



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#24-0429

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

DATE: June 4, 2024

TITLE: Resolution Approving the First Amendment to the Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for Improvements within the Right-of-Way of State Road A1A at Alhambra Street and Sebastian Street - **(Commission District 2)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the First Amendment to the Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement (MMOA) with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the maintenance of three (3) sets of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) on State Road A1A at Sebastian Street northbound and Alhambra Street southbound.

Background

In June 2015, the City of Fort Lauderdale entered into a MMOA with FDOT for the purpose of the City maintaining In-Roadway Warning Lights (IRWL) between the Beach Park and Sunrise Boulevard at various crosswalks within the right-of-way of State Road A1A as part of a resurfacing project by FDOT (FM 430601). The IRWL were installed at the request of the City to improve visibility for pedestrians to cross at unsignalized intersections.

Staff have received feedback from residents that RRFBs greatly improve the visibility of crossing pedestrians above the use of IRWL, especially during turtle season when roadway lighting is converted to amber.

FDOT installed the RRFBs at Alhambra Street in 2020 which were spurred by a request from City staff in 2012 due to pedestrian safety concerns at this location. FDOT did not complete an MMOA prior to the time of installation at this location. Additionally, FDOT recently installed two (2) sets of RRFBs at Sebastian Street where there was once a full traffic signal. This signal was a remnant from when Sebastian Street once connected to State Road A1A northbound. This traffic signal was found to have structural deficiencies by FDOT and was to be replaced with a signal that matched the appearance as other signals in the area. In order to match existing traffic signals in the area the City would

have been required to paint the structure black at a cost of approximately \$15,000. City staff recommended that FDOT explore the possibility of removal of the mast arms and replacing them with RRFBs that would better facilitate vehicle and pedestrian movement through this area. FDOT concurred with this request.

Resource Impact

There is no current fiscal impact associated with this action. As part of the FY2025 budget process, Transportation and Mobility is requesting annual funding for the maintenance associated with any damage, repairs, and replacement of these electronic devices.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2024 Commission Priority*, advancing the Transportation and Traffic initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure & Resilience Focus Area
- Goal 4: Facilitate an efficient, multimodal transportation network.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision Plan 2035: We Are Connected*.

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- Infrastructure Focus Area
- Transportation and Mobility Element
- Goal 2: Obtain the highest possible value and utility from investments in the City's Transportation Network

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – MMOA Amendment Number One

Exhibit 2 – Location Map

Exhibit 3 – Resolution

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