

RESOLUTION NO. 21-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, APPROVING A JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR PERPETUAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES, PURSUANT TO PROJECT FM NUMBER 406919-3-C8-01, FOR THE HISTORIC CSX RAILROAD BASCULE BRIDGE AT RIVER OAKS, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE THE JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the River Oaks Preserve Area consists of 9.1 acres of vacant land area that the City acquired to provide a solution to an existing flooding issue, while providing a recreation preserve park for the residents; and

WHEREAS, the City is in the process of constructing a passive stormwater park featuring freshwater wetlands, Florida native plantings, an elevated boardwalk, an informational gazebo, and the incorporation of the historic 1926 Scherzer Rolling CSX Railroad Bascule Bridge ("CSX Bridge") into the pedestrian walkway of the River Oaks Preserve; and

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2012, the City entered into an agreement with Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT") to relocate the CSX Bridge onto the River Oaks Preserve Area to be used as a pedestrian boardwalk, along with a one-time funding contribution from FDOT in the amount of \$100,000 for the perpetual maintenance of the bridge; and

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2016, the City adopted a resolution ratifying a Joint Participation Agreement ("JPA") between FDOT and the City, to accept a one-time funding contribution from FDOT in the amount of \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, the previous JPA pursuant to Project FM Number 406919-3-78-01 expired prior to the one-time payment contribution occurring; and

WHEREAS, the current JPA, pursuant to project FM Number 406919-3-C8-01 (Funded in Fiscal Year 2020/2021) will permit the City to accept the one-time funding contribution from FDOT for the perpetual maintenance of the CSX Bridge;

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 hereby approves the Joint Participation Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for perpetual maintenance services, pursuant to Project FM Number 406919-3-C8-01, for the historic CSX Railroad Bascule Bridge at River Oaks, located in the City of Fort Lauderdale and authorize the proper city officials to execute the Joint Participation Agreement.

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

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

City Clerk
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI