

RESOLUTION NO. 23-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE BROWARD METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION'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 FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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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 Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization, will partner with the City of Fort Lauderdale and will submit a grant application, as the lead applicant, to complete a transportation study for railroad separated crossings on the Florida East Coast Railway in the City of Fort Lauderdale; and

WHEREAS, the five specific railroad crossings in the study for grade separation are Davie Boulevard, Broward Boulevard, Sistrunk Boulevard, Andrews Avenue, and Sunrise Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated grant request of \$1,500,000 requires a 25% match, which will be provided by the City of Fort Lauderdale;

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 Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization’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 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.

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Mayor  
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

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City Clerk  
DAVID R. SOLOMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND CORRECTNESS:

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Interim City Attorney  
D'WAYNE M. SPENCE

Dean J. Trantalis \_\_\_\_\_

John C. Herbst \_\_\_\_\_

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