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

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

DATE: November 6, 2018

TITLE: Henry Kinney Tunnel Top Park Update

In 2014, the City initiated a discussion with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to integrate a park into the Henry Kinney Tunnel Rehabilitation work programed by FDOT. The project included extending the barrier wall on the north side of Las Olas Boulevard to create an urban park to link the two sides of Las Olas Boulevard, provide safety improvements to this intersection, and provide an amenity to the neighborhood for social gatherings, pop-up events, and public art. The City completed the initial structural feasibility analysis in July 2015. As the park was deemed feasible, FDOT then required the State to lead the following phases, as the design and construction will affect the Tunnel and US1 within FDOT rights-of-way. All the efforts will be completed by FDOT and their consultants, but funded utilizing City CIP funds.

In March 2017, the City signed a Locally Funded Agreement with FDOT to provide \$498,720.00 to start the FDOT design process. FDOT's first phase includes a Bridge Design Report (BDR) to include the evaluation of three structural alternatives to deliver the park and evaluate against the total loads of the preferred features of the park. FDOT's BDR Consultant, Gannett Fleming, met with downtown stakeholders to include the POLO Group and Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

At this time, the BDR report is 30% complete and FDOT is looking to advertise the project for final design. In order to construct these improvements with the Tunnel Rehabilitation contractor, the Tunnel Top Park will need to be under design in early 2019 with completed design in early 2020. Construction for the Tunnel Rehabilitation project is planned to start in July 2020.

The presentation by FDOT and their consultant, Gannett Fleming, will depict the current BDR structural findings, two park alternatives, the estimated design and construction costs, and the project schedule.

Commissioners will be requested to provide feedback on the preferred alternative and give guidance on the needed design and construction funding needed to move this project to final project phases.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Henry Kinney Tunnel Top Park- Project Presentation

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