



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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: May 6, 2025

TITLE: Resolution Approving a Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the Construction of the Breakers Avenue Resiliency and Pedestrian Traffic Improvements Project in the Amount of \$3,000,000 - **(Commission District 2)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution approving a grant agreement, in substantially the form attached, with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in the amount of \$3,000,000 for the construction of the Breakers Avenue Resiliency and Pedestrian Traffic Improvements and authorize the City Manager to execute any required documents associated with the acceptance of grant funding.

Background

In 2019, the Reimagining Breakers Avenue Concept Design summary was developed by the City's consultant, Dover, Kohl, & Partners. The concept design process included a variety of community outreach meetings to communicate the design process and receive feedback to better understand the stakeholder's vision, desire and needs. The project objective is to transform Breakers Avenue into a more comfortable, connected, safe, and memorable destination experience. Breakers Avenue will become a complete street that reduces excess pavement, narrows intersection widths, formalizes seating and gathering spaces, and creates event spaces with the use of street trees, varied seating options, a unified material design, and a pedestrian friendly approach. The project vision creates a corridor that not only promotes mobility but enables a safe, accessible, attractive, climate-resilient public space serving residents and visitors.

On June 16, 2020, the City Commission approved the contract for Engineering Design and Construction Administration Services for the Breakers Avenue Streetscape project (Project) with Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc. (CAM#20-0402). On July 6, 2021, the 90% design plans were delivered to the City and at that time, the Project was being considered by the State Legislature to be included in the Infrastructure Bill. The City was notified in November 2021 that funding was not allocated. Project design efforts were suspended as City staff continued to work on securing additional funding sources.

The 2023 cost estimate for the Project is \$11.2 million. The City has secured \$8,365,832 for the Project through various funding sources and is currently exploring additional funding opportunities, such as the Broward County Transportation Surtax, for the remaining \$2,834,168 needed (not accounting for any year-to-year cost increases). The existing funding consists of \$4,515,832 of City funds, \$3,000,000 from a State of Florida Local Transportation Project appropriation (pending approval of the subject grant agreement), and a \$850,000 appropriation from United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (pending future City Commission approval).

The FDOT grant was awarded through an Appropriations Project Request made to the Florida House of Representatives in the amount of \$3,000,000 for Fiscal Year 2025. The timeline for Project completion relating to the proposed grant funding is December 31, 2027.

The Project improvements include streetscape elements such as pedestrian lighting, trees, landscape, shared used street design, and underground water and sewer utility upgrades. Currently, Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc. is advancing the design from 90% to 100%.

Resource Impact

There is a positive impact to the City in the amount of \$3,000,000 contingent on the approval of the May 6, 2025, Consolidated Budget Amendment, CAM #25-0094.

Source:

Funds available as of April 4, 2025					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AMOUNT RECEIVED (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-544-334-490-P12435A	Breakers Avenue Resiliency and Pedestrian Traffic Improvements	State Grant- Other Transportation	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000.00
				APPROPRIATION TOTAL	\$3,000,000.00

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ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-334-490-60-6599-P12435A	Breakers Avenue Resiliency and Pedestrian Traffic Improvements	Capital Outlay / Construction	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000.00
				APPROPRIATION TOTAL	\$3,000,000.00

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2025 Commission Priority*, advancing the Transportation and Traffic initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2025 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 2: Build a multi-modal and pedestrian friendly community
- Objective: Improve roads, sidewalks, and trails to prioritize a safer, more walkable and bikeable community

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

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

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- The Urban Design Element
- Goal 4: Enhance the existing built environment and elements unique to Fort Lauderdale, including waterways, bridges, tunnels, and other traversable features.

Related CAM

25-0094

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – FDOT Agreement

Exhibit 2 – Location Map

Exhibit 3 – Resolution

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