



- TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
- **FROM**: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager
- DATE: September 25, 2018
- **TITLE**: Resolution to Approve a Construction Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for Construction on State Road (SR) A1A between the Fort Lauderdale Beach Park Parking Lot Entrance and Sunrise Boulevard and as Part of the SR A1A Streetscape 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 pedestrian improvements along State Road (SR) A1A between the Fort Lauderdale Beach Park Parking Lot entrance and Sunrise Boulevard.

### **Background**

The SR A1A Streetscape Improvements Project goal is to enhance the pedestrian experience by consolidating existing and proposed above ground items (such as trees, signage, and lighting) and move them closer to the curb for creating a more walkable and efficient use of the sidewalk. The project design is currently 90% complete. The major planned improvements include:

- Relocating trees closer to the curb for a wider usable sidewalk
- Adding decorative concrete on the East side of SR A1A
- Adding safety bollards for pedestrian protection from vehicles
- Providing new dual-light pedestrian lighting on the West side of SR A1A that meets turtle nesting regulations throughout the year
- Re-lamping existing pedestrian lighting with dual-light fixtures on East side of SR A1A to meet turtle nesting regulations throughout the year

The dual light fixtures on new and re-lamped pedestrian lights will be amber during turtle nesting season and white during non-nesting season. Since the project area is located within FDOT Right-of-Way, an agreement is needed to construct these improvements.

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the FDOT construction agreement so the design consultant, Kimley-Horn and Associates Inc., can submit for FDOT approval and incorporate any FDOT permit comments into the construction documents. Once the construction documents are finalized, the City will advertise an invitation to bid for construction.

# 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.

### <u>Attachments</u>

Exhibit 1 – Construction Agreement Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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