



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

#26-0404

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: May 5, 2026

TITLE: Resolution Approving a Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for a \$1,000,000 State Appropriation for Las Olas Boulevard Safety Improvements and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Upgrades, Western Corridor from Andrews Avenue to SE 17 Avenue - **(Commission District 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution approving a grant agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the construction of the Las Olas Boulevard Safety Improvements and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Upgrades project and authorize the City Manager to execute any required documents associated with or incidental to the acceptance of grant funding.

Background

In 2017, the City initiated a comprehensive evaluation of transportation, landscaping, planning, and urban design needs along Las Olas Boulevard from Andrews Avenue to State Road A1A. Guided by the Las Olas Working Group, which included residents, business owners, and property owners, this effort involved more than two (2) years of stakeholder engagement and consensus-building.

On June 15, 2021, the City Commission accepted the Las Olas Boulevard Vision Plan – Western Corridor via Resolution No. 21-120 (CAM #21-0627 Resolution No. 21-120); and the Las Olas Boulevard Vision Plan – Eastern Corridor via Resolution No. 21-119 (CAM #21-0617).

On May 7, 2024, the City Commission awarded the contract for Design Consulting Services for the Las Olas Corridor Mobility Project (Western Corridor) to WSP USA Inc. (WSP) in the amount of \$3,499,586.36 (CAM #24-0045), with the intent of advancing the Las Olas Boulevard Vision Plan – Western Corridor, adopted in 2021, to sixty percent (60%) design plans.

The project team conducted public engagement and presented project updates to the Downtown Development Authority, Las Olas Company, the Broward Workshop,

Downtown Homeowners Association, and the Colee Hammock Homeowners Association. Additionally, a public town hall meeting was held on Thursday, November 13, 2025, at the Florida Atlantic University MetroLab (111 East Las Olas Boulevard) which included all of the above entities, along with the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations and the Las Olas Association.

On February 3, 2026, the City Commission considered conceptual design options for the Las Olas Mobility Vision Plan - Western Corridor. Following public input and discussion, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 26-27 approving the conceptual designs for the Downtown and Colee Hammock segments and the Retail Shops segment without the median, and directed the City Manager to advance the Las Olas Mobility Vision Plan - Western Corridor to sixty percent (60%) design plans (CAM #26-0051).

The preliminary opinions of probable construction cost (OPCC) were developed for all three (3) segments of the corridor prior to the landscape enhancements requested by the City Commission on January 20, 2026.

| Opinion of Probable Construction Cost (Preliminary) | | |
|--|--------------|---------------|
| Downtown | Retail Shops | Colee Hammock |
| \$5,000,000 | \$7,500,000 | \$6,800,000 |

The OPCCs above include:

- Civil, stormwater, landscape (prior to January 20, 2026, direction), lighting and utilities;
- Pavement markings, signage, MOT and mobilization;
- Record drawings and environmental protection; and
- Limited contingency.

The OPCCs above does not include:

- Landscape improvements requested by the City Commission on January 20, 2026; and
- Wayfinding signage cost, and design-build contractor and Construction Engineering Inspection (CEI) fees.

The OPCC is being revised as part of the thirty percent (30%) design development, which is anticipated to be completed by June 2026.

The \$1,000,000 state appropriation was successfully included in the State of Florida's Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 General Appropriations Act. These funds will be used to fund pedestrian safety and streetscape improvements of the planned project. While state appropriations are generally required to be spent within the fiscal year in which they are awarded, this grant agreement anticipates completion of construction improvements by December 31, 2030. The agreement also allows for extensions or amendments through mutual written consent of the parties.

WSP is expected to deliver sixty percent (60%) design plans in early 2027. Upon completion, City staff intend to issue a solicitation for a design-build delivery of the project, in phases based on available funding. The adopted FY 2026-2030 Community Investment Plan has \$1,000,000 allocated to this project in FY 2027. The City was able to secure an additional \$1,200,000 in funding for the Shops segment of the project through Federal earmarks for FY 2026. City staff are actively seeking additional funding for construction of this project through the FY 2027 budget development process, FY 2027 Broward County Transportation Surtax Grant Matching Program, Federal appropriations, and available grant opportunities.

Resource Impact

There is a positive fiscal impact of \$1,000,000, contingent upon approval of the May 5, 2026, Consolidated Budget Amendment, CAM #26-0063.

Source:

| <i>Funds available as of April 9, 2026</i> | | | | | |
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| ACCOUNT NUMBER | COST CENTER NAME | CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME | AMENDED BUDGET (Character) | AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character) | AMOUNT |
| 10-129-9300-541-334-490-P12796A | LAS OLAS MOBILITY | INTERGOV REVENUE /STATE GRANT – OTHER TRANSPORTATION | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,000,000 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT → | | | | | \$1,000,000 |

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| 10-129-9300-541-60-6599-P12796A | LAS OLAS MOBILITY | CAPITAL OUTLAY / CONSTRUCTION | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,000,000 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT → | | | | | \$1,000,000 |

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

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

26-0063

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – FDOT Agreement

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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