



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#26-0445

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: May 19, 2026

TITLE: Resolution Approving a Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement for State Road 811 (NE 4 Avenue) with the Florida Department of Transportation for Lighting Improvements within the Right-of-Way of State Road 811 - **(Commission District 2)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement for State Road 811 (NE 4 Avenue) with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for decorative lighting improvements within the right-of-way of State Road 811 between Mile Post 0.000 to Mile Post 0.406, in substantially the form attached.

Background

The City of Fort Lauderdale seeks to enter into a Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement (MMA) with FDOT under Permit No. 2025-C-491-00009 for the purpose of the City maintaining decorative (non-standard) lighting improvements within the right-of-way on State Road 811 (NE 4 Avenue) from approximately Sunrise Boulevard to just north of NE 13 Street.

The NE 4 Avenue Streetscape Improvement (Project) includes widening existing sidewalks, installation of new trees and irrigation systems, a district welcoming sign, and pedestrian street lighting. The Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) was awarded grant funding not to exceed \$1,000,000 by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners on March 5, 2019, for engineering design, construction, and inspections for the Project (CAM #19-1105).

To date, most of the Project scope has been completed, including sidewalk widening, stamped asphalt, suspended pavement systems, root barrier systems, landscaping, and bonded aggregates in the tree pits. The remaining element is the installation of eleven (11) decorative pedestrian light poles. The decorative light poles have been custom-fabricated and delivered to the contractor, R & D Electric, Inc. (CAM #25-0385). The installation of the lights is expected to take one (1) month to complete once the FDOT permit is secured.

A separate Construction Agreement is required by FDOT prior to constructing improvements within state right-of-way authorizing the City to install decorative lighting fixtures on NE 4 Avenue in accordance with the approved scope of work. The Construction Agreement is scheduled for City Commission consideration at the May 19, 2026, City Commission Regular Meeting (CAM #26-0060).

FDOT requires municipalities to maintain any non-standard features installed within state rights-of-way, including decorative light poles, as these elements are outside of the FDOT standard treatment. The MMOA formalizes the City's maintenance responsibilities for all decorative lighting improvements installed as part of the NE 4 Avenue Streetscape project, as well as any existing non-standard lights already installed within the project limits.

The City's maintenance obligations under the MMOA include inspection, repair, restoration, and replacement of all lighting improvements. Prior to performing any maintenance or repairs, the City is required to submit a maintenance plan to FDOT for approval in accordance with FDOT standards. Following approval, the City must submit a work plan to FDOT for each individual repair, detailing the proposed date, location, nature, materials, and methods of repair.

Resource Impact

There is an ongoing fiscal impact to the City of approximately \$3,270.96 annually once construction is completed, which is included and available in the Parks and Recreation Department's annual budget.

Strategic Connections

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 CAM

CAM #26-0060

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement

Exhibit 2 – Project Location Map

Exhibit 3 – Resolution

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