



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

**FROM:** Lee Feldman, City Manager

**DATE:** September 5, 2012

**TITLE:** Motion to approve a Highway Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the complete replacement of five bridges – Bridges of the Isles Project

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a Highway Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Florida Department of Transportation thereby agreeing for the City of Fort Lauderdale to maintain the identified bridges after their reconstruction by FDOT and authorize execution thereof on behalf of the City.

**Background**

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and City staff have identified the following bridges located within the City that are in need of reconstruction: Fiesta Way, Isle of Venice, Royal Palm Drive, Nurmi Drive and Sunrise Key.

Pursuant to Florida Statutes, Sections 339.08 and 339.285 and the Statewide Bridge Replacement Program, FDOT is pursuing this work through five separate projects collectively known as the “Bridges of the Isles” project. These bridges are all City bridges and are classified by FDOT as Structurally Deficient. In classifying as Structurally Deficient, FDOT required the bridges to be posted with load limiting signage which was completed upon notification. Under this MOA and in accordance with Title 23, US Code, Sections 116 and 144(g) and Federal Highway Administration regulations there must be an agreement with the City of Fort Lauderdale to maintain these bridges after reconstruction.

These bridges were originally built by the developer(s) of the Isles community. The bridges were built in:

<b>Bridge</b>	<b>Date Built</b>
Sunrise Keys	1959
Isle of Venice	1948
Nurmi Drive	1947
Fiesta Way	1946

The current FDOT project schedule for the bridges is:

- Issue Design-Build (DB) RFP                      October 2012
- Award DB Contract                                      March 2013
- Construction Start                                      6 months after award of DB Contract
- Construction    Undetermined at this time

**Resource Impact**

There is a no capital or annual fiscal impact to the City of Fort Lauderdale at this time. The capital cost of reconstruction of these bridges is covered by FDOT funds. The City performs maintenance on its 51 bridges, including these 5 bridges as part of its bridge and roadway maintenance.

**Attachment**

Exhibit 1 - Highway Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement

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