



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#19-0931

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: October 2, 2019

TITLE: Resolution Approving a Locally Funded Agreement and an Escrow Agreement with Florida Department of Transportation for Tunnel Top Park – \$1,500,000 - **(Commission District 4)**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Locally Funded Agreement and an Escrow Agreement in substantially the forms attached in Exhibits 1 and 2 with the Florida Department of Transportation in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 for the feasibility study and design phase of the Tunnel Top Park.

Background

In 2014, the City initiated a discussion with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to integrate a park into FDOT's Henry E. Kinney Tunnel Rehabilitation project. FDOT welcomed the concept but required that the City provide a historic preservation report and a Bridge Design Report (BDR) which incorporated structural analysis assessments. The City allocated \$829,570.00 of general funds to date and has spent \$58,850.00 for a Public Works consultant and encumbered \$498,720 into a Locally Funded Agreement by Resolution 17-38 (Exhibit 3) with FDOT. There is currently an available project balance of \$272,000.00.

The original evaluation recommended a 60-foot extension on the north side of Las Olas Boulevard to create an iconic park connecting downtown to the Las Olas Shopping District. Resolution No.18-244 (Exhibit 4) was adopted on November 20, 2018 in support of moving into final design. Staff recommends the construction of a 130-foot extension for the tunnel top park.

This local funding agreement will fund the feasibility study of the 130-foot tunnel extension and the design phase of the project which includes but is not limited to: the project management, roadway analysis, drainage analysis, lighting analysis, landscape analysis and design. No construction funding is included in this agreement.

Tunnel Top Park is one of the four signature parks within the 2019 City of Fort Lauderdale Parks Bond.

Resource Impact

There will be a current fiscal year impact to the City in the amount \$1,228,000.00, for a total financial impact of \$1,500,000.00. There is an available balance of \$272,000 from Park Impact Fees (P12058.350). An additional \$1,228,000.00 will be added to the project from Park Bond funds contingent upon the approval of the companion Consolidated Budget Amendment CAM 19-0847.

<i>Funds available as of October 2, 2019</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
353-P12058.353-6599	LAS OLAS TUNNEL TOP PARK	CAPITAL OUTLAY / CONSTRUCTION	\$0	0.00	1,228,000.00
PURCHASE TOTAL ►					1,228,000.00

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018 initiative*, included within the Public Places 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.
 - Objective 2: Enhance the City's identity and image through well-maintained green space, parks, major corridors, gateways, and medians.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Connected*.

Related CAM

#19-0847 Consolidated Budget Amendment

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - State of Florida Department of Transportation Locally Funded Agreement

Exhibit 2 - Three Party Escrow Agreement

Exhibit 3 - Resolution No. 17-38

Exhibit 4 - Resolution No. 18-244

Exhibit 5 - Resolution

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