



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#17-0744

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

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

DATE: June 20, 2017

TITLE: Resolution to Remove the Thru Truck Prohibition on SE 15th Avenue and
to Restrict Thru Trucks on SE 17th Avenue between Broward Boulevard
and Las Olas Boulevard

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution in support of removing the thru truck prohibition on SE 15th Avenue and to restrict thru trucks along SE 17th Avenue between Broward Boulevard and Las Olas Boulevard (see map as Exhibit 1) upon completion of the SE 15th Avenue improvements.

Background

Transportation and Mobility staff has been working over the past 18 months to advance the recommendations outlined in the Las Olas Boulevard Traffic and Safety Study. These include 1) increasing capacity on SE 15th Avenue, 2) providing traffic calming throughout the Colee Hammock neighborhood, and 3) making Las Olas Boulevard safer for pedestrians.

In an effort to make SE 15th Avenue, a City-owned roadway, work as a primary north/south street between Las Olas and Broward Boulevards and to reduce the need to cut-through the neighborhood using alternative streets, the current thru truck prohibition needs to be removed along SE 15th Avenue. Trucks are currently restricted from using SE 15th Avenue and SE 16th Avenue. This results in large trucks using SE 17th Avenue since it is the last eastern street to access Las Olas Boulevard. SE 17th Avenue is not equipped to accommodate large trucks and damage is occurring to City property and to the tree canopy. In addition, left turns onto Las Olas Boulevard are prohibited from SE 17th Street.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action. Design and installation of the necessary signage will be funded and completed by Broward County. Any other costs are already captured as part of the CIP project cost.

Strategic Connections

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

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Map of Proposed Changes

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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