

RESOLUTION NO. 24-48

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,500,000), TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDER THE REBUILDING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY GRANT PROGRAM TO MEET THE FEDERAL FUNDING APPLICATION MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR PLANNING PHASE FUNDING FOR THE NEW RIVER CROSSING; DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY OR INCIDENTAL TO THE GRANT APPLICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) initiated a feasibility study to provide a crossing solution that meets the reasonable needs of navigational traffic, freight trains and passenger transit for the new crossing alternatives at the New River; and

WHEREAS, the FDOT feasibility study identified four crossing alternatives which included three bridge alternatives and one tunnel alternative; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Lauderdale and Broward County agreed to conduct a joint study for the rail infrastructure alternatives of the New River; and

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2023, the City Commission approved an Interlocal Agreement with Broward County for the joint study; and

WHEREAS, staff is seeking to submit a grant application to the United States Department of Transportation, requesting Two Million Five Hundred Thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) for planning phase funding for the New River Crossing study, with the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the RAISE grant program requires a 20% local match in the amount of \$500,000; and

WHEREAS, City staff will provide Broward County with notification of the RAISE grant application submission by the City of Fort Lauderdale and will seek Broward County's future participation and partnership should the grant be awarded to the City of Fort Lauderdale;

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

SECTION 1. That the above recitals are true and correct and incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, hereby delegates authority to the City Manager to submit a grant application to the United States Department of Transportation for grant funding in the amount of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand dollars (\$2,500,000), in accordance with the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Grant Program.

SECTION 3. That the City Manager of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, is hereby delegated the authority to execute the grant application and any and all documents necessary or incidental to the grant application.

SECTION 4. That City staff will provide Broward County with notification of the RAISE grant application submission, by the City of Fort Lauderdale and will seek Broward County's future participation and partnership should the grant be awarded to the City of Fort Lauderdale.

SECTION 5. That the office of the City Attorney shall review and approve as to form all documents prior to their execution by the City Manager.

SECTION 6. That the Effective Date of this Resolution is the date of adoption.

ADOPTED this 20th day of February, 2024.



Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:



City Clerk
DAVID R. SOLOMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:



City Attorney
THOMAS J. ANSBRO

Dean J. Trantalis Yea

John C. Herbst Nay

Steven Glassman Yea

Pamela Beasley-Pittman Nay

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