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**Ft. Lauderdale Vice Mayor Heather Moraitis: We MUST Fast Track Underground Tunnel Project in Fort Lauderdale**



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**FT. LAUDERDALE, Fla.**— Today, City of Ft. Lauderdale Vice Mayor Heather Moraitis met with officials and toured Elon Musk’s Boring Co. project in Las Vegas to better understand how to bring tunnel technology to the City of Ft. Lauderdale.

**Vice Mayor Heather Moraitis** said, “The importance of this visit expands well beyond alleviating traffic in Ft. Lauderdale. Our city has a growth mindset that attracts international and corporate businesses and tech companies. We have worked hard to create conditions that offer entrepreneurs a favorable tax climate, growing infrastructure, and transit options like Brightline. And, we have done all of this while keeping our beaches beautiful.

“There is no doubt that Ft. Lauderdale is a microcosm that offers a unique opportunity to live and work in an area that is economically vibrant and beautiful. Ft. Lauderdale can be a great community for long-time residents while attracting new generations. But, that means continuing to evolve and invest in innovative ideas, doing things differently, and working together to use technology to solve problems.

“Seeing first-hand how the tunnel project worked in Las Vegas, how it can reduce congestion with the added benefit of helping our environment, and how we can save money by going the ‘Boring’ route, I’m all in. I’m ready to bring this to Ft. Lauderdale. Today, I’m calling on my fellow commissioners to help fast-track an underground tunnel project here in Ft. Lauderdale. I am committed to putting this issue on the agenda so we can