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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Chair, Vice-Chair and Members of the Board

**FROM:** Chris Dabros, Project Manager 

**DATE:** February 10, 2015

**SUBJECT:** MPO/FDOT Local Initiatives Program Grant / Resolution 2015-02

### EXPLANATION:

In January of this year, the CRA was presented with an opportunity to apply for funding from the Palm Beach MPO and Florida Department of Transportation as part of the 2015 cycle of Local Initiative Programs (LI).

The CRA (acting as the lead applicant) and City of Lake Worth, will be applying for up to \$900,000 to be used for the purchase, fabrication and installation of new directional way-finding signage in the City. Last year, the CRA and City identified the need to improve directional and welcome signage throughout the City. As a result, the CRA selected a way-finding design firm to inventory the existing signage, identify locations for future signage and to create new designs for signage throughout the City. City and CRA Staff have been closely working with the firm for the past 6 months to develop a final product.

The goal of the way-finding project is to create a consistent and cohesive signage system throughout the City and to safely and efficiently direct residents and visitors to places of interest within the downtown core.

The submittal date for this year's funding is February 27<sup>th</sup>. Awards are expected to be announced this summer and all funding will be provided to awardees during the 2020/21 fiscal year (or possibly earlier).

As with most competitive grants, the strength of an application is greatly enhanced when support from multiple agencies and organizations is established. An approved Resolution from the CRA (**EXHIBIT 'A'**) supports the submission of the grant application and identifies the CRA's initial responsibilities and expectations of improving the circulation of motorized and non-motorized vehicles within the District.

If our application is fortunate enough to be awarded funding, the CRA's responsibilities could be expanded to include tasks such as:

- *Assisting with outreach to residents and the business community*
- *Project management support*
- *Technical support*
- *An concentrated working relationship and partnership with FDOT*

**REQUEST:**

Staff requests the Board review and execute the attached Resolution (#2015-02) supporting the submission of a grant application to the Palm Beach County Metropolitan Planning Organization and the FDOT Local Initiatives Program (LI).