



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

#22-0982

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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: November 1, 2022

TITLE: Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Public Transportation Grant Agreement from the Florida Department of Transportation for the Helistop Layout Plan and Obstruction Survey at the John Fuhrer Downtown Helistop - \$84,940 - **(Commission District 1)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an Amendment to the Public Transportation Grant Agreement (PTGA) for the Helistop Layout Plan and Obstruction Survey project from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the Helistop Layout Plan and Obstruction Survey at the John Fuhrer Downtown Helistop (DT1) and authorize the City Manager to execute the Public Transportation Grant Agreement Amendment, on behalf of the City.

Background

DT1 is owned and operated by the City and is situated above the Riverwalk Center Garage in the heart of Fort Lauderdale's dynamic downtown. The Helistop offers convenient access to the City's Central Business District and many of Broward County's government, financial, educational, and cultural attractions located in Fort Lauderdale.

The Helistop Layout Plan (HLP) was last updated in July 1995. The current HLP is outdated and needs to be updated to reflect the current developments that have been constructed over the last 25 years. As part of the layout plan design and obstruction survey, the scope of work will include the following:

- Design of the Helistop Layout Plan
- Airspace Analysis
- Helicopter Touchdown and Lift-off
- Helicopter Final Approach and Take-Off
- Heliport Planimetric Data
- Heliport Lighting and Marking

On April 20, 2021, the City Commission adopted a resolution approving a PTGA and accepted grant funding for the Helistop Layout Plan and Obstruction Survey at DT1 from FDOT and authorized the City Manager to execute the PTGA (CAM 21-0388).

Based on the initial estimated project cost of \$32,576, FDOT provided a PTGA in the amount of \$16,288 for up to 50% of the estimated project costs. The acceptance of the grant was approved at the March 27, 2021 Aviation Advisory Board meeting.

An updated engineer's estimate reflected an increase in scope and the overall project costs. The increased scope included the addition of an obstruction survey and geospatial analysis to capture the current developments in the downtown area that encompasses the protected Part 77 navigable airspace around the Helistop. In consideration of the updated project cost of \$202,456, FDOT has provided an Amendment to the PTGA in the amount of \$84,940 for up to 50% of the project costs. The Amendment brings the total grant contribution to \$101,228. A 50% grant match from the City in the amount of \$84,940 is contingent upon approval of the November 1, 2022, Consolidated Budget CAM 22-0894.

At its meeting on September 21, 2022, the Aviation Advisory Board supported staff's recommendation to accept the grant from FDOT.

Resource Impact

There is an anticipated positive fiscal impact to the City for the grant in the amount of \$84,940, a grant match in the amount of \$84,940. These appropriations are contingent upon the approval of the November 1, 2022, Consolidated Budget Amendment CAM 22-0894.

Source:

<i>Funds available as of September 30, 2022</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-468-9300-542-334-410- 21GHELIST	Helistop Layout Plan & Obstruction Survey	Other Sources/ Airport Enterprise Fund	\$16,288	\$16,288	\$101,392
10-468-9300-542-381-468- 21GHELISTA	Helistop Layout Plan & Obstruction Survey	State Grants/ Florida Department of Transportation	\$16,288	\$0	\$84,940
APPROPRIATION TOTAL ►					\$186,332

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10-468-9300-542-60-6534- 21GHELIST	Helistop Layout Plan & Obstruction Survey	Capital Outlay/ Consultant Engineering Fees	\$16,288	\$16,288	\$101,392
10-468-9300-542-60-6534- 21GHELISTA	Helistop Layout Plan & Obstruction Survey	Capital Outlay/ Consultant Engineering Fees	\$16,288	\$16,228	\$84,940
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Strategic Connections

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

- The Business Development Focus Area
- Goal 5: Build an attractive global and local economic community marketplace.
- Objective: Provide best-in-class regional general aviation airport amenities and services.

This item advances the *Fast-Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision Plan 2035: We are Prosperous*.

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Business Development Focus Area
- The Economic Development Area
- Goal 3: Recognize and include in economic development planning the role of Port Everglades and the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport and Fort Lauderdale Executive Airports.

Related CAM

CAM 22-0894

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Public Transportation Grant Agreement

Exhibit 2 – Amendment to the Public Transportation Grant Agreement

Exhibit 3 – Resolution

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