

TO:	Honorable Mayor & Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
FROM:	Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager
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TITLE:	Central Beach Master Plan Public Improvement Projects Update

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide updates on public improvement projects including the Las Olas Boulevard Corridor and Beach Streetscape improvement projects, the Las Olas Marina expansion, and the Aquatics Center. There are 57 months remaining before the Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) sunsets on September 30, 2020.

Las Olas Boulevard Corridor and Beach Streetscape Improvement Projects

At the October 12, 2015 Joint City Commission and Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board (BRAB) workshop, the City Commission authorized moving forward to final design plans for the Las Olas Boulevard Corridor and Beach Streetscape Improvement Projects. On the November 3, 2015 City Commission Regular Agenda, the City Commission approved the second task order with EDSA, Inc. to refine design plans for the Las Olas Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project from 30% to 100% construction drawings (CDs), including construction administration. The current contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates for the Beach Streetscape Improvement Project (SR A1A) includes refining the designs to 100% CDs, and preparing bid specifications.

At the December 8, 2015 Development Review Committee (DRC), the DRC provided comments regarding the Las Olas Boulevard Corridor Project. EDSA is reviewing and preparing responses the DRC comments, and anticipates presenting the project to the Planning and Zoning Board at their January or February, 2016 meeting.

Staff will provide an update to the City Commission and the BRAB at the 60% design stage, which will include refined cost estimates.

Las Olas Marina Expansion

On October 6, 2015 the City Commission gave staff the approval to move forward with the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the expansion of the Las Olas Marina. The RFP was released on October 30, 2015, with a deadline to submit final bids by January 28, 2016.

Aquatics Center

On December 1, 2015 the City Commission terminated the Developer's Agreement with Recreational Design and Construction, Inc. (RDC), and instructed staff to investigate the cost to rehabilitate the existing facility with available CRA funding. Staff will utilize an existing architectural continuing services agreement to inspect the existing facility and provide cost estimates for rehabilitation.

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