



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

**#17-0052**

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

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

**DATE:** February 21, 2017

**TITLE:** Resolution Approving a Locally Funded Agreement and an Escrow Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the Tunnel Pedestrian Plaza Project

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Locally Funded Agreement (LFA) and an Escrow Agreement in substantially the forms attached with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to manage the design and construction activities of the Tunnel Pedestrian Plaza project (# 12058).

**Background**

The Tunnel Pedestrian Plaza project includes building a pedestrian plaza northward from the intersection of Las Olas Boulevard and SE 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue over the existing Kinney Tunnel to address critical pedestrian safety issues, improve pedestrian connectivity, and create an iconic plaza, while celebrating the history of the tunnel.

Over the past year, a consultant was hired by the City who completed a structural feasibility study and came up with three options for the plaza extension. Working with FDOT as the facility owner, it was decided that the project should be incorporated into a larger tunnel rehabilitation project FDOT is leading. As part of incorporating the plaza project into the upcoming rehab design contract, design funds need to be transferred to FDOT from the City. This agreement is a standard local funding agreement that the City has entered into in the past on other projects.

FDOT released the design solicitation in late November 2016. The City has a seat on the selection committee as a non-voting member to ensure the plaza vision is articulated. Once the design team is selected and the contract is awarded (anticipated to occur around July), a workshop will be held with the Commission to set the expectations for plaza scope, size, proposed design characteristics, etc. Depending on the final availability of construction funding, the project design will be scaled appropriately. Amongst other things, this could include changes to the plaza platform length or the hardscape/landscape elements on top of the plaza.

### **Resource Impact**

This is an active Community Investment Plan project using park impact fees. This action will result in the transfer of \$498,720 available within the project account.

<b><i>Funds available as of February 10, 2017</i></b>					
<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>INDEX NAME (Program)</b>	<b>CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME</b>	<b>AMENDED BUDGET (Character)</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>350-P12058.350-6534</b>	<b>Las Olas Tunnel Top Park</b>	<b>Capital Outlay/ Consultant Engineer</b>	<b>\$566,070</b>	<b>\$508,720</b>	<b>\$498,720</b>
<b>PURCHASE TOTAL ►</b>					<b>\$498,720</b>

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is a Commission Annual Action Plan priority, included within the Policy Agenda, advancing the Tunnel Plaza project.

It is also 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.
- Objective 2: Enhance the City's identity and image through well-maintained green space, major corridors, gateways, and medians.
- Objective 3: Integrate arts and cultural elements into public places.

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

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 - Locally Funded Agreement

Exhibit 2 - Escrow Agreement

Exhibit 3 - Resolution

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