

RESOLUTION NO. 23-277

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, WAIVING THE COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION AND SELECTION PROCESSES CONTAINED IN THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE PROCUREMENT ORDINANCE FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF THE CONSULTING SERVICES OF BDO USA, LLP IN RELATION TO THE ANALYSIS OF THE NEW RIVER PASSENGER RAIL CROSSING ALTERNATIVES AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Legislative Specific Appropriation Bill 1939 passed in July 2019 directed the Florida Department of Transportation to develop a proposal to provide a crossing solution that meets the reasonable needs of navigational traffic, freight trains and passenger transit for the New River; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission approved Resolution 22-20 urging the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to consider the tunnel as the future of commuter rail service in the City of Fort Lauderdale on January 5, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission approved an Interlocal Agreement with Broward County on February 7, 2023, for a joint study of the Rail Infrastructures Alternatives at the New River; and

WHEREAS, the City procured the services of BDO USA, LLP utilizing the City of West Palm Beach Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 21-22-408/PB for Strategic Redevelopment Consultant on October 18, 2023, for professional services to define, identify funding opportunities, and develop an action plan for the project; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission on November 21, 2023, heard presentations from industry experts on tunnel and federal funding options and learned of upcoming deadlines for potential funding opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission determined it is in the best interest of the City to waive the procurement ordinance to expedite the timeline for funding applications to be submitted; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-176(e)(17) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, the competitive solicitation and selection processes shall not

apply to "[p]urchases of goods or services for which the provisions of this article are waived by the city commission by resolution."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the competitive solicitation and selection processes, contained in the City of Fort Lauderdale Procurement Ordinance, are waived for the procurement of the consulting services of BDO USA, LLP in relation to the analysis of the New River passenger rail crossing alternatives.

SECTION 2. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 21st day of November 2023.

Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

City Clerk
DAVID R. SOLOMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

City Attorney
THOMAS J. ANSBRO

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| Dean J. Trantalis | <u>Yea</u> |
| John C. Herbst | <u>Yea</u> |
| Steven Glassman | <u>Yea</u> |
| Pamela Beasley-Pittman | <u>Yea</u> |
| Warren Sturman | <u>Yea</u> |