CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo   **#18-0242**
REGULAR MEETING

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

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

DATE: March 6, 2018

TITLE: Resolution to Approve a Construction Agreement with the Florida
             Department of Transportation for Construction on Las Olas Boulevard
             between Seabreeze Boulevard and State Road A1A as part of the Las Olas
             Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution authorizing execution of a Construction Agreement (Exhibit 1), in substantially the form attached, with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the following improvements along Las Olas Boulevard between Seabreeze Boulevard and State Road (SR) A1A:

- Raising the roadway to provide flush sidewalks
- Decorative concrete sidewalks
- Landscaping and irrigation
- Concrete roadway surface
- Pedestrian and Roadway Lighting

Background

On January 18, 2017, the City Commission approved a construction contract with Skanska USA Building, Inc. (Skanska) for the construction of the Las Olas Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project. On May 2, 2017, the City Commission approved a 2-month extension and increased the construction duration to a 26-month project that is broken out into two phases of work. The first phase of construction is the parking garage which is in active construction. The second phase was to include the Oceanside Park, Las Olas Boulevard Streetscape, the Intracoastal Promenade, and the Intracoastal Park. However, Skanska and City staff have agreed to accelerate the work on Las Olas Boulevard Streetscape and move this work into Phase 1.

The Las Olas Boulevard Streetscape improvements are between Seabreeze Boulevard and SR A1A. The existing median will be demolished and the sidewalks will be widened. The sidewalks will have a decorative concrete surface and be lined with new landscaping and pedestrian and roadway lighting. The roadway elevation will be raised to create a flush street condition, and the roadway surface will be concrete. The Las Olas Boulevard

Streetscape work will be constructed in phases. The sidewalk and landscape improvements will occur in the first phase of work. The roadway improvements will occur in the second phase of work.

The Las Olas Boulevard Streetscape improvements are currently located within FDOT Right-of-Way. The City intends to enter into a roadway transfer agreement with FDOT to take over jurisdictional ownership of Las Olas Boulevard. However, the roadway transfer process will not be complete before Skanska begins the sidewalk and landscape improvements. The work must be permitted through FDOT because Las Olas Boulevard will be under its jurisdiction once the sidewalk work commences. A FDOT construction agreement is needed for these proposed improvements as well as the improvements to the intersections of Las Olas Boulevard and Seabreeze Boulevard and SR A1A. Seabreeze Boulevard and SR A1A will remain as FDOT right-of-way after the roadway transfer agreement is executed.

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the FDOT construction agreement so the planned improvements can be constructed on Las Olas Boulevard.

Resource Impact
There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

Strategic Connections
This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included in 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.

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

Attachments
Exhibit 1 – Construction Agreement
Exhibit 2 - Resolution

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