



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#18-0430

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

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

DATE: May 1, 2018

TITLE: Resolution to Approve a Roadway Transfer Agreement with Florida Department of Transportation for the Transfer of Ownership of Certain Sections of Las Olas Boulevard/SR842, Less and Except the Dwight L. Rogers Memorial Bridge and Certain Intersections, to City-Owned Public Rights-of-Way

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Roadway Transfer Agreement, in substantially the form attached, with Florida Department of Transportation to transfer ownership of SR842/Las Olas Boulevard, less and except the Dwight L. Rogers Memorial Bridge and certain intersections, from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to City owned rights-of-way.

Background

The Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) is redeveloping Las Olas Boulevard between SRA1A/Seabreeze Boulevard and SRA1A/Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard to create a street section which allows events/pedestrian priority to support the goals of the Beach CRA Vision. This design includes elements that do not meet FDOT design standards and will not be approved for a design variance. Therefore, FDOT has required the City to take ownership of Las Olas Boulevard from SE 16th Avenue to A1A, as it will no longer connect to the state highway system without the project/construction section between Seabreeze Boulevard and Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard.

This roadway transfer agreement includes taking ownership of the pavement, sidewalks, storm drain system, canal bridge (Bridge ID: 860011), and sea walls. Broward County will still own and maintain the traffic signal at SE 25th Avenue, as well as the pavement signing and marking. The City currently maintains the landscaping, roadway lighting, water and sewer utilities within this section.

Roadway transfers include funding when FDOT has programmed funds within the five-year program for that section of roadway. Las Olas Boulevard has no funding allocated

in the FDOT five-year program and, therefore, no funds will be transferred with this agreement.

As part of this transfer of ownership, the City has negotiated for FDOT to complete improvements along Broward Boulevard. FDOT will take immediate ownership of maintaining the brick paver intersections of Broward Boulevard and NE/SE 7th Avenue, Andrews Avenue, NE/SE 3rd Avenue, and US1/Federal Highway. FDOT has agreed to program the removal of brick pavers and installation of stamped asphalt within those four intersections in their FY23 work plan.

This transfer agreement will provide consistent ownership by the City of the entirety of Las Olas Boulevard between downtown Fort Lauderdale and the beach. FDOT will maintain ownership of A1A/Seabreeze Boulevard intersection, A1A/Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard intersection, and the Dwight L. Rogers Memorial Bridge.

Resource Impact

There will be a future resource impact associated with maintenance of infrastructure to include pavement, sidewalks, storm drain system, canal bridge (Bridge ID: 860011) and seawalls. The approval of this transfer of ownership agreement has no financial impact.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan* initiative, included within the Infrastructure Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 1: Be a pedestrian friendly, multi-modal City.

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.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale: We Are Connected: We move seamlessly and easily through a safe transportation system where the pedestrian is first.*

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Roadway Transfer Agreement

Exhibit 2 - Resolution

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