



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
CONFERENCE MEETING

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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: August 16, 2022

TITLE: Update on the New River Crossing and Broward Commuter Rail –
(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

On June 16th, County Commissioners met to discuss the Broward Commuter Rail (BCR) project at a public workshop. Staff has learned that the Miami-Dade portion of Commuter Rail (NE Corridor) is moving ahead quickly and assembling funding and Federal support.

County Commissioners recognized the importance of moving forward now with a project in the southern portion of the county that will extend commuter rail to the north from the Miami-Dade planned terminus at Aventura to a location near SW 15th Street (South of Davie Blvd. in Fort Lauderdale) with 3 planned BCR South stations at:

- Hollywood (just north of Hollywood Blvd.)
- FLL Airport
- Broward Health / Convention Center (just north of SW 17th Street in Fort Lauderdale)

Currently, there is a window of opportunity, since the recent passing of the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act, to tap into federal funding to extend the Commuter rail into Broward County. In order to access federal funding, a local preferred alternative (LPA) project needs to be defined.

County Commissioners will discuss at their next August 25th an item that will define and support extending the commuter rail service as the LPA (Aventura to the Broward Medical Center). This support is needed for entry into Project Development (PD) with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). This would be the first phase of extending commuter rail north from Miami Dade to Broward. Subsequent phases will extend the commuter rail north over the New River, and from the New River to Deerfield Beach.

County Commissioners also recognized the need to work closely with the City of Ft. Lauderdale to analyze costs and benefits of determining which option, tunnel or bridge, will serve the community best for the New River Crossing.

Staff will be working with County staff to achieve described analysis, with purposes of seeking potential federal funding of the New River Crossing.

This item is being placed on conference agenda as staff would like to have an opportunity to gather any feedback from Commission on the proposed analysis and proposed LPA for extending the commuter rail from Miami Dade County to Broward County.

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