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TRANSPORTATION UPDATE FORT LAUDERDALE Tracking Progress on Commission Priorities for 2020

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SOLUTIONS AROUND THE CORNER



Transportation and Traffic is a top priority of the City Commission this year. With a goal of improving traffic flow and alleviating congestion in Fort Lauderdale, the focus of this initiative is to develop programs and implement strategies that enhance transportation in the City. Accomplishing this objective will be made possible through innovative solutions and partnerships.

Data from the 2019 Neighbor Survey reveals that transportation and traffic is also a topic of concern for neighbors and establishes overall flow of traffic as an investment priority for the City in order to increase the satisfaction rating. The results identify specific contributors to congestion that serve as areas of focus for improvement including traffic signal synchronization and the availability of alternative forms of transportation. To learn more about the most recent neighbor survey and review surveys from previous years, visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/neighborsurvey.

Given the consensus on the importance of this topic, City staff is hard at work exploring opportunities to mitigate traffic concerns within the City of Fort Lauderdale to ensure a safe, robust, and enjoyable transportation network for all residents and visitors.

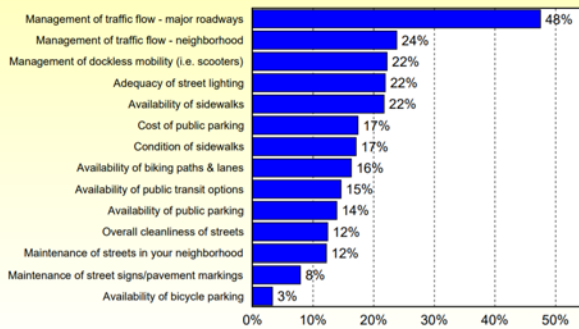
Projects, programs, and initiatives that we are evaluating include:

- ▶ Coordinating with Broward County for transportation-related efficiencies and improved traffic light synchronization
- ▶ Researching new, alternative modes of transportation
- ▶ Evaluating the feasibility of transformative roadway projects to address traffic challenges
- ▶ Leveraging funding opportunities through the Penny for Transportation surtax for projects that target specific needs such as connectivity, congestion, and transit service

2019 City of Fort Lauderdale Neighbor Survey: Findings Report

Q17. Transportation and Parking Issues That Should Receive the Most Emphasis From City Leaders Over the Next Two Years

by percentage of respondents who selected the item as one of their top three choices



Source: ETC Institute DirectionFinder (2020 - Fort Lauderdale, FL)
ETC Institute (2020)

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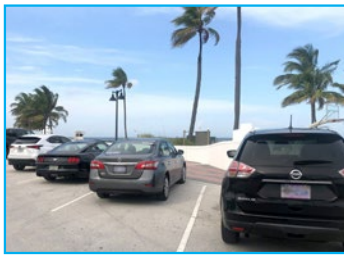
The Transportation and Mobility Department has been an integral part of the City's COVID-19 response during the past few months. The following are updates on the Division's efforts to support businesses and residents during this challenging time:



Temporary Outdoor Business Expansion

As we reopen Fort Lauderdale, the City is temporarily expanding access to outdoor spaces, such as streets and sidewalks, in an effort to facilitate social distancing for pedestrians and business patrons in key areas. The City is modifying existing regulations to help businesses serve their customers while adhering to CDC guidelines by allowing them to temporarily establish operations in public right-of-way, including on-street City parking spaces and travel lanes.

So far, this program has been implemented in the North Beach Restaurants and Shoppes and along a segment of Las Olas Boulevard where nightly or weekend closures have been in effect for several weeks. In both areas, pedestrians should exercise caution and motorists should travel slowly and follow posted signs. For the latest information about traffic advisories related to this program, visit bit.ly/ftltobeadvisory.



Extension of Residential Beach Parking Permits

Parking facilities on Fort Lauderdale Beach were unavailable while the beach was closed in an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19. During this time, Fort Lauderdale residents with Residential Beach Parking Permits were unable to benefit from their previously purchased permits. Affected residents are encouraged to contact Parking Services at parkingservices@fortlauderdale.gov and include their license plate number to request a 2-month extension to make up for the time during which their permits were not available for use.



Traffic Control Support for Distribution Events

The City is offering free traffic control support to assist local community, faith-based, business, neighborhood, and non-profit organizations that host food and emergency supply distributions in Fort Lauderdale in an effort to help prevent traffic backups and facilitate a smooth, organized flow of vehicles. Organizations hosting food or supply distribution events are encouraged to complete a short online form at bit.ly/ftltrafficsupport or contact the 24-hour Neighbor Service Center at 954-828-8000.

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Website: www.fortlauderdale.gov

LauderStreet: www.fortlauderdale.gov/lauderstreet

Email Updates: www.fortlauderdale.gov/enews

Facebook: www.facebook.com/CityofFortLauderdale

Twitter: www.twitter.com/FTLCityNews

Nextdoor: www.nextdoor.com