

# City of Fort Lauderdale

[www.fortlauderdale.gov](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov)



## Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Friday

November 2, 2018 2:30 PM

*City Commission Conference Room*

*100 North Andrews Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301*

## Las Olas Boulevard Mobility

### WORKSHOP

#### **FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION**

**DEAN J. TRANTALIS** Mayor - Commissioner  
**BEN SORENSEN** Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District IV  
**HEATHER MORAITIS** Commissioner - District I  
**STEVEN GLASSMAN** Commissioner - District II  
**ROBERT L. McKINZIE** Commissioner - District III

**LEE R. FELDMAN**, City Manager  
**JOHN HERBST**, City Auditor  
**JEFFREY A. MODARELLI**, City Clerk  
**ALAIN BOILEAU**, City Attorney

## ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

**Present: 2 -** Vice Mayor Ben Sorensen and Commissioner Steven Glassman

**No public comments were submitted by email regarding this meeting.**

**Call to Order:** Vice Mayor Sorensen called the meeting to order at 2:34 pm.

### I. Introductions

Vice Mayor Sorensen requested participants provide introductions.

### II. Mission Statement

Vice Mayor Sorensen reviewed the mission statement created at the previous Las Olas Mobility Workshop as read: “to connect residents and visitors of Fort Lauderdale through the enhancement of this iconic thoroughfare representing our history and future”. Participants discussed potential mission statement revisions. After further discussion, Commissioner Glassman read the final mission statement as: “connecting residents, businesses and visitors of Fort Lauderdale through the enhancement of this iconic boulevard representing our history and future”.

### III. & IV. Scope and Consultant

Robert Modys, Mobility Planner II, presented to the working group.

***A copy of Mr. Modys’ Presentation is attached to these minutes.***

Vice Mayor Sorensen paused the presentation for comments and discussion regarding a *successful design team*. Participants commented on outreach and stakeholder input. Mr. Modys clarified the team design as presented was a guideline. Discussion ensued on consultant data collection and analysis. In response to utilizing university students to assist with data collection, Vice Mayor Sorensen noted the importance of this study.

Mr. Modys commented on staff’s role in data collection and why a consultant would be selected. Christine Fanchi, Engineering Design Manager, Transportation and Mobility Department (TAM), provided additional comments regarding data collection and timing. She noted the scope would be a factor in determining the cost.

Vice Mayor Sorensen noted that a map of streets to study and timeline for completion would be helpful. Staff concurred. Participants questioned timing involved with data collection. Discussion ensued on timing.

In response to questions regarding gathering input from event participants, Mr. Modys commented on the various means to reach all residents of Fort Lauderdale. He discussed concept designs and discussion ensued on areas to be included.

In response to Vice Mayor Sorensen’s request to identify next steps, Mr. Modys noted that staff

would take comments and develop a more formal scope broken down into tasks. Vice Mayor Sorensen requested the timeline. Ms. Fanchi provided a detailed timeline indicating that final Commission approval would be estimated for March 2019.

Vice Mayor Sorensen clarified stakeholder suggestions would go to staff. Staff would relay comments to the City Manager. Deadline for comments is November 9, 2018. Stakeholders requested a letter of intent to allow potential vendors to prepare prior to the RFP release.

#### IV. Organization/Group Presentation Schedule

On behalf of Bike Walk FTL, Shea Smith, Eric Barton and Rama Barwick presented the impact of bike and pedestrian safety on Las Olas.

***A copy of the Bike Walk FTL Presentation is attached to these minutes.***

Discussion continued regarding the width of bike lanes in relation to rights-of-way and how to enhance pedestrian safety. Participants noted alternative routes as a suggestion to enhance safety and walkability. Reducing the number of cars on Las Olas and impact was also discussed.

Comments were made and discussion ensued regarding consideration of stakeholder input/recommendations. Mr. Barton provided examples of bike lane widths.

Vice Mayor Sorensen requested that Jenni Morejon, Executive Director, Fort Lauderdale Downtown Development Authority, comment on the opportunity and benefit of the Urban Land Institute (ULI) being involved in the process. Vice Mayor Sorensen agreed that they could be utilized in parallel with the consultant.

#### V. Meeting #3: Friday December 7, 2018, 2:30-4:00pm

Commissioner Glassman asked who would be presenting at the December 7, 2018 meeting. Mary Fertig confirmed that she would like to present at the January Meeting. It was agreed to reach out to Beach Community Redevelopment Agency Staff to present at the December 7, 2018 Meeting.

Ms. Morejon agreed to provide more information at the next meeting regarding ULI's potential contribution.

#### VI. Adjournment

Commissioner Glassman adjourned the meeting at 4:09 p.m.