



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

**#20-0619**

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

**FROM:** Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** August 18, 2020

**TITLE:** Motion Authorizing the Execution of an Easement Agreement between the  
City of Fort Lauderdale and Rahn Bahia Mar Walkway, LLC for Permitted  
Use of the A1A Pedestrian Crossover Bridge - **(Commission District 2)**

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a motion to authorize the execution of an Easement Agreement, in substantially the form attached, granting the exclusive Easement to use, maintain, repair and operate the Crossover Bridge during the term for the permitted uses.

**Background**

The City of Fort Lauderdale ("City") is the owner of the A1A pedestrian Crossover Bridge with access from the City of Fort Lauderdale's beach to the eastern boundary of the Bahia Mar property. On July 7, 2020, the Fort Lauderdale City Commission adopted a resolution authorizing the City to enter into a Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the purpose of the City repairing and maintaining the Crossover Bridge improvements within the right-of-way on State Road A1A (Exhibit "1"). The City Commission also approved the execution of Assumption of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement between the City and Rahn Bahia Mar Walkway LLC and Rahn Bahia Mar, L.L.C., which passed the City's responsibilities, liabilities, maintenance and costs associated with the MMOA to Rahn Bahia Mar Walkway LLC, and Rahn Bahia Mar L.L.C, wherein Rahn Bahia Mar Walkway LLC, and Rahn Bahia Mar L.L.C. agreed to assume and hold the City harmless from any obligations under MMOA (Exhibit "2").

An Easement Agreement is required by the City ("Grantor") to provide access to/from the Bahia Mar Property, from/to Fort Lauderdale beach, to permit Bahia Mar Walkway, LLC ("Grantee") access from/to Fort Lauderdale beach to/from the Bahia Mar Property to use, maintain, repair and operate the Crossover Bridge during the term for the permitted uses. The easement agreement includes insurance and indemnification requirements. The crossover bridge sketch and legal description is attached as Exhibit "3".

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

**Strategic Connections**

This item supports *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 2: Being 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 – Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement

Exhibit 2 – Assumption of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement

Exhibit 3 – Bahia Mar Crossover Bridge Easement Agreement

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