

RESOLUTION NO. 15-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA,
APPROVING THE TEMPORARY REOPENING OF THE
ROAD CLOSURE AT SW 15TH TERRACE SOUTH OF
BROWARD BOULEVARD.

WHEREAS, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is reconstructing the eastbound and westbound bridges on Broward Boulevard over the North Fork of the New River, which includes raising the bridges by three feet, as well as, resurfacing Broward Boulevard from 1-95 to US1/Federal Highway; and

WHEREAS, the project will also include moving the curb one foot to accommodate bicycle lanes, the reconstruction of sidewalks to be concrete, the installation of a new signalized pedestrian crossing at NW/SW 1st Avenue and upgrades to the sidewalk ramps at intersections in order to meet the current Americans with Disabilities (ADA) requirements where necessary; and

WHEREAS, the overall bridge and roadway reconstruction project will begin in the summer of 2016 and will continue for approximately two years; and

WHEREAS, FDOT has requested permission from the City to temporarily reopen the road closure on SW 15th Terrace in order to provide access to businesses on that street during the construction of the eastbound bridge over the North Fork of the New River; and

WHEREAS, in order to serve these businesses, the users will need to travel on SW 14th Avenue from Broward Boulevard and then along SW 1st Street to SW 15th Terrace; and

WHEREAS, currently, there is a road closure on SW 15th Terrace between SW 1st Street and Broward Boulevard and will need to be restored temporarily during construction of the eastbound bridge; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the temporary opening will be needed for nine months during the construction of the eastbound bridge and the exact timing will be communicated to the City, once a contractor is selected; and

WHEREAS, after construction is completed on the eastbound bridge, the closure will be restored with pedestrian access, fence and landscaping; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission approved the road closure on June 18, 1991, following a public hearing and the Sailboat Bend Neighborhood Association

(Association) was consulted in the temporary opening and the desire for reconstruction of that area once the closure is reinstated; and

WHEREAS, during their July 8, 2015, meeting, the Association stated that their preference is for the closure to contain a wall or something of similar significant construction with access for pedestrians through the closure, as well as, landscaping south of the wall; and

WHEREAS, FDOT has conducted research on the overall project through two public information meetings held on June 26, 2013 and March 10, 2015, as well as, meeting with individual property owners this past February, and

WHEREAS, FDOT is scheduled to be at the Sailboat Bend Neighborhood Association meeting on August 13, 2015 and will continue to work with the Association to reconstruct the closure consisting of a solid fence with pedestrian access, to remain, and the replacement of landscaping;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The City Commission authorizes the temporary reopening of the road closure at SW 15th Terrace South of Broward Boulevard, for the purpose of providing access to the properties on SW 15th Terrace during the reconstruction of the Broward Boulevard bridges over the North Folk of the New River.

ADOPTED this the _____ day of _____, 2015

Mayor
JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER

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ATTEST:

Senior Assistant City Clerk
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI

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