



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

17-0101

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

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

DATE: February 7, 2017

TITLE: Resolution Approving the Execution of a Community Aesthetic Feature Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for Utility Box Wraps along Sunrise Boulevard, Federal Highway, A1A and Future Box Locations within FDOT Right-of-Way

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of a Community Aesthetic Feature Agreement (Exhibit 1) with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for Utility Box Wraps along US 1 (Federal Highway), Sunrise Boulevard, and State Road A1A. It is also recommended that the City Commission grant the City Manager the authority to enter into and execute community aesthetic feature agreements with FDOT for future utility box wrap projects that are similar in scope.

Background

The City has a compelling interest in increasing pedestrian safety, navigability, and improving aesthetics in public places. Wrapping existing utility boxes with art that incorporates public information is a safe and aesthetically pleasing method for furthering this interest as well as other City goals.

Eighteen (18) boxes are anticipated to be wrapped along FDOT owned roadways. To wrap these utility boxes, FDOT has special conditions the City must comply with within their right-of-way. One condition requires that the City enter into a community aesthetic feature agreement requiring the City to take financial responsibility for the design, fabrication, installation, and maintenance of the art-wraps on the utility boxes.

The wraps will be similar to the existing designs in Downtown Fort Lauderdale with an art component (photography, illustration, artwork, etc.) and a wayfinding map feature. Designs for each box will be tailored specifically to fit into the context and character of each location. The locations for the proposed eighteen (18) utility box wraps on FDOT owned roadways are attached (Exhibit 2). Examples of previously wrapped boxes are also attached (Exhibit 3).

The maintenance of the box wraps will be paid from the Transportation and Mobility Department's annual operating funds. The Friends of Birch State Park will be responsible for the costs of design, fabrication, and installation services for Boxes #11 & 12 (Exhibit 2).

Resource Impact

The capital expense to design, fabricate, and install the wraps is covered under Transportation and Mobility annual operating funds in the amount of \$11,000. There is an anticipated annual maintenance cost to the City starting in FY 2018 in the amount of approximately \$1,000 for all wraps.

<i>Funds available as of February 2, 2017</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
001-TAM040101-3299	Transportation Planning	Services/Materials Other Services	\$834,560	\$666,337	\$1,000
PURCHASE TOTAL ►					\$1,000

Strategic Connection

This item is a Commission Annual Action Plan high priority, included within the policy agenda, advancing the Downtown Walkability Plan.

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

- Goal 1: Be a pedestrian friendly, multi-modal City.
- Objective 1: Improve transportation options and reduce congestion by working with agency partners.
- Objective 2: Integrate transportation land use and planning to create a walkable and bikeable community

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 2: Enhance the City's identity and appearance through well-maintained green space, parks, major corridors, gateways, and medians.
- Initiative 4: Create a unified way-finding program indicative of our coastal community and unique neighborhoods.

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - Community Aesthetic Feature Agreement

Exhibit 2 - Proposed Wrap Locations

Exhibit 3 - Examples

Exhibit 4 - Resolution

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