



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 20-126

Date: December 23, 2020

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

From: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

Subject: Tunnel Top Park – FDOT Request for Night and Weekend Work

As a follow up to the December 15th Commission Conference Presentation about the Tunnel Top Park project, the following information is being provided for your consideration.

The City of Fort Lauderdale allows permitted construction activities during established periods currently defined as Monday – Saturday from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm and Sunday from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm. If a contractor desires to work outside of these periods, the City Manager must approve a Noise Mitigation Plan prior to any work being performed outside of the established time periods. The Noise Mitigation Plan identifies the process and procedures on how the contractor will mitigate the noise during the extended hours.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is in the process of bidding the Henry E. Kinney Tunnel project and needs to identify the limits of working hours in their solicitation. FDOT understands the City’s policy but has requested that the City provide consideration to allow their contractor, once selected, to work the following hours:

Days	Regular Hours	FDOT Requested Hours
Monday – Thursday	8:00 am – 7:00 pm	7:00 am – 10:00 pm
Friday	8:00 am – 7:00 pm	7:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday	8:00 am – 7:00 pm	7:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sunday	10:00 am – 7:00 pm	--

By permitting these extended hours, FDOT anticipates that the project timeline will be reduced from 28 months to 24 months, which is a considerable amount of time given the anticipated traffic capacity impacts to Federal Highway during the project. The Florida Department of Transportation is unable to complete a noise mitigation plan as the details are subject to the contractor’s work plan. It is important to note that there are many “quiet work” routine tasks, such as setting up the Maintenance of Traffic devices, staging equipment, and non-invasive actions.

City staff has advised FDOT that without a noise mitigation plan the City cannot approve their request, but the City is supportive of concepts that reduce the overall timeline. Should the FDOT contractor, once selected, chose to do night and weekend work, they will coordinate directly with the Department of Sustainable Development to submit a noise mitigation plan.

For further information on this initiative, please contact Ben Rogers, Director of Transportation and Mobility, at brogers@fortlauderdale.gov.

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