



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

**#13-0164**

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

**FROM:** Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** February 5, 2013

**TITLE:** Downtown Fort Lauderdale Walkability Study Presentation

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The City of Fort Lauderdale, along with our partners at the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, and the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, has retained Mr. Jeff Speck to conduct a Walkability Analysis for the Downtown Fort Lauderdale core area. The study area limits are bounded by NE 4th Street to the north, NE 7th Avenue to the east, the New River to the south, and NW 2nd Avenue to the west.

The scope of the work included a breakdown of the street network and frontages to formulate the principal network of walkability. An Urban Triage Analysis was also performed to determine, based upon the above findings, short, mid and long range improvements to increase walkability in Downtown.

Jeff Speck is a city planner and architectural designer who, through writing, lectures, and built work, advocates internationally for smart growth and sustainable design. He is the co-author of Suburban Nation: The Rise of Sprawl and the Decline of the American Dream as well as The Smart Growth Manual. He serves as a Contributing Editor to Metropolis Magazine, and on the Sustainability Task Force of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. His new book, Walkable City: How Downtown Can Save America, One Step at a Time, is now available in print, digital, and audio format.

Mr. Speck will present his findings and recommendations based upon the study results.

**Resource Impact:**

There is no current year fiscal impact.

**Attachments:**

Exhibit 1 – Downtown Fort Lauderdale Walkability Study  
Exhibit 2 – PowerPoint Presentation

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