



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
CONFERENCE MEETING

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

FROM: Christopher Cooper, Acting City Manager

DATE: August 18, 2026

TITLE: Infrastructure Investment Special Obligation Bond Presentation – Public
Works Department (**Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4**)

Historically, prior to Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, the City of Fort Lauderdale (City) budgeted approximately \$1.0 million annually for roadway resurfacing and \$1.0 million for sidewalk repairs. Beginning in FY 2025, these appropriations increased to \$1.5 million for roadway resurfacing and \$1.5 million for sidewalk repairs. The adopted FY 2026 budget further increased funding to \$2.5 million for roadway resurfacing and \$1.5 million for sidewalk repairs.

While these annual appropriations enabled the City to address localized maintenance needs, they were not sufficient to reduce the growing backlog of aging roadway and sidewalk infrastructure throughout the City. As a result, infrastructure deficiencies continued to outpace the funding available through the annual operating budget.

At the January 21, 2025, City Commission Prioritization Workshop, the City Commission identified accelerated investment in transportation infrastructure as a priority and directed staff to pursue financing options to expedite needed capital improvements (CAM #25-0089).

Consistent with this direction, on September 3, 2025, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 25-157 authorizing the issuance of the Series 2025 Special Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$115.0 million for public safety and municipal improvement projects (CAM #25-0453). The bonds closed on November 4, 2025.

The Series 2025 Special Obligation Bonds provide tax-exempt financing for a variety of municipal capital projects, including approximately \$16.1 million dedicated to roadway improvements and \$11.8 million for sidewalk improvements. These additional funds provide the opportunity to significantly accelerate transportation infrastructure improvements beyond what could be achieved through the City's annual capital program.

On May 19, 2026, the City Commission approved a motion approving first amendment to incorporate voluntary price reduction (VPR) to unit prices and cost capacity increase to

the agreement related to Invitation to Bid (ITB) No. 269-3, for Annual Concrete and Paver Stones - Team Contracting, Inc. (CAM #26-0330).

The annual program is intended to provide comprehensive sidewalk and concrete improvements throughout the City, with the goal of investing a minimum of \$2.0 million in each City Commission District. Work performed under the contract includes construction and repair of 6-inch concrete sidewalks, curbs, curb ramps, brick pavers, lime rock base, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant ramps, concrete grinding, tree root pruning, and other associated improvements necessary to restore pedestrian accessibility and safety.

In addition to repairing existing sidewalks, the City recently completed a citywide Sidewalk Master Plan (SMP) which identifies priority locations where sidewalks do not currently exist. The SMP was adopted by the City Commission on May 19, 2026 (CAM #26-0164, Reso #26-94). The SMP documents new sidewalk construction needs across all City Commission Districts, with a recommended first phase of approximately 31 miles spanning seven priority neighborhoods per district. The \$2.0 million per district in targeted sidewalk initiatives provides an opportunity to begin closing the highest-priority gaps identified in the SMP, particularly in locations where City contractors will already be mobilized for nearby repair work. Building new sidewalks requires additional lead time compared to repairs due to public engagement, feasibility review, design, and permitting requirements. Staff are seeking direction from each Commissioner on the desired balance between maintenance of existing sidewalks and investment in new sidewalk construction within their district.

To support a data-driven investment strategy, the City completed a comprehensive sidewalk condition assessment in 2025 evaluating more than 422 miles of sidewalks citywide. Individual sidewalk segments were assessed for cracking, settlement, vertical displacement, and other surface deficiencies. The results of the assessment established a citywide inventory of sidewalk conditions and serve as the basis for prioritizing repairs in areas with the greatest infrastructure needs.

Using the assessment data, staff developed district-specific repair programs that will be implemented through the annual concrete contract. The estimated cost to address sidewalk segments currently rated in Poor and Very Poor condition is summarized below.

Commission District Estimated Cost

District 1	\$1.28 Million
District 2	\$2.88 Million
District 3	\$7.08 Million
District 4	\$2.58 Million

On May 19, 2026, the City Commission approved a motion approving first amendment to incorporate voluntary price reduction (VPR) to unit prices and cost capacity increase to the agreement related to Invitation to Bid (ITB) Event No. 266 - Annual Asphalt Mill and Resurfacing Agreement - M & M Asphalt Maintenance Inc. (CAM #26-0367).

The annual roadway resurfacing program is intended to preserve and improve the City's transportation network through systematic milling and resurfacing of local streets. Similar to the sidewalk program, the City anticipates investing a minimum of \$2.0 million in roadway improvements within each Commission District. Work includes pavement milling, leveling courses, installation of Type S-3 asphalt and Superpave 9.5 asphalt, thermoplastic pavement markings, localized sidewalk repairs, and other associated improvements.

In 2025, the City completed a comprehensive pavement condition assessment of more than 529 centerline miles of roadways using the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) methodology. Each roadway segment was evaluated and assigned a PCI rating that reflects overall pavement condition. Streets classified in Failed, Serious, Very Poor, and Poor condition were prioritized for roadway resurfacing based on objective engineering criteria, allowing staff to maximize the effectiveness of available funding while extending the useful life of the City's roadway network.

Many of the streets identified for roadway resurfacing have planned or previously installed traffic calming improvements. Staff will coordinate with between City departments to identify opportunities to incorporate traffic calming elements during roadway resurfacing, including reinstallation or upgrade of speed cushions, installation of raised crosswalks or intersections, and implementation of pavement marking plans with centerlines based on best practices. Installing these improvements during roadway resurfacing is significantly more cost-effective than returning to a street after new pavement has been installed.

Based on the assessment results, the estimated cost to address roadway segments currently rated Failed, Serious, and Very Poor within each Commission District is summarized below.

Commission District Estimated Cost

District 1	\$1.24 Million
District 2	\$3.24 Million
District 3	\$1.17 Million
District 4	\$3.93 Million

To maximize efficiency and expedite project delivery, staff will implement the roadway and sidewalk improvement programs through the City's existing annual asphalt resurfacing and concrete repair contracts. Utilizing these competitively procured contracts allows the City to accelerate construction without the need to procure individual projects, reducing administrative costs and shortening project delivery schedules.

Projects will be prioritized using the results of the 2025 citywide pavement and sidewalk condition assessments, while also considering geographic equity, coordination with planned utility and drainage improvements, and opportunities to minimize impacts to residents and businesses. Staff will continue to sequence projects to ensure roadway resurfacing occurs after completion of planned underground utility work whenever practical, thereby protecting the City's investment.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a FY 2026 Commission Priority, advancing the Infrastructure and Resiliency initiative.

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

- The Infrastructure Focus Area, Goal 3: Be a sustainable and resilient 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
- The Transportation & 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 – Presentation

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