, recreational trails, safe routes for non-drivers, safe routes to schools, and accessibility improvements to help achieve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Strengthening our economy by enhancing traveling experiences throughout communities.

The City of Marathon applied to the Florida Department of Transportation District VI 2023 Transportation Alternatives application. The City was approved for funding for Fiscal year 2025. The City of Marathon is seeking to enter into a grant agreement with FDOT to approve and accept grant funding in the amount of \$250,000 to fund the completion of a city-wide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety for residents and visitors of all ages and abilities.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan will help to fulfill Objective 7-1.3 : Encourage Bicycle and Pedestrian Paths of the Comprehensive Plan. Specifically, Policy 7-1.3.1: Prepare Bicycle Path and Pedestrian Improvement Plan and Policy 7-1.3.2: Develop a Pedestrian and Bicycle Path Network. It will, also, assist with Comprehensive Plan Objective 7-1.5: Coordinate Transportation Plans, Policy 7-1.5.1: Coordinate with FDOT on the Five-Year Work Program.

ATTACHMENTS

Grant Agreement

CONSISTENCY CHECKLIST:

Yes

No

1. Comprehensive Plan – Chapter 7
2. Other: Grant Agreement Contract

<u>X</u>	_____
<u>X</u>	_____

FISCAL NOTE:

Approval of this agreement allows the City to receive funding for the project. No grant match funding is required.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval of Resolution

**CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION 2024-57**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, APPROVING A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000.00 TO COMPLETE A BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Florida receives funding by contract authority from the United States Department of Transportation’s Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) through the Surface Development Block Grant. Subject to the overall federal-aid obligation limitation, a portion of these allocations are for transportation “alternatives” or “enhancements”. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) administers this federal funding, now known as the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside program (TA), through a competitive process. TA funds a variety of smaller-scale transportation projects and activities that expand and integrate accessible nonmotorized travel choices and make them safer, including on- and off-road bicycle and pedestrian facilities, recreational trails, safe routes for non-drivers, safe routes to schools, and accessibility improvements to help achieve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Strengthening our economy by enhancing traveling experiences throughout communities; and

WHEREAS, The City of Marathon applied to the Florida Department of Transportation District VI’s Transportation Alternatives in February, 2023 seeking an award of grant funding for completion of a Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety for residents and visitors of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, The City was approved for funding in May, 2023 for Fiscal year 2025; and

WHEREAS, The City received the draft grant agreement from FDOT in May, 2024; and

WHEREAS, The City of Marathon is seeking to enter into a grant agreement with FDOT to approve and accept grant funding in the amount of \$250,000 to fund the completion of a city-wide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety for residents and visitors of all ages and abilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein.

Section 2. The City Manager is authorized to sign the grant documents and any amendments.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, THIS 23RD DAY OF JULY, 2024.

THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA

Robyn Still, Mayor

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

Diane Clavier, City Clerk

(City Seal)

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA ONLY:

Steve Williams, City Attorney