



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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: May 3, 2022

TITLE: Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Use and Occupancy Agreement between the Florida Department of Transportation and the City of Fort Lauderdale for Area Under the SE 17th Street Causeway Bridge – **(Commission District 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the execution of a Use and Occupancy Agreement (“UOA”), in substantially the form attached, between the Florida Department of Transportation (“FDOT”) and the City of Fort Lauderdale (“City”) for area under the SE 17th Street Causeway Bridge.

Background

In 2002, the City entered into a twenty (20) year airspace agreement with FDOT for an area under the SE 17th Street Causeway Bridge on the east and west side of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (Exhibit 1). The area provides access, parking, and a park-like space (Exhibit 2). No fees were charged to the City by FDOT for this agreement. The 2002 FDOT Airspace Agreement expired on April 12, 2022. The UOA extends the real property interest for a period of twenty (20) years, at no cost to the City.

Resource Impact

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

Strategic Connections

This item supports a *2022 Top Commission Priority*, the Parks and Public Places initiative, specifically advancing:

- City beautification of empty lots/dormant spaces (publicly and privately owned)

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Initiative*, included within the Public Places Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- Goal 3: Build a Healthy and Engaging Community
- Objective 1: Improve access to and enjoyment of our beach, waterways, parks and open spaces for everyone.

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

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

- The Public Places Focus Area
- The Parks, Recreation, & Open Spaces Element
- Goal 2: Be a community with high quality parks and recreational facilities that highlight the character of our City.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Location Map

Exhibit 2 – 2002 FDOT Airspace Agreement

Exhibit 3 – 2022 Use and Occupancy Agreement

Exhibit 4 – Resolution

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