



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#26-0407

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: May 5, 2026

TITLE: Resolution Approving a Grant Agreement with the United States
Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Construction of the
Breakers Avenue Resiliency and Traffic Improvements Project in the
amount of \$850,000 - **(Commission District 2)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution approving a grant agreement, in substantially the form attached, with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the amount of \$850,000 for the construction of the Breakers Avenue Resiliency and Traffic Improvements project and authorize the City Manager to execute any additional required documents, incidental to or associated with the acceptance of grant funding.

Background

In 2019, the Reimagining Breakers Avenue Concept Design summary was developed by the City's consultant, Dover, Kohl, & Partners. The concept design was developed through a process that included a variety of community outreach meetings to communicate the design process and receive feedback to better understand stakeholder vision, desires and needs. The project objective is to transform Breakers Avenue into a more comfortable, connected, safe, and memorable destination experience. Breakers Avenue will become a complete street that reduces excess pavement, narrows intersection widths, formalizes seating and gathering spaces, and creates event spaces with the use of street trees, varied seating options, a unified material design, and a pedestrian-friendly approach. The project vision creates a corridor that not only promotes mobility but also enables a safe, accessible, attractive, climate resilient public space serving residents and visitors.

On June 16, 2020, the City Commission approved the contract for Engineering Design and Construction Administration Services for the Breakers Avenue Streetscape project (Project) with Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc. (CAM #20-0402).

Since the time the design contract was awarded, City staff focused on advancing design efforts and securing funding necessary to advance the project to construction. The consultant is finalizing the one hundred percent (100%) Construction Plans. The construction solicitation is expected to be issued in fall 2026, with construction anticipated to begin in early 2027. Additional public outreach will be conducted prior to the construction phase.

On May 6, 2025, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 25-79, approving a \$3,000,000 grant agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the construction of the Breakers Avenue Resiliency and Pedestrian Traffic Improvements Project (CAM #26-0461).

The HUD grant for the project was awarded through the Economic Development Initiative – Community Project Funding program through Congressman Jared Moskowitz for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024. The grant will enable the City to advance construction of this project.

The 2025 construction cost estimate for the project is \$10,400,000, which includes an allowance for permitting, testing and fifteen percent (15%) contingency. The City has secured \$14,130,176 in funding from the following sources:

- \$7,280,176 - Existing municipal funds (across multiple funding sources including general capital, stormwater, and water and sewer improvements). It is important to note that these funds have limitations, and specific funds can only be used for corresponding improvements;
- \$3,000,000 - State of Florida Local Transportation Project appropriation (CAM #25-0461);
- \$3,000,000 - Broward County Transportation Surtax Grant Match Program award, pending City Commission approval on May 5, 2026 (CAM #26-0405); and
- \$850,000 - HUD appropriation subject to the City Commission approval of this item (CAM #26-0407).

Any remaining City funds in excess of the construction total will be used to cover Construction Engineering Inspection (CEI) service fees.

Resource Impact

There is a positive fiscal impact in the amount of \$850,000, contingent upon approval of the May 5, 2026, Consolidated Budget Amendment (CAM #26-0063).

Source:

Funds available as of April 9, 2026					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-108-9300-541-331-390-P12435C	BREAKERS AVENUE STREETSCAPE PROJECT	INTERGOV REVENUE /FEDERAL GRANT OTHER PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT	\$0	\$0	\$850,000
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$850,000

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ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-108-9300-541-60-6599-P12435C	BREAKERS AVENUE STREETSCAPE PROJECT	CAPITAL OUTLAY / CONSTRUCTION	\$0	\$0	\$850,000
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$850,000

Strategic Connections

This item is a FY 2026 *Commission Priority*, advancing the Transportation and Traffic initiative.

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

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:

- The 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

Related CAMs

26-0063

26-0405

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – HUD Agreement

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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