

RESOLUTION NO. 17-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR REBUILDING AMERICA GRANT BEING SUBMITTED BY THE BROWARD METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND PORT EVERGLADES FOR THE INTERMODAL FREIGHT CONNECTOR PROJECT REPEALING ANY RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (“MPO”) and Port Everglades are partnering on a \$50 million application to the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (“INFRA”) grant program for the Intermodal Freight Connector Project (“IFCP”) critical to maintaining the Port’s role as a nationally significant global gateway for freight; and

WHEREAS, Port Everglades is currently not able to handle heavy loads due to depth constraints in and around the Port; and

WHEREAS, the IFCP will create the necessary berth and upland capacity to handle a greater number of the larger ships which will arrive once the navigation channels have deepened, as well as provide berthing space for additional smaller ships; and

WHEREAS, the project leverages funding from multiple sources including the Florida Department of Transportation, Broward County, Port Everglades, and TIFIA and the subject grant if secured; and

WHEREAS, the project is projected to provide a \$10.7 billion annual increase in economic activity related to the Port, and create 2,227 construction jobs in the near term and 5,529 regional jobs by the year 2030 when it is expected to be utilized at its maximum capacity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign a letter of support of the INFRA Grant application being submitted by the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization and Port Everglades for the Intermodal Freight Connector Project.

SECTION 2. That any prior Resolutions or parts thereof to the extent of conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon and after its passage.

ADOPTED this the _____ day of _____, 2017.

Mayor
JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER

ATTEST:

City Clerk
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI