



# LAUDERTRAC

## TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC UPDATE

Tracking Progress on Fort Lauderdale Commission Priorities for 2021

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### LAUDERTRAIL UPDATE

#### The Master Plan and Next Steps for the City of Fort Lauderdale's Citywide Trail Effort

The Transportation and Mobility Department (TAM) has been hard at work developing the master plan for LauderTrail, a citywide trail system that will provide safe connections to parks, transit, local businesses, and attractions. TAM strategically partnered with Atlanta-based non-profit firm the PATH Foundation, which has successfully made it to the final stretch of the master plan for the trail. The proposed trail has been identified as a 42-mile system with an estimated cost of approximately \$90 million.

On Monday, August 23, 2021, a public meeting was led by City staff, the PATH Foundation, Vice Mayor Heather Moraitis, and Commissioner Ben Sorensen. Also representing the City Commission was Commissioner Steve Glassman. The audience was made up of 75 virtual and 70 in-person attendees that included neighbors; representatives from the business community; and a handful of City, County, and State employees with an interest in the success of the citywide trail system.

The meeting featured a discussion on many of the components of the master planning process including:

- ▶ Data Collection and Analysis
- ▶ Stakeholder Coordination
- ▶ Development Review
- ▶ Land Acquisition Recommendations
- ▶ Branding Development
- ▶ Design Standard Development
- ▶ Cost Estimates
- ▶ Funding Recommendations

The presentation also revealed the proposed routes that include connections to approximately 45 parks, 12 schools, 270 business, 2 railroad stations, 17 bus routes, and 12 water taxi stops.

During the Q&A session, valuable questions were answered and constructive comments were shared that will assist the PATH foundation and City staff as they prepare the final draft of the master plan. Once all feedback is evaluated and final meetings with stakeholders are held, the draft master plan document will be presented to the City Commission in early October 2021 with the goal of Commission acceptance in November. For more information regarding the public meeting, please visit [fortlauderdale.gov/laudertrail](https://fortlauderdale.gov/laudertrail).

