



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
CRA BOARD MEETING

#17-1187

TO: CRA Chairman & Board of Commissioners
Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, Executive Director

DATE: October 3, 2017

TITLE: Motion to Approve a Revocable License with the Florida Department of Transportation for Access and Staging on Community Redevelopment Authority Property during the Construction of Sound Barrier Walls along I-95 between NW 4th Street and Sistrunk Boulevard

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Commissioners approve a motion authorizing execution of a Revocable License (Exhibit 1), in substantially the form attached, with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for construction access and staging on CRA property during the construction of the sound barrier wall between NW 4th Street and Sistrunk Boulevard along I-95 under project FM#433108-4-52.

Background

The FDOT is constructing express managed lanes within Fort Lauderdale as part of their overall initiative to create a network of express managed lanes in south Florida. Phase 3A began in August 2016 and includes the portion of I-95 north of Broward Boulevard to the north of Commercial Boulevard where the roadway will be expanded to allow for dual express managed lanes in place of the existing single high occupancy vehicle lane in each direction.

During the public outreach in the design of this project, the neighbors in the River Garden/Sweeting Estates neighborhood requested that FDOT install a sound barrier wall between their neighborhood and I-95 as part of the construction work. FDOT agreed to complete this work during Phase 3A and coordinated with the neighbors for the aesthetics of the wall.

The CRA previously approved a Revocable License agreement on June 21, 2016 to allow staging and access for the construction of the sound barrier wall to occur on CRA property. This license was never utilized due to a delay in their schedule caused by challenges with utilities in the area of the future wall. Those issues have been resolved and FDOT is again requesting the Revocable License agreement with an updated schedule.

The Revocable License is for the purpose of utilizing the property owned by the CRA located at the corner of Sistrunk Boulevard and NW 21st Terrace for access to FDOT right of way as well as construction staging during the construction of the sound barrier wall. The activity to occur will include the property serving as the access point for construction vehicles to the FDOT right of way as well as for storage of equipment and noise wall construction materials. The actual construction of the proposed noise wall will occur on FDOT/South Florida Rail Corridor (SFRC) property. The construction is anticipated to begin by January 2018 and be completed by the end of May 2018.

Consistency with CRA Plan

This action is consistent with CRA Community Redevelopment Plan which calls for intergovernmental coordination of infrastructure projects to fully implement the vision of the Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights CRA area.

Resource Impact

There is no resource impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

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

- Goal 5: Be a community of strong, beautiful, and healthy neighborhoods
- Objective 2: Enhance the beauty, aesthetics, and environmental quality of neighborhoods

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We are Community.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Revocable License Agreement

Exhibit 2 – Temporary Traffic Control Plan

Exhibit 3 – Location Map

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