



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#24-0805

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

FROM: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

DATE: September 17, 2024

TITLE: Resolution Approving the Locally Funded Agreement and Three-Party Escrow Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for improvements within the Right-of-Way of State Road A1A south of NE 14th Court - **(Commission District 2)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Locally Funded Agreement (LFA) and Three-Party Escrow Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), in substantially the form attached, for the installation of the bulb outs and pavers, stamped asphalt crosswalk, and pedestrian turtle compliant lighting associated with a new signalized crosswalk on State Road A1A south of NE 14th Court to be consistent with the existing treatments on State Road A1A.

Background

On January 31, 2008, the City of Fort Lauderdale entered into a Landscape Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement with FDOT for the purpose of the City maintaining landscape and hardscape improvements on State Road A1A between US-1 and Flamingo Avenue. The MMOA was amended various times in the past to address changes to the streetscape along State Road A1A.

In 2021, the City received a request from residents seeking an additional crosswalk just south of NE 14th Court to enable for safe crossing of State Road A1A at that location. Since State Road A1A is under the jurisdiction of FDOT, the request was forwarded to FDOT for consideration.

Following their analysis, FDOT determined that the signalized crosswalk is warranted and has programmed the project for construction as part of their work program.

The project will include decorative elements to match the existing conditions in this area consistent with the treatments installed in the past. While FDOT will include the design of decorative elements in the plans, the City will be responsible for cost of installation of those decorative elements.

If approved, the new crosswalk will include the following decorative elements consistent with the current pallet on State Road A1A:

- bulb-outs to meet requirements for site visibility of pedestrians with consistent pavers
- stamped asphalt crosswalk in the wave pattern consistent with other crosswalks
- pedestrian turtle compliant light fixture

The City's funding contribution for these decorative elements is \$82,917 based on the engineer's cost estimate, and FDOT is requiring LFA and Three-Party Escrow Agreements to proceed.

The purpose of LFA is to establish the terms and conditions for the local contribution associated with decorative elements that are beyond standard FDOT streetscape treatments.

The purpose of Three-Party Escrow Agreement is to establish the terms of receiving the local funds to be held in escrow through an Escrow Agent for the local contribution toward the construction of decorative elements.

Construction is anticipated to start in Summer 2025.

Resource Impact

The fiscal impact associated with this action is \$82,917. The funding for this project was approved on the September 3, 2024, Consolidated Budget Amendment, CAM 24-0325.

Source:

| Funds available as of August 16, 2024 | | | | | |
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| ACCOUNT NUMBER | COST CENTER NAME | CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME | AMENDED BUDGET (Character) | AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character) | AMOUNT |
| 10-001-0000-000-399-999 | GENERAL FUND | BALANCES & RESERVES/ APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE | N/A | N/A | \$82,917 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT → | | | | | \$82,917 |

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| 10-001-8040-545-40-4199 | TRANSPORTATION PLANNING | OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES/ OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS | \$15,158 | \$15,359 | \$82,917 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT → | | | | | \$82,917 |

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2024 Commission Priority*, advancing the Transportation and Traffic initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure & Resilience Focus Area
- Goal 4: Facilitate an efficient, multimodal transportation network.

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:

- Infrastructure Focus Area
- Transportation and Mobility Element
- Goal 2: Obtain the highest possible value and utility from investments in the City's Transportation Network

Related CAM

24-0790

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Locally Funding Agreement

Exhibit 2 – Three-Party Escrow Agreement

Exhibit 3 – Location Map

Exhibit 4 – Resolution

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