



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

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

**DATE:** January 3, 2018

**TITLE:** Central Beach Master Plan Public Improvement Projects Update

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The purpose of this memorandum is to provide updates on the Las Olas Boulevard Corridor and Beach Streetscape improvement projects, the Las Olas Marina expansion and the Aquatics Center renovation. There are 32 months remaining before the Beach Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) sunsets on September 30, 2020.

**Las Olas Boulevard Corridor**

Skanska USA Building, Inc. finished installation of underground site utilities for the parking garage. The new water main and sewer mains were installed, tested, and commissioned. Florida Power and Light (FPL) was scheduled to install new underground primary power and a new transformer in the third week of December, but rescheduled to finish the first week in January. Comcast has rescheduled the relocation of their cable to the last week in December. These utilities need to be installed so Skanska can abandon and demolish the existing utilities which conflict with the garage foundation and piles. The delays in the utility work have delayed the installation of the garage auger cast piles; as a result, the pile contractor demobilized. The pile contractor is scheduled to arrive back at the job site on the second week in January.

**Beach Streetscape Improvement Projects**

The Beach Streetscape improvement design is on schedule. The construction for the project is expected to begin in the first quarter of 2019. On April 11, 2016, the Beach Business Improvement District (BID) recommended funding the design of turtle-compliant lights on the west side of State Road (SR) A1A, north of the CRA boundaries (Alhambra Street to Sunrise Boulevard). The construction funding for the lights would come from the remaining \$1.57 million Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Joint Participation Agreement (JPA) grant.

The City will be responsible for any construction costs that exceed the FDOT JPA funds. Staff received correspondence from FDOT that JPA funds will be available in Fiscal Year 2020. It is recommended that this work be added to the Beach Streetscape improvement projects in order to potentially reduce costs and complete construction earlier. As a result, staff is requesting a change order to the consultant's agreement

between the City and Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. to increase the scope of the design work and the terms of compensation. This item is scheduled for the January 3, 2018 Regular City Commission Meeting.

A design conflict with an existing watermain was discovered on the project. On the west side of SR A1A, the design involves locating new light poles and landscaping in the sidewalk 24 inches from the face of the curb to improve pedestrian circulation within the sidewalk. However, the location of the proposed lightpole foundations and trees conflicts with an existing watermain under the sidewalk. Staff and the design team are investigating alternative design concepts that include bollard lighting and planters for landscaping in areas that conflict with the watermain to avoid relocation. Staff and the design team are also investigating security enhancements for the project such as traffic rated bollards and security cameras.

### **Las Olas Marina Expansion**

The City Commission approved the final lease agreement on July 11, 2017 with Suntex Marina Investors LLC (Suntex). The City anticipates execution of the lease agreement in January 2018. Suntex began permit submittals for the dredging portion of the project and is finalizing the site plan for the upland improvements.

### **DC Alexander Park**

City staff reviewed bid responses to a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) seeking a design team to provide design and construction administration services for park improvements. Three firms were short listed and a notice of intent to award was posted on November 20, 2017. Staff has begun negotiations with the top ranked firm Keith and Associates, and anticipates requesting City Commission approval on January 23, 2018.

### **Aquatics Center**

On November 17, 2017, the City issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a design-build team. The close date for the RFP is January 15, 2018, at which time the selection committee will begin reviewing bid responses.

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