



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#26-0405

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: May 5, 2026

TITLE: Resolution Approving an Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Fort
Lauderdale and Broward County for a \$3,000,000 Surtax Grant Match
Program Award for the Breakers Avenue Resiliency and Traffic
Improvements Project - **(Commission District 2)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution approving an Interlocal Surtax Funding Agreement between the City of Fort Lauderdale and Broward County, in substantially the form attached, for the Surtax Grant Match Program project titled Breakers Avenue Resiliency and Traffic Improvements Project (GMFORT-026) and authorizing the City Manager to execute the interlocal agreement and any required documents associated with the interlocal agreement.

Background

In 2019, the Reimagining Breakers Avenue Concept Design summary was developed by the City's consultant, Dover, Kohl, & Partners. The concept design process included a variety of community outreach meetings to communicate the design process and receive feedback to better understand stakeholder vision, desire and needs. The project objective is to transform Breakers Avenue into a more comfortable, connected, safe, and memorable destination experience. Breakers Avenue will become a complete street that reduces excess pavement, narrows intersection widths, formalizes seating and gathering spaces, and creates event spaces with the use of street trees, varied seating options, a unified material design, and a pedestrian friendly approach. The project vision creates a corridor that not only promotes mobility but also enables a safe, accessible, attractive, climate resilient public space serving residents and visitors.

On June 16, 2020, the City Commission approved the contract for Engineering Design and Construction Administration Services for the Breakers Avenue Streetscape project (Project) with Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc. (CAM #20-0402).

Since the time the design contract was awarded, City staff focused on advancing design efforts and securing funding necessary to advance the project to construction. The

consultant is finalizing the one hundred percent (100%) Construction Plans. The construction solicitation is expected to be issued in fall 2026, with construction anticipated to begin in early 2027. Additional public outreach will be conducted prior to the construction phase.

On May 6, 2025, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 25-79, approving a \$3,000,000 grant agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the construction of the Breakers Avenue Resiliency and Pedestrian Traffic Improvements Project (CAM #26-0461).

On June 30, 2025, the City Commission approved the Third Amendment to the Transportation Surtax Interlocal Agreement (CAM #25-0675), which made the City eligible for the Surtax Grant Match Program (Surtax GMP). The Surtax GMP is available on a first-come/first-serve basis for eligible projects and provides supplemental Surtax funding to municipalities that have secured competitive external grants, allowing the City to maximize capital resources for transportation projects.

The City was the first municipality in Broward County to apply for Surtax GMP on August 18, 2025, to support the Breakers Avenue project, leveraging the previously awarded Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 State Appropriation of \$3,000,000 (CAM #25-0461). On September 11, 2025, Broward County approved a \$3,000,000 Surtax GMP award to match the State Appropriation that was previously secured.

The 2025 construction cost estimate for the project is \$10,400,000, which includes an allowance for permitting, testing and fifteen percent (15%) contingency. The City has compiled \$14,130,176 in funding from the following sources:

The City has identified \$14,130,176 in funding from the following sources:

- \$7,280,176 - Existing municipal funds (across multiple funding sources including general capital, stormwater, and water and sewer improvements). It is important to note that these funds have limitations, and specific funds can only be used for corresponding improvements;
- \$3,000,000 - State of Florida Local Transportation Project appropriation (CAM #25-0461);
- \$850,000 via a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) appropriation, pending City Commission approval on May 5, 2026 (CAM #26-0407); and
- \$3,000,000 via Surtax GMP award subject to the City Commission approval of this item (CAM #26-0405).

The Surtax GMP award will be applied toward construction costs. Any remaining City

funds in excess of the construction total will be used to cover Construction Engineering Inspection (CEI) service fees.

The City Attorney’s Office cautions that the Interlocal Agreement provides for broad indemnification by the City in favor of the County and others and the City’s defense of the indemnitees under various circumstances.

Resource Impact

There is a positive fiscal impact in the amount of \$3,000,000 contingent upon approval of the May 5, 2026, Consolidated Budget Amendment (CAM #26-0063).

Source:

Funds available as of April 8, 2026

ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-541-337-406-P12435B	BREAKERS AVENUE RESILIENCY AND TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS	INTERGOV REVENUE / BROWARD COUNTY – TRANSPORTATION GRANT	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$3,000,000

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ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-541-60-6599-P12435B	BREAKERS AVENUE RESILIENCY AND TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS	CAPITAL OUTLAY / CONSTRUCTION	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$3,000,000

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2026 Commission Priority*, advancing the Transportation and Traffic initiative.

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

- The Public Places Focus Area, Goal 5: Build a beautiful and welcoming community

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

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

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- The Urban Design Element
- Goal 4: Enhance the existing built environment and elements unique to Fort Lauderdale, including waterways, bridges, tunnels, and other traversable features

Related CAMs

#26-0063

#26-0407

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Surtax Grant Match Funding, Terms and Conditions

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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