



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#26-0598

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: July 2, 2026

TITLE: Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Construction Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for construction of a median refuge island on Riverland Road north of the entrance to the Cube Smart Self Storage as part of the Riverland Road Traffic Calming Project - **(Commission Districts 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Construction Agreement, in the form attached, with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the construction of a median refuge island located north of the entrance to the Cube Smart Self Storage on Riverland Road as part of the Riverland Road Traffic Calming Project.

Background

Riverland Road between State Road 7 and Davie Boulevard has experienced significant increases in traffic volume and vehicle speeds, raising safety concerns for the many users of the corridor. Past traffic studies, planning analyses, and extensive community input have demonstrated the need for traffic calming solutions along this segment of Riverland Road.

The goal of this project is to reduce vehicle speed and enhance safety and mobility for all users, including motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists, in alignment with the City's Complete Streets Policy. The scope of work for the project includes constructing raised intersections, raising existing crosswalks, and creating a median refuge island.

The City of Fort Lauderdale initiated the Riverland Road Traffic Calming project to complement the improvements constructed through the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant which was administered by the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) (CAM 16-0512). As part of the TIGER grant project, the City attempted to enter into a roadway transfer agreement with Broward County and FDOT to take over jurisdictional ownership of Riverland Road. However, the roadway transfer process was not completed, and Riverland Road remains under City, Broward County and State Road jurisdictions.

Riverland Road west of Tortugas Lane (SW 38th Avenue) is under State Road jurisdiction and the segment of the project located within this area includes construction of a median refuge island for the existing crosswalk at the driveway. This work will include construction of the median, sidewalk adjustments, and signing and pavement markings.

Design and construction plans have been completed (Exhibit 2), and a contractor has been selected for the construction phase of the project. During review for permits, FDOT required a construction agreement with the City because the roadway transfer agreement had not been executed. The project is currently in the pre-construction phase, and the work within State Road jurisdiction is expected to begin once the FDOT construction permit is obtained and the construction agreement is executed. Construction along Riverland Road is expected to reach final completion within five (5) months after the notice to proceed for construction is issued.

It is recommended that the City Commission authorize the City Manager to execute the FDOT construction agreement to allow for the construction of the planned improvements.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action at this time.

Strategic Connections

This item is a Fiscal (FY) 2026 Commission Priority, advancing the Infrastructure and Resilience initiative.

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

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 4: Facilitate an efficient, multimodal transportation network

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

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.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - FDOT Construction Agreement with Exhibit A

Exhibit 2 - Design Plans prepared by Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

Exhibit 3 - Resolution

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