

## City of Gainesville

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## **Legislation Text**

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## **NW 1st Avenue Streetscape: Project Update (B)**

NW 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, between NW 16<sup>th</sup> Street and NW 20<sup>th</sup> Street, is an important mixed-use corridor located a block away from the University of Florida and the Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. The NW 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Streetscape project has been a top priority Community Initiative for the College Park / University Heights (CPUH) redevelopment area, and is part of the District's approved work plan and budget for FY15-16. The vision and design goals of the project are to transform NW 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue into a welcoming, well-functioning and safer mixed-use street, catering to the wide variety of stakeholders and their needs.

In 2016, the project team has been coordinating with stakeholders to finalize the proposed design, including holding four stakeholder meetings dedicated to each of the four project blocks, numerous one-on-one stakeholder meetings, and many cross-departmental meetings with City staff. To encourage local stakeholders to improve their building facades, three time -limited façade improvement incentive programs for the Midtown area were launched on August 1<sup>st</sup>. 100% construction documents sets were submitted for staff review in mid-August.

At today's meeting, staff will present the proposed Guaranteed Maximum Price for both projects for Board discussion and approval.

- a. \$285,000 was transferred from the Tree Mitigation Fund into the project account for tree infrastructure related costs (Project #1).
- b. An amount of up to \$144,000 will be billed to GRU Water for water pipe upsize costs (Project #1).
- c. \$50,000 was transferred from UF Foundation to the project account for specific water pipe improvements (Project #1) and general street beautification costs (Project #2).
- d. An amount of up to \$24,000 will be billed to Public Works Department for specific underground communications improvements scope (Project #1) and trash and recycling stations (Project #2).
- e. An amount of up to \$10,000 will be billed to Looking Glass Apartments for private utility improvements scope (Project #1).
- f. CRA share of the GMP's have been budgeted for and will be funded from the NW 1st Avenue CPUH project account.

CRA Executive Director to the CRA Board: 1) Approve the proposed CPPI GMP of \$1,958,939 for construction of *NW 1* st Avenue Project #1: Underground Infrastructure & Roadway as presented, subject to review as to form and legality by the CRA Attorney; 2) Approve the proposed CPPI GMP of \$1,427,233 for construction of *NW 1* st Avenue Project #2: Street Enhancements & Utility Connections as presented, subject to review as to form and legality by the CRA Attorney; and 3) Authorize the CRA Executive Director to transfer an amount of up to \$233,500 to GRU Electric upon completion of GRU Primary to Underground work.