



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

#14-1512

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

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: February 3, 2015

TITLE: Acceptance of Florida Highway Beautification Council Grant from the
Florida Department of Transportation, for SR A1A in the amount of
\$100,000

Recommendation

It is recommended the City Commission approve a motion authorizing acceptance of the Florida Highway Beautification Grant from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in the total amount of \$100,000 and authorize the execution of an Amendment Eight to the Florida Department of Transportation Landscape Inclusive Memorandum of Agreement and a Joint Participation Agreement with the FDOT to accept such funds and to provide for City matching funds and maintenance of the additional landscape improvements.

Background

At the September 3, 2013 meeting, the Commission approved a request to submit an application to FDOT for the Florida Highway Beautification Council Grant. The City of Fort Lauderdale was awarded \$100,000 to support improvements to the SR A1A medians, from NE 21 Street to Oakland Park Boulevard. A work plan has been developed and approved by FDOT. The total cost of the Project is estimated at \$239,096.00. FDOT requires the City to fund the remaining amount of the project's cost in the estimated amount of \$139,096 and to maintain the additional landscape improvements in accordance with their Maintenance Plan.

Improvements consist of the removal of wounded and clustered plant material, the installation of improved irrigation, over 30 new palms, Silver buttonwood hedges, Bromeliads, native grasses, and ground cover.

Resource Impact

There is positive impact to the City in the amount of \$100,000. Matching funds in the amount of \$139,096 have been identified in Median Maintenance – Lawn & Tree Services and is contingent upon approval of the Budget Amendment (CAM # 15-0010).

Attachments:

Ex 1 – Amendment Eight to the Florida Department of Transportation Landscape
Inclusive Memorandum of Agreement

Ex 2 – Joint Participation Agreement

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