



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

**#26-0191**

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

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager

**DATE:** May 5, 2026

**TITLE:** Broward Solid Waste Authority to Provide the City Commission with an  
Update on its Master Plan and Facilities Amendment – Public Works  
Department (**Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4**)

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Representatives from the Broward Solid Waste Authority (BSWA) will provide the City Commission with an update on its Master Plan and Facilities Amendment.

On September 12, 2019, the City Commission approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Broward County confirming the City's desire to participate in the establishment and implementation of an integrated regional solid waste and recycling system (CAM #19-0670).

On November 5, 2019, the City Commission, via Resolution No. 19-228, appointed Commissioner Glassman as the City's primary representative to the Solid Waste Working Group with Commissioner Sorensen appointed as the alternative representative (CAM #19-1102).

Beginning in February 2020, a series of meetings were held to discuss the operational needs for a Countywide solid waste system, its associated costs, and the development of an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) to govern the system.

On February 1, 2022, the City Commission approved the First Amendment to the MOU (CAM #22-0097) which defined the City and County roles for the execution and funding of a Waste Generation Study, Waste Composition Study, and other related consultant services required to establish and fund the solid waste and recycling system.

On June 6, 2023, the City Commission approved the ILA to join the Solid Waste Disposal and Recyclable Materials Processing Authority of Broward County (CAM #23-0407). The ILA required the membership to adopt a Master Plan and Facilities Amendment developed by the Authority and establishes financial contributions from the City towards its operations. There was a requirement that seventy-five percent (75%) of the County's total population had to be represented by municipalities approving the ILA.

On August 7, 2023, the City was informed that twenty-eight (28) municipalities representing eighty-three percent (83%) of the County's population approved the ILA, establishing the BSWA.

On September 5, 2023, the City Commission approved Resolution No. 23-174 appointing Commissioner Glassman as Fort Lauderdale's representative to the BSWA (CAM #23-0803).

On March 19, 2026, the City Commission approved Resolution No. 26-57 appointing Commissioner Sorensen as Fort Lauderdale's alternate representative to the BSWA (CAM #26-0342).

At the March 20, 2026, BSWA Governing Board meeting, the Facilities Amendment was approved by the Governing Board. At the April 17, 2026, BSWA Governing Board meeting, the Master Plan was approved by the Governing Board. The next steps are for Broward County and at least two-thirds (2/3) of the participating municipalities to approve the Master Plan. The Facilities Amendment must be approved by the County and municipalities representing at least eighty percent (80%) of the population (of the participating municipalities). Both approval conditions must be met, with the Facilities Amendment being the final condition for the BSWA to meet formation requirements. The deadline for the Master Plan and Facilities Amendment approval is August 15, 2026.

City staff continue to evaluate the proposed Master Plan, Facilities Amendment, and the overall program requirements. City staff are tentatively scheduled to follow up with a presentation at the May 19, 2026, City Commission Conference Meeting.

### **Strategic Connections**

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- Guiding Principle: Fiscal Responsibility

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
- The Solid Waste Management Element
- Goal 1: The City of Fort Lauderdale shall provide or maintain solid waste management and collection programs to serve current and future needs.

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Presentation

Exhibit 2 – Master Plan Broward SWA

Exhibit 3 – Master Plan Executive Summary

Exhibit 4 – Facilities Amendment Broward SWA

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