

RESOLUTION NO. 18-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S PROJECT TO RECONFIGURE THE INTERSECTION AT SOUTHEAST 28TH STREET AND FEDERAL HIGHWAY AND TO ADD A LANE TO THE EXISTING SOUTHBOUND FEDERAL HIGHWAY/I-595 ON-RAMP AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of Fort Lauderdale, Florida (the "City") endorsed the SE 17th Street Mobility Master Plan on June 20, 2017, which included a recommendation to widen the I-595 on-ramp from southbound Federal Highway to help alleviate congestion on Federal Highway; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT") completed a concept plan of improvements to the intersection of SE 28th Street and Federal Highway, as well as the addition of a lane to the on-ramp onto I-595 from Federal Highway; and

WHEREAS, the conceptual plan was presented at the March 26, 2018 meeting of the SE 17th Street Working Group where they voted to support the proposal with a request that FDOT make efforts to expedite the design and construction, due to its significant positive impact on congestion within the study area; and

WHEREAS, through the planning process and the SE 17th Street Working Group, implementation of this strategy has been moved forward by FDOT; and

WHEREAS, the improvements at the intersection of SE 28th Street and Federal Highway will reconfigure the geometry of the intersection to a standard 4-legged intersection, by removing direct access to Federal Highway from SE 6th Avenue; and

WHEREAS, access to the US Post Office would be maintained via SE 28th Street and the removal of excess asphalt from reconfiguring the intersection would result in the addition of green space; and

WHEREAS, staff will work with FDOT to potentially enhance the landscaping in the area to improve the gateway for those traveling to and from the City of Fort Lauderdale, and from the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport; and

WHEREAS, the on-ramp to I-595 from Federal Highway south is nearly at capacity today; and

WHEREAS, the additional on-ramp lane from southbound Federal Highway to I-595 would consist of the addition of several concrete piers to expand the overpass, as well as milling and resurfacing, striping, and signage; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the improvements at the intersection of Federal Highway and SE 28th Street would be completed first and would reduce the delay at that intersection by 24%, with the widening of the on-ramp, providing a greater reduction in delay and congestion; and

WHEREAS, this project is currently in the concept development phase with design scheduled to begin in 2020 and construction in 2022, with a total cost estimate of \$6 million including design, permitting and other costs, which would be funded completely by FDOT;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida hereby supports the Florida Department of Transportation to reconfigure the intersection at SE 28th Street and Federal Highway and adding a lane to the existing southbound US1 / I-595 on-ramp.

SECTION 2. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon final passage

ADOPTED this the _____ day of _____, 2018.

Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

City Clerk
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI