

RESOLUTION NO. 23-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK'S SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES PILOT DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF WILTON MANORS, FLORIDA, AND THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) became effective on November 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the IIJA includes increases to existing transportation grant programs as well as several new transportation funding programs; and

WHEREAS, these programs have created new funding access to complete transportation projects at the local level, with a focus on the priorities of Safety, Equity, Economic Strength, Climate and Sustainability, Transformation, and Organization Excellence; and

WHEREAS, one of those programs is the Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Discretionary Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the RCP Discretionary Grant Program supports grant funding for planning and capital construction to address infrastructure barriers, as well as technical assistance, to restore community connectivity through the removal, retrofit, mitigation, or replacement of eligible transportation infrastructure facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2023 Notice of Funding Opportunity is available to solicit grant applications for the RCP Discretionary Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland Park, Florida, will partner with the cities of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and Wilton Manors, Florida, and will submit a grant application, as the lead applicant, to complete a transportation study that centers around multimodal access to the proposed new Broward Commuter Rail Station (BCR) in Oakland Park; and

WHEREAS, the BCR station location is planned near the intersection of Oakland Park Boulevard and the Florida East Coast Railway and the first and last mile connections to that station includes areas within Fort Lauderdale; and

WHEREAS, the focus area of the study will be between Interstate 95 to US1/Federal Highway, and from Sunrise Boulevard to Commercial Boulevard with a focus on the main arterials, collectors, and rail lines that have created access barriers to safe connectivity; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated grant request of \$1,000,000 requires a 25% match, which will be provided by the State of Florida Department of Transportation through state Toll Revenue Credits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, hereby supports the City of Oakland Park’s submittal of a grant application to the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Discretionary Grant Program of the United States Department of Transportation, in partnership with the City of Wilton Manors, Florida, and the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

SECTION 2. That the office of the City Attorney shall review and approve as to form all documents prior to their execution.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon final adoption.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2023.

Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

City Clerk
DAVID R. SOLOMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:

Interim City Attorney
D'WAYNE M. SPENCE

Dean J. Trantalis _____

John C. Herbst _____

Steven Glassman _____

Pamela Beasley-Pittman _____

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