

RESOLUTION NO. 24-51

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, APPROVING A GRANT AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR THE REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE ACCELERATOR DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE NEW RIVER CROSSING PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$974,000; DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AGREEMENT AND ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY OR INCIDENTAL TO ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH GRANT FUNDING ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on May 30, 2023, the City of Fort Lauderdale ("City") submitted a proposal to the United States Department of Transportation ("USDOT") for grant funding through the Regional Infrastructure Accelerator (RIA) Demonstration Program for technical assistance with the New River Crossing Project; and

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2023, the City was notified that the City's application for grant funds was reviewed and that \$974,000 was available for a potential award; and

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2023, the USDOT formally announced that the City was selected as one of 14 awardees to receive grant funds; and

WHEREAS, in November 2023, City staff attended a one-day summit to learn more about the RIA program and expectations for utilization of grant funds awarded; and

WHEREAS, the grant does not require matching funds on behalf of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Lauderdale is required to enter into the Regional Infrastructure Accelerator Cooperative Agreement ("Grant Agreement") with the USDOT to accept and receive the grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Agreement provides grant funds to complete specific Performance Measures which include, Economic Development, Environmental Review, Equity and Public Benefit Assessment, Property Impacts, and Traffic and Congestion; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that approving the Grant Agreement, authorizing the execution of the Grant Agreement, and acceptance of the grant funds is in the best interest of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

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

SECTION 1. That the Grant Agreement with the United States Department of Transportation for the Regional Infrastructure Accelerator Demonstration Program for Technical Assistance with the New River Crossing Project, in the amount of \$974,000 is hereby approved.

SECTION 2. That the City Manager is authorized to execute the Grant Agreement, and any and all documents necessary or incidental thereto and accept the grant funds on behalf of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.


SECTION 3. That the Office of the City Attorney shall review and approve as to form all documents prior to their execution by City officials.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

  
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Mayor  
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk  
DAVID R. SOLOMAN


Dean J. Trantalis      Yea

John C. Herbst      Yea

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
AND CORRECTNESS:

Steven Glassman      Yea

Pamela Beasley-Pittman      Yea

  
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City Attorney  
THOMAS J. ANSBRO

Warren Sturman      Yea