



## CITY COMMISSION ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION

**TITLE:** Resolution 25-53 (Administration/Finance/Utilities)

**DATE:** August 26, 2025

**DESCRIPTION:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURSUE AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH BROWARD COUNTY FOR THE SURTAX GRANT MATCH PROGRAM; APPROVING A LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT EQUAL TO TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%) OF THE REQUESTED PROJECT MATCH; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE GRANT FUNDING AND TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

### **CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:**

The City Manager recommends approval of this Resolution to authorize the Grant application for the Broward County Surtax Grant Match Program (GMP) to assist in funding the Design and Construction of the Hiatus Road Traffic Safety Improvements Project, in an amount not to exceed \$1,512,200, and if funded, to authorize the City Manager to accept the award of grant funds, execute the grant agreement, expend budgeted funds, and take all necessary steps to implement the terms and conditions of the grant agreement.

### **BACKGROUND OF ITEM:**

On July 22, 2025, the City Commission approved and authorized the execution of the 2025 Amended and Restated Transportation System Surtax Interlocal Agreement (Third Amendment) via Resolution 25-39. The Third Amendment created a new Grant Match Program (GMP), commencing in Fiscal Year 2026. The GMP was established pursuant to Section 4.5 of the Third Amendment, which allows participating municipalities to seek Transportation Surtax funding as part of the **local match requirements** for competitive state and federal programs, grants, and appropriations.

The GMP Application Acceptance Period opened on August 18, 2025. Per the Amended and Restated Third Amendment, the Grant Match Program (GMP) will be available on a **first-come, first-served basis** to all municipalities that participate in the Transportation Surtax Program. In order to competitively position the City for a GMP Award on a first-come, first-served basis, the Application was submitted upon the Acceptance Period date, pending this Resolution and the City Commission's approval or withdrawal of the Application. An initial \$13 million will be allocated to the GMP, with a \$3M per project cap. Each Municipality seeking funding from the

GMP for an Eligible Municipal Project (a Municipal Capital Project, Municipal R&M Project, or On-demand Transportation Services that, pursuant to Section 212.055(1)(d), Florida Statutes is statutorily eligible) shall submit an application to the MAP Administration. Each Municipality shall only be able to apply for funding from the GMP one (1) time each Fiscal Year. To be eligible for funding through the GMP, the Municipality must pledge to fund at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the required local match from non-Transportation Surtax Funds.

**ANALYSIS:**

The City received complaints concerning vehicular speeding and accidents at the intersection of Hiatus Road and NE Lake Boulevard. The intersection is located on Hiatus Road, between Sheridan Street and Stirling Road. There are two residential communities which share this busy intersection: the Embassy Lakes community on the east side and the Rock Creek community on the west side. In addition, the Embassy Creek Elementary School is within a 15-minute walking distance (0.8 miles) and the community shopping center is within a 12-minute walking distance (0.6 miles) from this intersection. Thus, the safety of this intersection is of significant value to the Cooper City residents, as well as local businesses, visitors, and students.

In 2024, the City contracted with an engineering firm to perform a traffic operational analysis and safety study for this intersection. The purpose of the study was to evaluate the safety benefits and traffic operation improvements of reconfiguring the intersection of Hiatus Road and NE Lake Boulevard from a two-way stop controlled to a single-lane roundabout operation to slow vehicular speeds and improve multimodal safety and traffic flow. A 5-year crash review was conducted as part of the study between 2019 - 2024 and revealed there were seventeen (17) documented crashes at this intersection, of which nine (9) involved injuries (with 1 incapacitating injury), and two (2) involved bicyclists. The predominant crash patterns were left-turn and right-angle crashes, and the predominant causes for the crashes were failure to yield, followed by speeding and careless driving. A roundabout was determined to be the most appropriate traffic calming solution for this intersection to reduce the number of conflict points, reduce the severity of crashes for all road users, reduce vehicular speeds, and increase safety and level of service (LOS).

With community support of this Project, the City submitted a Fiscal Year 2024 State Appropriation Request for the Design and Construction of Hiatus Road Traffic Safety Improvements Project, and subsequently in 2024, was awarded \$370,000 to assist in funding the improvements. The City and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) executed a State-Funded Grant Agreement for this Project with the total Project costs estimated at \$520,000; State funds were awarded at \$370,000, and the City's local match at \$150,000 (City Commission Resolution 24-07). However, there has been a significant increase in the Construction costs, beyond initial projections, which brings the current estimated Construction costs to \$1.648 million and the estimated ROW costs to \$234,200. The City requires additional funding in the amount of \$1,512,200 to complete this Project.

The City Manager recommends approval of this Resolution to authorize the Grant application for the Broward County Surtax Grant Match Program (GMP) to assist in funding the Hiatus Road Traffic Safety Improvements Project as follows:

<b>Design and Construction of Hiatus Road Traffic Safety Improvements Project Funding</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status</b>
FDOT State-Funded (General Appropriation Act) Grant	\$370,000	Awarded
FDOT Local Share Matching Funds	\$150,000	Budgeted
<b>New Surtax Grant Match Program (GMP) Request for Construction and ROW Acquisition Match</b>	<b>\$1,134,150</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
<b>New Surtax Grant Match Program (GMP) Local Share Construction and ROW Acquisition Match</b>	<b>\$378,050</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
<b>Project Phases</b>	<b>Total Costs</b>	
Design (in progress)	\$150,000	
ROW Acquisition (awaiting funding)	\$234,200	
Construction (awaiting funding)	\$1,648,000	
<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>\$2,032,200</b>	

\*\*\*Summary: The FDOT Grant is contributing \$370,000, and the City is contributing an existing local share match of \$150,000, totaling \$520,000. The City requires an additional match amount of \$1,512,200 to complete this Project. The GMP Application will request \$1,134,150 (75%) with the City's GMP match of \$378,050 (25%), totaling the current match requirement for this Project at \$1,512,200.

#### **STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This Resolution supports the City's Strategic Priority and Goal #1-Financially Sustain Cooper City as "Someplace Special," by increasing the City's financial strength through innovative thoughts and actions, while being mindful of the fiscal impact on residents. In addition, the Resolution directly meets the Strategic Objective to further diversify and increase the City's revenue sources to reduce reliance on property tax revenues. Furthermore, the Resolution supports the Strategic Priority #4-Citywide Revitalization to maintain and improve the City's infrastructure and appearance to support and ensure a sustainable and beautiful environment.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Assuming the City is awarded the \$1,134,150 (75%) Surtax Grant Match Program (GMP) funding for this Project, there will be a \$378,050 (25%) match requirement. The City's \$378,050 match is budgeted for in Fund 300 (General Fund CIP Projects) in line item 300-317-563330-539-24017.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

The City has explored multiple funding opportunities to meet the \$1,512,200 shortfall. This Surtax Grant Match Program (GMP) is the most viable funding alternative to assist the City in completing this Project.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution 25-53