

- TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
- **FROM**: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager
- **DATE**: January 18, 2017
- TITLE: Resolution Approving a Community Aesthetic Feature Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the State Road A1A Pedestrian Bridge Sign Project

#### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution approving a Community Aesthetic Feature Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the State Road A1A (SR A1A) Pedestrian Bridge Sign Project.

#### Background

Since November 2014, staff has been coordinating with the new owners of the Bahia Mar Complex, located at 801 Seabreeze Boulevard, to fabricate and install City welcome signage along with a metal support structure on the SR A1A pedestrian bridge that connects the Bahia Mar complex to the Fort Lauderdale Beach Park. This feature will welcome visitors, neighbors, and guests to the Fort Lauderdale beach area.

An Invitation to Bid No. 862-11699 closed on January 28, 2016 with four responses. Acolite & Claude United Sign Co, Inc. (Acolite) is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder recommended for award in the amount of \$212,936.40.

The Community Aesthetic Feature Agreement is required for the City to construct the proposed bridge signs within FDOT rights-of-way. This agreement requires the City of Fort Lauderdale to fund all costs for the design, and installation of the project.

Once the agreement is executed and the permit is issued, the façade will be finalized and installed within 6-8 weeks.

## Resource Impact

The capital expense to design, fabricate, and install the sign is covered under Community Investment Plan and maintenance cost will be covered under Transportation and Mobility annual operating funds. There is an anticipated annual maintenance cost to the City, starting in FY 2018 through FY 2028, in the amount of approximately \$1,000 per year.

### Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Public Places Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 3: Be a community that finds opportunities and leverages partnerships to create unique, inviting, and connected gathering places that highlight our beaches, waterways, urban areas, and parks.
- Objective 1: Improve access to and enjoyment of our beach, Riverwalk, waterways, parks and open spaces for everyone.

This item advances the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are Here.

# **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 - Permit Plan Drawings Exhibit 2 - Community Aesthetic Feature Agreement with FDOT Exhibit 3 - Resolution

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