

#14-0949

**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM**: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE**: August 19, 2014

**TITLE**: Motion to Approve a Revocable License Agreement with Broward County

to Install and Maintain Improvements to Las Olas Boulevard and SE 3<sup>rd</sup>

Avenue

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a revocable license agreement (**Exhibit 1**) with Broward County, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney's office, to install and maintain improvements to Las Olas Boulevard and SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.

### **BACKGROUND**

As part of "Connecting the Blocks" through the Downtown Walkability Program aimed at making our streets safe for all modes of travel, Las Olas Boulevard and SE 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenues were identified as intersections to install painted murals and crosswalks. The goal is to help bring visibility to people trying to cross the street, help slow vehicles down, all while creating a sense of place.

Las Olas Boulevard and SE 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenues were recently painted. SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue is a County-owned roadway and requires that a revocable license agreement be executed. The agreement outlines that the City is responsible for maintenance of the painted intersection and crosswalk, and that the County can ask the City to change the intersection back to its original condition, if the application is deemed unsafe.

Las Olas Boulevard and SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue is close to two proposed Wave Streetcar stations, requiring that people cross over SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to access them. It is imperative that we construct these pedestrian crossing improvements to ensure the visibility of the pedestrians and to channel them to designated crosswalks to reduce illegal mid-block crossings.

This item was reviewed and approved by the Broward County Commission via Item #5 at its meeting on August 12, 2014.

## **Resource Impact**

There is no resource impact at this time.

# **Strategic Connections**

This item is a Commission Annual Action Plan priority, included within the Management Agenda, advancing the Wave Streetcar project and the Downtown Walkability Program. This is also a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Infrastructure Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- **Goal 1:** Be a pedestrian friendly, multi-modal City.
- **Objective 1:** Improve transportation options and reduce congestion by working with agency partners.
- **Initiative 3:** Work with partners to construct the Wave Streetcar, including the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) ordinances and connections to airport, port, and rail stations.

This item advances the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are connected.

#### Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – Revocable License Agreement with Broward County

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