

RESOLUTION NO. 24-267

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, APPROVING A GRANT PARTICIPATION AND REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM GRANT "CONNECT FTL" PLANNING STUDY WITHIN THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, WITH THE BROWARD METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE GRANT PARTICIPATION AND REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, AND PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Reconnecting Communities Pilot ("RCP") Grant Program is to reconnect communities by removing, retrofitting, or mitigating transportation facilities such as highways and rail lines that create barriers to community connectivity; and

WHEREAS, the program provides grant funding for planning and capital construction to address infrastructure barriers, and restore community connectivity; and

WHEREAS, the City partnered with the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization ("BMPO") to develop a transportation planning study focusing on railroad grade separation to include vehicular underpasses with pedestrian facilities with train tracks remaining at-grade; and

WHEREAS, the BMPO will be the Grantee of the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Grant ("Grant"), from the U.S. Department of Transportation ("USDOT") to implement a "Connect FTL" planning study of five specific Florida East Coast Railway crossings for grade separation at Davie Boulevard, Broward Boulevard, Sistrunk Boulevard, Andrews Avenue, and Sunrise Boulevard ("planning study") on behalf of the CITY; and

WHEREAS, the total grant allocation for the "Connect FTL" planning study is One Million Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand dollars (\$1,875,000), of which the BMPO will receive eighty percent (80%) totaling One Million Five Hundred Thousand dollars (\$1,500,000), and will be required to provide a twenty percent (20%) Local Match ("Local Match") of the total grant allocation, in the amount of Three Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand dollars (\$375,000); and

WHEREAS, the CITY desires to provide the funding to the BMPO to cover the required 20% Local Match of the total grant allocation, in the amount of Three Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand dollars (\$375,000), for the cost of the planning study within the CITY;

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

SECTION 1. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, hereby approves a Grant Participation and Reimbursement Agreement for the Implementation of the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Program Grant "Connect FTL" Planning Study within the City of Fort Lauderdale Florida, with the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization, in substantially the form attached to City Commission Agenda Memo #24-1135.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute the Grant Participation and Reimbursement Agreement for the Implementation of the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Program Grant "Connect FTL" Planning Study within the City of Fort Lauderdale Florida, with the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization, on behalf of the City.

SECTION 3. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4. That if any clause, section, or other part of this Resolution shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Resolution shall not be affected thereby, but shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 17th day of December, 2024.



Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:



City Clerk
DAVID R. SOLOMAN

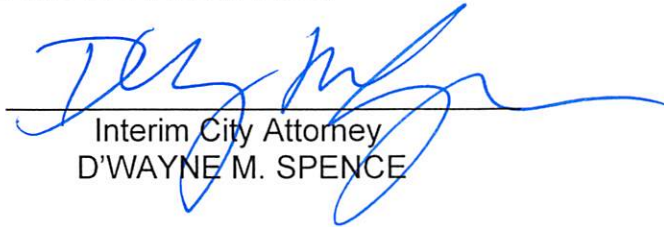
Dean J. Trantalis Yea

John C. Herbst Yea

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:

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