



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

#24-1100

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

FROM: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

DATE: December 3, 2024

TITLE: Resolution Approving a Landscape Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for Improvements within the Right-of-Way of State Road 5 (Federal Highway/US-1) at the Intersection of Sunrise Boulevard (Searstown Intersection) - **(Commission District 2)**

Recommendation

Staff recommend the City Commission adopt a resolution approving and authorizing execution of a Landscape Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement (MMOA), in substantially the form attached, with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the maintenance of landscaping in the median islands on State Road 5 (Federal Highway/US-1) at the intersection of Sunrise Boulevard (Searstown Intersection).

Background

The Florida Department of Transportation completed a project in 2023 at the Searstown Intersection to add a third westbound to southbound lane through the intersection. As a part of the project, the landscaping in the center median was removed. During the public outreach process, concerns about the tree removal were brought up and the FDOT agreed to complete a separate landscaping project following the hardscape completion.

The design was coordinated with the Parks & Recreation Department and developers of the adjacent property, 901 North. The City will be responsible for maintaining the landscaping in the islands at this intersection per the attached agreement. The developers of the 901 North project will be upgrading the landscaping in the two areas on the west side of the intersection during the final stages of their construction project, at which time they will take over maintenance responsibilities for those two areas through a separate maintenance agreement.

The FDOT will be installing landscaping within medians at the Searstown Intersection per the attached plans in Exhibit 1, with a project cost of \$34,730.00. Construction is anticipated to be completed within two months of execution of the agreement.

The purpose of a Landscape MMOA is to identify the location and maintenance requirements by the City within the FDOT right of way.

Resource Impact

The annual fiscal impact associated with this action is estimated at \$4,212 for maintenance of the proposed landscaping. Funding would need to be allocated to the account below this fiscal year and annually thereafter. The cost of supplying water to the landscaping will continue to remain the responsibility of the city through this agreement, utilizing the existing irrigation system that provided water to the previous landscaping.

<i>Funds available as of October 29, 2024</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-001-6034-572-30-3237	General Park Maintenance	Services/ Materials/ Lawn & Tree Services	\$1,709,300	\$1,591,404	\$4,212
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$4,212

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2024 Commission Priority*, advancing the Transportation and Traffic initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure & Resilience Focus Area
- Goal 4: Facilitate an efficient, multimodal transportation network.

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

- Infrastructure Focus Area
- Transportation and Mobility Element
- Goal 2: Obtain the highest possible value and utility from investments in the City's Transportation Network

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Landscape Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement

Exhibit 2 – Location Map

Exhibit 3 – Resolution

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