



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
CONFERENCE MEETING

#14-1224

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

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

DATE: November 4, 2014

TITLE: Bahia Mar Pedestrian Bridge Design Concepts

Staff has been coordinating with the new owners of the Bahia Mar on a schematic for improvements to the Bahia Mar pedestrian bridge that connects the Bahia Mar complex to the Fort Lauderdale Beach Park. This feature will welcome visitors, neighbors and guests to the Fort Lauderdale beach area.

Exhibit 1 presents two bridge designs. The cost for the elevated pedestrian bridge would include:

- Structural repairs, cosmetic stucco and paint
- Architectural wave design, sand features including back channel lights

Option 1 design allows for the pedestrian traveling on the walkway to be seen through the screen design. Option 2 limits that visual and accents the structure with stainless material.

Staff presented these options to the Beach Redevelopment Board at its October 20, 2014 meeting requesting preference of design and potential funding for the additional dollars. The Board recommends moving forward with option 1 with consideration of a message board that would provide alternating messages of "Welcome to Fort Lauderdale", "International Boat Show", and "Fort Lauderdale Air Show", etc. However, this would require approval by Florida Department of Transportation for the message sign. The Advisory Board also requested staff to look into the back channel lights changing throughout the seasons. Staff is following up on the request

Staff will return at a future Commission Meeting with an agreement pursuant to Section 255.20(1)(c)(10), Florida Statutes to request funds be provided to Bahia Mar owners to renovate the overpass in an amount not to exceed \$455,000.

Resource Impact

Funding for this project is in Capital Improvement Project (CIP) P11779 which currently has \$330,759 allocated. Engineering estimates has the designs cost for the improvements at \$650,000 in which the City share at 70% for the improvements would not exceed \$455,000. Additional dollars will be allocated from the Beach CRA.

Strategic Connections:

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Public Places Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 3: Be a community that finds opportunities and leverages partnerships to create unique, inviting, and connected gathering places that highlight our beaches, waterways, urban areas, and park.
- Objective 1: Improve access to and enjoyment of our beach, Riverwalk, waterways, parks and open spaces for everyone.

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

Attachment:

EX 1 – Bahia Mar Pedestrian Bridge Schematic

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