



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#26-0455

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: May 19, 2026

TITLE: Resolution Conceptually Supporting Broward County's Proposed Colors and Design Sequences for the Art Lighting System and Lighting Project for the E. Clay Shaw Jr. Bridge - (**Commission District 4**)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution conceptually supporting Broward County's proposed lighting colors and design sequence for the art lighting system and the lighting project for the E. Clay Shaw Jr. Bridge.

Background

The E. Clay Shaw Jr. Bridge is a State of Florida owned facility under the jurisdiction of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). Broward County is advancing a Community Aesthetic Feature Agreement (CAFA) with FDOT for the installation of a public art lighting system on the bridge. As part of FDOT's review process, the City of Fort Lauderdale must provide approval confirming its conceptual support for the proposed lighting design and color programming.

The proposed lighting installation will serve as a permanent public art feature integrated into the bridge infrastructure from Eisenhower Boulevard to Harbour Inlet Drive.

Tracey Dear of Dear Productions Inc. was selected as the artist for the lighting design following recommendations from the County's Public Art and Design Committee. KCI Technologies Inc. will provide engineering services and permit drawings, and a general contractor will be selected through a competitive procurement process to fabricate and install the system.

Approval of this resolution affirms the City's conceptual support for the project and its proposed lighting design colors and sequence, thereby allowing Broward County to proceed with the CAFA process with FDOT.

FDOT has approved the lighting design to be programmed with distinct sequences for the following state-approved holidays:

- New Year's Day

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Veteran's Day
- Thanksgiving Day and the Friday after Thanksgiving
- Christmas Day

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with approval of this resolution. A future City Commission action will be required to consider approval of an Interlocal Agreement between Broward County and the City of Fort Lauderdale, which will address project funding, roles, and long-term responsibilities, along with any associated budget request.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2026 Top Commission Priority*, advancing Public Spaces and Cultural Initiatives as well as the Public Enjoyment of Waterways.

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

- The Public Places Focus Area
- Goal 5: Build a beautiful and welcoming community.
- Objective: Improve the appearance of public parks, green spaces, and landscapes while attracting visitors and creating a sense of place for neighbors.

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

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

- Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- The Urban Design Element
- Goal 4: Enhance the existing built environment and elements unique to Fort Lauderdale, including waterways, bridges, tunnels and other traversable features.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – E. Clay Shaw Bridge Artistic Lighting Concept

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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