



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#23-0506

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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: June 20, 2023

TITLE: Resolution Approving an Interlocal Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation and the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority for Railroad Grade Crossing Improvements at Sistrunk Boulevard - \$739,200 - **(Commission District 3)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an Interlocal Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation and the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority for Railroad Grade Crossing Improvements at Sistrunk Boulevard, in substantially the form attached.

Background

The City of Fort Lauderdale ("City") has jurisdiction of Sistrunk Boulevard which includes roadway portions that cross the railroad right-of-way. In 2021, former City Commissioner, Robert McKinzie requested that City staff address the roadway conditions, as prior improvements were failing, causing the crossing to be rough and unsafe.

The railroad right-of-way is owned by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and is operated by the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA). Given the operational considerations, training requirements, and interaction with train traffic, the City is required to utilize the SFRTA to perform the improvements. The proposed Interlocal Agreement defines the roles, responsibilities, and financial obligations of each of the organizations.

Funding for this project in the amount of \$1,000,000 was allocated as part of the FY2023 budget. If the proposed Interlocal Agreement is executed by the three parties, the improvements will be included in the future SFRTA work program. At this time, there is not a defined timeline for when the improvements will be constructed. The City will reimburse SFRTA for the City's portion of all actual costs attributable to the project, subject to the provisions of the Interlocal Agreement.

Resource Impact

There is a fiscal impact associated with this action in an amount of \$739,200.00.

Funds available as of May 4, 2023					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-001-8041-541-40-4299	TRANSPORTATION TRAFFIC	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES/ OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,131,000	\$1,128,427	\$739,200
				TOTAL AMOUNT →	\$739,200

Strategic Connections

This is Top 2022 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*.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Interlocal Agreement for Railroad Grade Crossing Improvements

Exhibit 2 – Location Map

Exhibit 3 – Resolution

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