



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#20-0535

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: August 18, 2020

TITLE: Resolution Approving a Highway Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement
with the Florida Department of Transportation for the Construction of
Streetscape Improvements on Cordova Road - **(Commission District 4)**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Highway Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to maintain the improvements being constructed on Cordova Road by the Florida Department of Transportation, in substantially the same form.

Background

At its January 21, 2015 meeting, the City Commission authorized the submittal of an application to the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Cordova Road Complete Streets project, through their Transportation Alternatives Program, which was awarded. On November 21, 2017, the City Commission reaffirmed the City's support of the overall project, as well as support for FDOT to deliver the project on City street jurisdiction.

The intent of the project is to improve vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle safety on Cordova Road between SE 17th Street and SE 15th Street. FDOT began the design of the project in 2019 and plans were provided for review in March 2020. City and MPO City Services Staff conducted a variety of meetings with stakeholders including residents, business owners, and property owners to review the preliminary plans and have incorporated solutions to their concerns while best still being consistent with the intent of the project to improve safety for all users.

The project will add two crosswalks between SE 17th Street and SE 15th Street, pedestrian lighting, a raised intersection at Cordova Road and SE 15th Street, landscaped median islands, a bike lane between SE 15th Street and SE 16th Street, the elimination of one northbound lane, and the addition of a southbound right turn lane. The total project design and construction cost are being fully funded for eligible expenses in the amount of \$1,600,000.

An FDOT public meeting on the project design is anticipated to be held on September 10, 2020. It is anticipated that the construction will begin following July 2021.

Resource Impact

Maintenance of Cordova Road is currently the responsibility of the City. The resource impact to the City will be maintenance costs on the new features being added including the median islands, roadway lighting, crosswalks, and raised intersection. This expense will not begin immediately due to warranty periods and lifespan of elements.

Landscape Islands –

- The contract cost for mowing - approximately \$2,600 per year.
- Water cost is extremely variable – approximately \$900 per year.

Lighting Costs –

- Average annual lighting repair costs - \$1,440 per year

Raised Painted Patterned Intersection –

- Reapplication of thermal paint every 8 years at a cost of \$20,000

Strategic Connections

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 roads, sidewalks, and trails to prioritize a safer, more walkable and bikeable community

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Connected*

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – FDOT District Four Highway Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement

Exhibit 2 – Project Location Map

Exhibit 3 – Resolution

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