



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#23-0673

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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: September 5, 2023

TITLE: Motion Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Revocable License with Group Latitude, LLC for Temporary Right-of-Way Closure on Orton Avenue in Association with The Terraces Development Located at 527 Orton Avenue – **(Commission District 2)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission consider a motion approving and authorizing the execution of a Revocable License with Group Latitude, LLC for temporary Right-of-Way closure on Orton Avenue contiguous to The Terraces development.

Background

The site plan for The Terraces development received City approval in December 2018 (DRC Case #PL-R18004) and June 2021 (Administrative Review Case #UDP-A21001) for a 10-story (115-feet high) multifamily building that includes 18 residential units, and structured parking for 40 parking spaces, with a total gross floor area of 83,014 square feet. The site is currently under construction, and the developer is requesting this Revocable License in preparation for the next phases of construction, subject to the approval of this Revocable License and Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) permit. The “Location Map” is attached as Exhibit 1. The duration of the requested temporary right-of-way closure is 13 months.

This Revocable License would close the existing sidewalk along Orton Avenue adjacent to the project site and detour pedestrian traffic to the existing sidewalk on the east side of Orton Avenue. The proposed closure is being requested as a safety measure for pedestrians and motorists due to the limitations of the site and proximity of construction to the right-of-way. A summary is provided in the table below and depicted in the License Area, attached as Exhibit 2 and the Detour Plan, attached as Exhibit 3. A copy of the Revocable License is attached as Exhibit 4.

LICENSE AREA CLOSURES				
Location	Duration	Existing Right-of Way Width	Existing Sidewalk Width	Description
Orton Avenue	13 Months	60'	5', west side of road 5', east side of road	19' width along site frontage – continuous closure of adjacent sidewalk and swale area. A pedestrian detour is required (see Detour Plan), for pedestrian safety and construction of the improvements on the property and within City Right-of-Way

The proposed MOT plan is not anticipated to present any conflicts with construction projects in this area. The Revocable License authorizes the City Manager with the ability to extend the term of the Phase 1 closure up to four (4) 30-day periods each, if necessary.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the City associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2022 Commission* Priority, advancing the Smart Growth initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 2: Build a multi-modal and pedestrian friendly community
- Objective: Improve roads, sidewalks, and trails to prioritize a safer, more walkable and bikeable community

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

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040* Comprehensive Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- The Transportation & Mobility Element
- Goal 1: Ensure the equitable development of a Complete Network for transportation that prioritizes Safety and emphasizes multimodal mobility and accessibility

Attachments

- Exhibit 1 – Location Map
- Exhibit 2 – License Area
- Exhibit 3 – Detour Plan
- Exhibit 4 – Revocable License

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