



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**  
**City Commission Agenda Memo**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**#23-1214**

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

**FROM:** Greg Chavarria, City Manager

**DATE:** December 19, 2023

**TITLE:** Resolution Rescinding and Replacing Resolution No. 22-20, Regarding the  
City of Fort Lauderdale City Commission's Recommended Locally  
Preferred Alternative for the Commuter Rail Train Crossing the New River  
in the City of Fort Lauderdale - (**Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4**)

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**Recommendation**

The City Commission asked to review resolutions proposed for the rescission and replacement of Resolution No. 22-20 (attached as Exhibit 1), which urged the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to recommend construction of a tunnel as the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the commuter rail train crossing the New River in the City of Fort Lauderdale, and providing for distribution, direction to the City's State Lobbyists, rescission of confliction Resolution provisions, and an effective date.

**Background**

On December 5, 2023, the City Commission attended a joint workshop with the Broward County Board of County Commissioners focused on the Joint Study of New River Crossing Alternative. During the meeting, Commissioner Sturman requested that City staff draft a Resolution to be walked-on for consideration at the December 5, 2023, City Commission Regular Meeting.

During the December 5, 2023, City Commission Regular Meeting, the City Attorney's Office brought forth a Walk-On Resolution for consideration (See Exhibit 2). The resolution, if approved, indicates that the City Commission would continue to support the tunnel alternative as the City's Locally Preferred Alternative but would also support any bridge as the Locally Preferred Alternative if the data supports it as the best financial alternative. The City Commission deferred the item to its December 19, 2023, meeting so that additional public outreach could be conducted.

In addition to the Walk-On Resolution that was prepared for the December 5, 2023, regular meeting, alternative resolutions have been attached for City Commission consideration.

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is a *2024 Commission Priority*, advancing the Transportation and Traffic 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 transportation options and reduce congestion by working with partners.

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
- Transportation & Mobility Element
- Goal 3: Ensure a cohesive transportation network among local, regional, and state regulatory institutions.

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Resolution 22-20

Exhibit 2 – Resolution (December 5, 2023 Walk-On)

Exhibit 3 – Alternative Resolution

Exhibit 4 – Alternative Resolution

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