



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

#26-0336

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: May 19, 2026

TITLE: Resolution Delegating the City Manager the Authority to Execute a State-Funded Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for a Grant in the Amount of \$500,000 for the Construction Phase of the Galt Mile Street Safety Improvements Project – **(Commission District 1)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Grant Agreement between the City of Fort Lauderdale (City) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The agreement provides funding from FDOT in the amount of \$500,000.

Background

On February 1, 1995, the City Commission adopted Resolution A-95-1 declaring the City's intent to make right-of-way improvements to and along Galt Ocean Drive between East Oakland Park Boulevard, to the South, and to the city limits on the North. The project became known as the Galt Ocean Mile Improvements which included:

- Construction and paving of streets and sidewalks;
- Placement of underground utility lines; and
- Installation of street furniture, lighting, signage, landscaping, and other amenities.

The project was paid for with special assessments on property in accordance with Section 170.06 of the Florida Statutes. The project was fully implemented at that time and after decades of utilization, there were requests to repair and upgrade the lighting, sidewalks, and landscape improvements.

At the October 2, 2019, City Commission Conference Meeting, the City Commission discussed the Galt Ocean Mile Improvements Project (Project) and directed staff to proceed with its implementation (CAM #19-0955). The Project is located north of East

Oakland Park Boulevard and south of Flamingo Avenue along Galt Ocean Drive. The scope of work for the Project included:

- Lighting features;
- Milling and resurfacing (including decorative features) of the roadway;
- Bike lane striping and pavement markings;
- Sidewalk widening;
- New landscaping and irrigation;
- Raised crosswalks and intersections;
- Utility coordination and valve adjustments; and
- Site amenities and signage.

Following the City Commission direction, City staff conducted public outreach and coordination with the impacted properties to further define the project scope, aspects, and better understand the challenges of the current conditions. Delayed by the impacts of COVID-19, the planning efforts took place in 2020 and 2021, ultimately resulting in a conceptual design plan.

The City issued Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 12709-126 on July 6, 2022, for Design and Construction Administration Services. On May 2, 2023, the City Commission approved an agreement with Chen Moore & Associates, Inc., (Chen Moore) in the estimated amount of \$398,762.53 (CAM #23-0031).

On May 7, 2024, the City Commission adopted Resolution 24-83, authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with FDOT, accepting the grant funding in the amount of \$500,000 for the design development phase of the Project (CAM #24-0280). The grant funds were awarded via the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023/2024 General Appropriation Act. The design of the Project was completed on June 30, 2025, per the grant agreement. Following multiple outreach sessions with the Galt Mile Homeowners' Association, the final plans were completed on July 31, 2025.

The estimated total cost for the design and construction of the Project is \$6,400,000. To help offset the total costs associated with the construction phase of the Project, the City applied for a grant in the amount of \$2,500,000 in FY 2025/2026 General Appropriation Act grant funding in April 2025. In November 2025, FDOT notified the City that it has been awarded funding in the amount of \$500,000 for the construction phase.

Resource Impact

This action will result in a positive impact for the City in the amount of \$500,000. There is no funding required from the City to accept this grant. The May 5, 2026, Consolidated Budget Amendment (CAM #26-0063) was approved and included the acceptance of the grant funds to be appropriated in the account below.

Source: (Grant)

<i>Funds available as of March 20, 2026</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROJECT NAME (Program)	ACCOUNT/ACTIVITY NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-334-490-P12585B	Galt Ocean Mile Beautification	Intergovernmental Revenue/ Florida Inland Navigation District	\$0	\$0	\$500,000
APPROPRIATION TOTAL ►					\$500,000

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ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROJECT NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-541-60-6534-P12585B	Galt Ocean Mile Beautification	Capital Outlay/ Construction	\$0	\$0	\$500,000
APPROPRIATION TOTAL ►					\$500,000

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2026 Commission Priority*, advancing the Infrastructure and Resilience initiative.

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

- The Infrastructure and Resilience 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 Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- The Urban Design Area
- Goal 2: Encourage urban design which responds to the climate and character of Fort Lauderdale, is pedestrian friendly, human-scaled and contains the infrastructure and amenities to create a vibrant public realm.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Grant Agreement

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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