



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

**#21-0169**

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

**FROM:** Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** March 16, 2021

**TITLE:** Resolution Approving a Joint Participation Agreement with the Florida  
Department of Transportation for Maintenance Services for the Historic  
CSX Railroad Bascule Bridge at River Oaks Preserve Area - \$100,000 -  
**(Commission District 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Joint Participation Agreement (JPA) between the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the City of Fort Lauderdale (City), in substantially the form attached, for the perpetual maintenance services for the historic CSX Railroad Bascule Bridge that FDOT has relocated at the River Oaks Preserve Area.

**Background**

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. The City is in the process of constructing a passive stormwater park featuring freshwater wetlands, Florida native plantings, elevated boardwalk, an informational gazebo, and an historic CSX bascule bridge prepared for pedestrian access.

On July 10, 2012, the City entered into an agreement with FDOT to accept relocation of the historic CSX Railroad Bascule 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 perpetual maintenance of the bridge.

On May 3, 2016, the City adopted a resolution ratifying a JPA between FDOT and the City to accept a one-time funding contribution from FDOT in the amount of \$100,000. However, the previous JPA expired prior to the one-time payment occurring. The current JPA will allow the City to accept the one-time funding contribution from FDOT for the perpetual maintenance of the historic CSX bascule bridge.

**Resource Impact**

There will be a positive fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$100,000.

**Source:**

<b>Funds available as of March 9, 2021</b>					
<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>INDEX NAME (Program)</b>	<b>CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME</b>	<b>AMENDED BUDGET (Character)</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
129-GCSXBRIDGE-3437	CSX Bridge Perpetual Maintenance	Service & Materials/ Imp Repairs & Maintenance	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
				<b>TOTAL ►</b>	\$100,000

**Strategic Connections**

This item is a *2021 Top Commission Priority*, advancing the Waterway Quality initiative. This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 1: Build a sustainable and resilient community.
- Objective: Proactively maintain our water, wastewater, stormwater, road, and bridge infrastructure.

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

**Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Joint Participation Agreement  
Exhibit 2 – Commission Agenda Memo #12-0962  
Exhibit 3 – 2017 Joint Participation Agreement  
Exhibit 4 – Resolution

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