#22-0636

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

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

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

**DATE**: July 5, 2022

TITLE: Motion Amending the Memorandum of Understanding between the Board

of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida and the City of Fort Lauderdale and to Amend the Development Agreement with All Aboard Florida – Operations, LLC for Roadway Improvements and

Alternative Parking Spaces - (Commission District 2)

## Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission Amend the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida (BOT) and the City of Fort Lauderdale; and to Amend the Development Agreement with All Aboard Florida – Operations, LLC, currently known as Brightline, for Roadway Improvements and Alternative Parking Spaces.

### **Background**

In 2017, the City of Fort Lauderdale, State of Florida, and All Aboard Florida-Operations, LLC worked together to make improvements near the Brightline station. The proposed improvements were to construct a roadway and create parking spaces. To advance the plan, the City of Fort Lauderdale executed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida. The City's obligations, as identified in the MOU, were transferred to All-Aboard Florida-Operations, LLC through a Development Agreement. The City Commission approved these actions through CAM 17-1259 and CAM 17-1262 on November 7, 2017.

Staff recommends that these two documents be amended to address changes in the plan given the current conditions. Modifications to the MOU between the City and the State will also be made in the Development Agreement between the City and All Aboard Florida – Operations, LCC so that All Aboard Florida – Operations, LLC is responsible for the funding and improvements.

The required All Aboard Florida – Operations, LLC improvements were delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2021, All Aboard Florida – Operations, LLC continued their efforts to make improvements and submitted the required development applications to the City's Department of Development Services. Around the same time, the State of

Florida identified that the construction of alternative parking spaces and temporary parking space reconfigurations are no longer needed. The funding and construction of the roadway remains the responsibility of All Aboard Florida – Operations, LLC.

#### **Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact to the City associated with this item.

# **Strategic Connections**

This item is a 2022 Top Commission Priority, advancing the Transportation and Traffic initiative.

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 transportation options and reduce congestion by working with partners.

This item advances the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision Plan 2035: We Are Here.

#### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Memorandum of Understanding

Exhibit 2 – BOT Easement

Exhibit 3 – Development Agreement

Exhibit 4 – Memorandum of Understanding Amendment

Exhibit 5 – Development Agreement Amendment

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