



LAS OLAS BOULEVARD MOBILITY PROJECT WESTERN CORRIDOR

Meeting with Colee Hammock Neighborhood Association

Location: Virtual Meeting (via Zoom)

Date: October 22, 2025

Time: 4:00 PM

Attendees

Jackie Scott Chair, Colee Hammock Neighborhood Association

Milos Majstorovic Director, Transportation and Mobility Department

Catherine Prince WSP USA

Erica Echeverri Brizaga, Inc.

Meeting Purpose

The meeting focused on reviewing the preliminary design for the Colee Hammock section of the Las Olas Boulevard Mobility Project. The goal was to present updated design visuals, gather input, and ensure alignment. Discussion topics included streetscape design, sidewalk and shared-use path configurations, tree canopy and landscaping, lighting and street furniture, traffic circulation, and drainage improvements.

Project Background

The Las Olas Boulevard Mobility Project aims to create a safer, more connected, and more walkable corridor between Downtown Fort Lauderdale and the barrier island. The Western Corridor, which includes Colee Hammock, focuses on improving safety, drainage, and multimodal access while maintaining the neighborhood's traditional character.

Presentation Summary

Preliminary design for Colee Hammock (SE 12th Ave to SE 17th Ave)

A wide shared-use path combining the sidewalk and the existing bike lane.

A raised mid-block crossing at SE 13 Avenue to improve safety and visibility.

Upgraded traffic signals at SE 15 Avenue with new mast arms and enhanced crosswalks.

Approximately nine times increase in canopy coverage than existing.

About three metered parking spaces are lost, and residential parking with a permit on the south side of Las Olas Blvd between SE 16th Ave and SE 17th Ave.

Traditional gas-light pedestrian lighting fixtures, precast seating, and streetscape elements that complement the Downtown section.

Drainage improvements throughout the corridor, with specific upgrades near SE 15 Avenue.

The design incorporates community feedback gathered during previous planning phases and reflects ongoing coordination with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Broward County, and multiple City departments.

Discussion

Shared-Use Path Design

Discussion on clarifying the sidewalk and the combined bike lane as a shared-use path. Catherine noted that the shared-use path would create over 10 feet of space for walking and biking. Jackie Scott acknowledged that the change could improve both comfort and safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

Tree Canopy

The participant emphasized the importance of installing mature shade trees. She supported tree planting on both sides of the street and noted that losing a few parking spaces would be acceptable if it allowed larger canopy trees.

Drainage Improvements

Discussion on the neighborhood's long-standing concern about drainage and turning issues at SE 15 Avenue. She asked whether the persistent flooding near the cleaners on the northeast corner would finally be addressed. Catherine confirmed that the drainage inlet will be relocated and that the curb radius will be increased to reduce vehicles jumping the curb and damaging the stormwater inlet at the northeast corner.

Traffic

Discussion on whether the proposed median dividers at SE 16th and 17th Avenues would create new restrictions for drivers. Milos explained that the medians only formalize existing no-left-turn conditions. Jackie supported this clarification and the beautification with trees.

Neighborhood Character and Identity

Discussion around extending the traditional gas light style through Colee Hammock to create a unified appearance. Jackie emphasized the importance of maintaining the character and visual continuity of Las Olas Boulevard. She supported efforts to preserve the corridor's traditional aesthetic through consistent lighting, benches, and sidewalk materials. She also noted that the proposed dividers on the seating may not be necessary on the precast concrete benches.

Wrap up

Jackie concluded by expressing appreciation for the progress made on the project. She voiced support for the design direction and urged the project team to continue moving forward efficiently and collaboratively.