



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

#15-0528

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

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: April 21, 2015

TITLE: Notice of Intent to Transfer City-Owned Property to the South Florida
Regional Transportation Authority for the Wave Streetcar Project

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution of intent to transfer property to the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) for the Wave Streetcar Project's Vehicle Maintenance Facility (VMF).

BACKGROUND

As part of the City's \$10.5 million capital contribution to the Wave Streetcar Project, land for the VMF needs to be transferred over to SFRTA, the project sponsor. Per the City/SFRTA agreement executed on December 5, 2014, parties committed to work cooperatively and in good faith to acquire 1801 SW 1st Avenue, a portion of which will be dedicated as the VMF, and is referred to as "Site K." To that end, the City has entered into a Real Estate Purchase and Exchange Agreement with All Aboard Florida – Operations LLC (AAF), with an effective date of April 1, 2015, to exchange City-owned property located at 101 N. Andrews Avenue (referred to as the "Helicopter site") for the AAF-owned property located at 1801 SW 1st Avenue ("Site K", included as Exhibit 1).

This resolution serves as a notice of the City's intent to transfer title of a portion of Site K (see map as Exhibit 2) to the SFRTA following the closing of the land exchange with AAF, which will take place following the 60-day due diligence period within the purchase and exchange agreement, and the Federal Transit Administration's clearance of the site for compliance with the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA). The closing date for the exchange of property will take place within 15-days following the NEPA approval date, which is expected to occur on approximately May 26, 2015. Transfer of title to SFRTA for the portion of the land associated with the VMF shall take place simultaneously.

Resource Impact

There is no resource impact at this time.

Strategic Connections

This item is a Commission Annual Action Plan priority, included within the Management Agenda, advancing the All Aboard Florida project, the Wave Streetcar project and the Downtown Walkability Program.

It is also a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Infrastructure Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- **Goal 1:** Be a pedestrian friendly, multi-modal City.
- **Objective 1:** Improve transportation options and reduce congestion by working with agency partners.
- **Initiative 3:** Work with partners to construct the Wave Streetcar, including the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) ordinances and connections to airport, port, and rail stations.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are Connected*.

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – Legal Description of Site “K”

Exhibit 2 – Map of 1801 SW 1st Ave

Exhibit 3 – Resolution

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