This item will present an update on the status of the West Bay Drive Trail Head project. Staff and the project consultant, CPH, presented the 60% design of the Trail Head to the City Commission at the September 2016 Work Session. Following the presentation, a public meeting was held in December 2016 with the neighborhoods and commercial property owners adjacent to the project area. This Work Session presentation will be based on a 90% design of the project and will identify changes that have taken place for the project based on comments, timing of other projects and cost considerations. These include changes to the bridge design for the overpass over West Bay Drive, the elimination of some of the proposed connections to the trail, the addition of a new connection off of Pine Vista Drive, and moving the construction of the 4th Avenue NW connection bridge to a roadway construction project currently underway.

Staff will also provide an update on the Local Agency Program (LAP) certification process relative to the construction process and schedule. Engineering Services has worked with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to attain Project Specific Local Agency Program Certification for the project. This project is currently programmed for construction in FY 2019. FDOT is the steward of the federal funds and is responsible for oversight of funded projects on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). LAP agencies prioritize and fund local projects (through their respective Metropolitan Planning Organization or governing board) and are then eligible for reimbursement for the services provided to the traveling public through compliance with applicable Federal statutes, rules and regulations. Federal-Aid Highway Program funds are only available to local agencies that perform the required certification process that evaluates whether the local agency has the sufficient qualifications and ability to complete the work. The certification provides proof that the local agency is able to comply with federal requirements in a project and offers perspective to the level of oversight required by district offices over local agencies for the life of a LAP project.

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The City is at the final stage of becoming LAP certified for the Trail Head project, and has been working with the City Attorney office and Procurement staff to develop the Request for Proposal (RFP) documents to select a Construction Engineering Inspector (CEI). City staff has also been working with CPH, Inc., consultant engineer, to complete the design plans and will begin working with the City Attorney's office and Procurement staff to prepare Bid Documents that meet FDOT requirements.

The LAP and project schedule is:

- 90% Design Plans June 25, 2018
- City Commission Presentation July 10, 2018
- Final Design August 9, 2018
- Submit RFP and LAP CEI/RCS Checklist August 9, 2018
- Submit Draft Bid Documents and LAP CST Checklist November 2, 2018
- LAP Agreement Execution / NTP to Advertise CST April 12, 2019.