



**TO:** CRA Chairman & Board of Commissioners  
Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency

**FROM:** Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, Executive Director

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**TITLE:** Central Beach Master Plan Public Improvement Projects Update -  
**(Commission District 2)**

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The purpose of this memorandum is to provide updates on the Las Olas Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project, State Road ("SR") A1A Beach Streetscape Improvement Project, Las Olas Marina Expansion Project, DC Alexander Park Project, and Aquatics Center Renovation Project. Twelve months remain before the Beach Community Redevelopment Area ("CRA") sunsets on September 30, 2020.

**Las Olas Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project**

The Las Olas parking garage exterior hardscape is installed and the contractor is finalizing landscaping. The glass railing on the amenity deck is installed and the 5<sup>th</sup> floor light shields will be installed this month, October 2019. The 5<sup>th</sup> floor amenity deck will open this month, October 2019.

Phase II work is ongoing at the new Oceanside Park located at Las Olas Boulevard and SR A1A. The shade canopy is poured and the finishing, painting, and waterproofing have begun. Stucco work is ongoing for the buildings and the interior buildout is ongoing. The building electrical is installed, the HVAC is installed, and the insulation is installed. The drywall is installed and primed, the plumbing fixtures are installed, and the epoxy flooring is installed in the restroom. Cast-in-Place site walls are being formed and poured, site light poles are being installed, and some interior palm trees are installed. Fine site grading is underway and terrace steps and walls are formed and poured. The South Intracoastal Parking lot closed on April 22, 2019 and Phase II work at the new South Intracoastal Park is underway. The civil utility work is complete, and the hardscape pours around the perimeter of the park are complete. The hardscape pours underneath the bridge are complete and the lighting under the bridge is installed. The marina promenade curbs are poured and the site electrical and the concrete pours are following behind.

A total road closure on Las Olas Boulevard between Seabreeze Boulevard and SR A1A was installed on April 9, 2019 to begin roadway improvements. The concrete roadway and curbs are poured between Seabreeze Blvd and SR A1A. The inside intersection

work at SR A1A was removed, repoured, inspected, and approved, and traffic was shifted on September 10, 2019. The inside intersection work at Las Olas Blvd and Seabreeze Blvd was poured, inspected, and approved and traffic was shifted on September 12, 2019. The bike lanes were removed and are being repoured. Work is ongoing on the outside intersections. Bollards and electrical light pole bases are installed on the south side of Las Olas Blvd and the subgrade is being prepped for sidewalk concrete pours. The roadway will open once the sidewalk work and intersection work is completed in October 2019.

### **SR A1A Beach Streetscape Improvement Project**

The design plans are at 100%. The design team submitted permits to the Florida Department of Transportation (“FDOT”) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for approval. Staff is targeting 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020 to begin construction on this project. Staff expects final lighting approval from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. This final permit approval will allow the project to receive funding from FDOT through a joint participation agreement.

Staff is packaging the bid documents and will advertise the project to procure a contractor.

### **Las Olas Marina Expansion Project**

The Las Olas Marina Expansion developer, Suntex Marina Developers LLC (“Suntex”), submitted plans to the City’s Development Review Committee (“DRC”) and attended a DRC meeting on April 10, 2018. Suntex received preliminary DRC signoff and presented to the City’s Planning and Zoning Board (PZB) agenda on June 19, 2019. The project received site plan approval at the July 9, 2019 Regular City Commission Meeting. Suntex will submit for final DRC in the month of October 2019. Suntex is advancing the construction drawings.

### **DC Alexander Park Project**

The drawing concepts and a design task order were approved by the CRA Board of Commissioners and the City Commission at both the July 9, 2019 CRA Board Meeting and Regular City Commission Meeting. The design team is advancing the schematic design based upon the approved concepts.

### **Aquatics Center Renovation Project**

The site was closed to the public on April 16, 2019 to allow onsite mobilization. The auger cast test piles were successfully completed and light demolition has begun. The swimming statue was relocated onsite. Primary power electrical installation is ongoing and is expected to be complete before the 2019 Boat Show. Completion of primary power electrical installation will allow Florida Power and Light (FPL) to decommission existing electrical vaults. Decommissioning the vaults will allow demolition activities to progress. Sheet pile installation will begin around the competition pool and the proposed dive pool and dewatering activities will follow behind.

City Staff is exploring additional scope items for the project which include a 27-Meter Dive Tower and Athlete Locker Room Renovations. Hensel Phelps is working on design

concepts for the 27-Meter dive tower and pricing the concepts.

**Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – Progress Photographs

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