



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

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: April 7, 2015

TITLE: Amendment to the Landscape Inclusive Memorandum of Agreement with
Florida Department of Transportation

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution authorizing execution of amendment #9 to the Landscape Inclusive Memorandum of Agreement for hardscape improvements along State Road A1A (A1A) for the proposed improvements between NE 9th Street and NE 18th Street as part of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) reconstruction project, in substantially the form attached (Exhibit 1).

Background

FDOT is currently constructing the \$13.3 million roadway project along A1A that will continue the Fort Lauderdale beach streetscape enhancements, north from NE 9th Street to NE 18th Street. The hardscape improvements for the project are currently in construction, which is estimated to be completed by the end of 2015. The \$1.3 million landscaping improvement project will follow. This FDOT project will continue to implement the City's A1A Landscaping Master Plan in this portion of A1A.

In order for FDOT to construct the landscaping improvements within the City, an amendment to the Landscape Inclusive Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for A1A with FDOT needs to be executed. The agreement is for the City to maintain the landscaping that is being installed as a part of the A1A reconstruction. Construction of the landscaping is scheduled to begin following the completion of the hardscape project, which is estimated to be in late 2015.

Resource Impact

The resource impact for this action is the recurring maintenance costs beginning next fiscal year for landscaping. These enhancements will need to be incorporated into the regular landscaping maintenance of A1A as agreed upon in the Landscape Inclusive Memorandum of Agreement following the completion of construction in FY16. There is a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$14,250. Future year funding availability is contingent upon approval and appropriation of the FY16 operating budget. The cost is based on the following:

- Contracted hedge trimming (six services):\$5,250
- City staff weeding (24 services) \$3,000
- City Staff trimming coconuts (four services) \$4,000
- City staff irrigation maintenance – (estimated) \$2,000

Strategic Connection

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Infrastructure Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 1: Be a pedestrian friendly, multi-modal city.
- Objective 1: Integrate transportation land use and planning to create a walkable and bikeable community.
- Initiative 8: Adopt Complete Streets guidelines.

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

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – Amendment #9 to the Landscape Inclusive Memorandum of Agreement

Exhibit 2 – A1A Landscape Inclusive Memorandum of Agreement

Exhibit 3 - Resolution

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