



**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: February 6, 2018

TITLE: Central Beach Master Plan Public Improvement Projects Update

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide updates on the Las Olas Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project, State Road (SR) A1A Beach Streetscape Improvement Projects, Las Olas Marina Expansion Project, and Aquatics Center Renovation Project. There are 31 months remaining before the Beach Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) sunsets on September 30, 2020.

Las Olas Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project

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) finished installation of new underground primary power. Foundation work for the garage has resumed and the pile sub-contractor is installing augercast piles.

Beach Streetscape Improvement Projects

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. 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 to avoid relocating the existing watermain.

Staff and the design team met on January 17, 2018 to investigate security enhancements for the project such as traffic rated bollards and security cameras. The design team will work on design concepts and estimated costs for the security enhancements.

Las Olas Marina Expansion

The City Commission approved the final lease agreement on July 11, 2017 with Suntex Marina Investors LLC (Suntex). Suntex has begun permit submittals for the dredged 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 February 20, 2018.

Staff is also investigating the feasibility of installing a ferris wheel in the park.

Aquatics Center

On November 17, 2017, the City issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a design-build team. The RFP will close on February 16, 2018 and the selection committee will begin reviewing bid responses.

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