



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

#21-0989

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: October 5, 2021

TITLE: Resolution Providing Notice of Decision to Proceed with the Unsolicited Proposal Submitted by The Boring Company for the Design, Construction, Operation, and Maintenance of A Proposed Subsurface Tunnel System from Downtown Fort Lauderdale to Fort Lauderdale Beach, and Authorizing Negotiations of a Proposed Interim and/or Comprehensive Agreement, in Accordance with Section 255.065, Florida Statutes (2021) - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission consider a Resolution providing notice of the City Commission's decision to proceed with the unsolicited proposal submitted by The Boring Company for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of a proposed subsurface tunnel system from Downtown Fort Lauderdale to Fort Lauderdale Beach, and authorizing negotiations of a proposed interim and/or comprehensive agreement, in accordance with Section 255.065, Florida Statutes (2021).

Background

On June 21, 2021, the City received an unsolicited proposal from The Boring Company, pursuant to Section 255.065, Florida Statutes (2021), to design, construct, operate, and maintain a subsurface public transportation system connecting Downtown Fort Lauderdale with Fort Lauderdale Beach. In Resolution No. 21-130, the City Commission determined that the proposed project would serve a public purpose as a public facility or infrastructure that is used and will be used by the public at large or in support of an accepted public purpose or activity, and constitutes a qualifying project pursuant to Section 255.065, Florida Statutes (2021). In accordance with the foregoing statute, the City advertised and accepted other proposals for the same project in accordance with Section 255.065, Florida Statutes, for a period of forty-five (45) days after the initial date of publication, up through and including 5:00 PM, August 30, 2021. Prior to the expiration of the forty-five (45) day period, the City received two proposed project submissions, both of which were not accepted because they were deemed non-responsive and were not accompanied by the necessary application fee required by Resolution No. 13-187.

If and when a proposed interim and/or a comprehensive agreement with The Boring Company is negotiated, the City Manager will present the proposed agreement to the

City Commission for its review and consideration. Furthermore, pursuant to Section 255.065, Florida Statutes (2021), the approval of the qualifying project by the City of Fort Lauderdale is subject to entering into a comprehensive agreement with The Boring Company, and the City of Fort Lauderdale may reject the proposal until such time a comprehensive agreement is executed.

Resource Impact

This is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2021 Top Commission Priority*, advancing the Infrastructure Initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- Infrastructure
- Goal 1: Build a sustainable and resilient community
- Objective: Build a multi-modal and pedestrian friendly community

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

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan* specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Transportation And Mobility Element
- Goal 1: Ensure the equitable development of a Complete Network for transportation that prioritizes Safety and emphasizes multimodal mobility and accessibility.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Resolution

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