



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#15-0985

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

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

DATE: August 18, 2015

TITLE: Resolution Approving the Temporary Reopening of the Road Closure at
SW 15th Terrace South of Broward Boulevard

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution allowing the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) permission to temporarily reopen the road closure on 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 Fork of the New River.

Background

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 I-95 to US1/Federal Highway. This project will also include moving the curb one foot to accommodate bicycle lanes, the reconstruction of the 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 Act (ADA) requirements where necessary. The overall bridge and roadway reconstruction project will begin in the summer of 2016 and will continue for approximately two years.

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. 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. Currently, there is a road closure on SW 15th Terrace between SW 1st Street and Broward Boulevard (see map as Exhibit 3). This closure will need to be restored temporarily during construction of the eastbound bridge. It is anticipated that the temporary opening will be needed for nine months during the construction of the eastbound bridge. Once a contractor is selected, the exact timing will be communicated to the City. After construction is completed on the eastbound bridge, the closure will be restored with pedestrian access, fence and landscaping.

The City Commission approved the road closure on June 18, 1991 following a public hearing. 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. 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.

FDOT has conducted outreach on the overall project through two public information meetings held on June 26, 2013 and March 10, 2015, as well as meetings with individual property owners this past February. FDOT is scheduled to be at the 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.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

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: Improve transportation options and reduce congestion by working with agency partners.

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - FDOT Correspondence
Exhibit 2 - Conceptual Traffic Control Phasing Plan
Exhibit 3 - SW 15th Terrace Detour Map
Exhibit 4 - Road Closure Approval 1991
Exhibit 5 - License Agreement
Exhibit 6 - Resolution

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