

**POMPANO BEACH
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

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Meeting Date: December 15, 2015

Agenda Item _____

REQUESTED CRA BOARD ACTION:

Resolution(s) Consideration Approval Other Discussion

SHORT TITLE _____
OR MOTION: _____

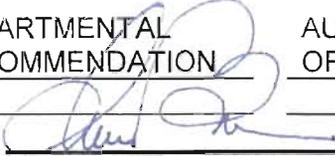
Summary of Purpose and Why:

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QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED BY ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:

- (1) Origin of request for this action: CRA
- (2) Primary staff contact: Kim Briesemeister/Lorri Hall Ext. 7835
- (3) Expiration of contract, if applicable: N/A
- (4) Fiscal impact and source of funding: \$43,000 - 150-1910-539.31-60,
\$43,000 - 160-1920-539-13.60 and \$60,000 - 001-1510-515.31-60

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION	DATE	DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION	AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE OR ATTACHED MEMO NUMBER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CRA Executive Director			
<input type="checkbox"/> CRA Attorney			
<input type="checkbox"/> Finance Director			

ACTION PREVIOUSLY TAKEN BY CRA BOARD:

<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Consideration</u>	<u>Other:</u>
Results: _____	Results: _____	Results: _____
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MEMORANDUM

Date: December 6, 2015

To: Pompano Beach CRA Board

Through: Christopher J. Brown, Co-Executive Director
Kim Briesemeister, Co-Executive Director

From: Lorri Hall, Principal Planner

Subject: Commitment by the City for the Transfer of Right of Way of Atlantic Boulevard (NW 6th Street to SR A1A) and Dixie Highway (Sample Road to southern City Limits/Bridge)

Background

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