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TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC UPDATE

Tracking Progress on Fort Lauderdale Commission Priorities for 2021

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MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC

What is MOT?

Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) is an important component of construction projects and special events that require road or sidewalk closures. An MOT plan helps ensure the continuity of traffic flow and safety for all. In the City of Fort Lauderdale, MOT plans follow standards established by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), which are national traffic control standards that include detailed information on what types of signs, cones, or barricades are best suited for each closure scenario in an effort to ensure that signs and other devices are easily recognizable.



Sample MOT plan in effect for Andrews Avenue Drawbridge rehabilitation.

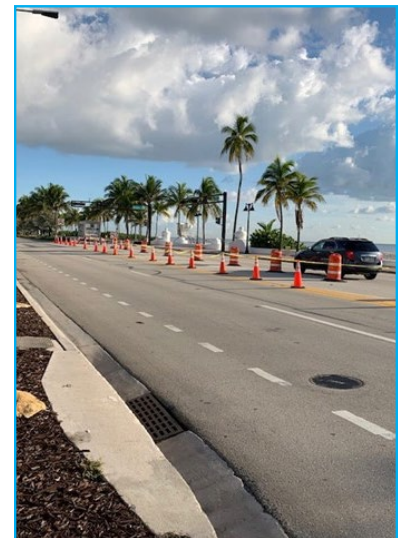


Inspector Vaughn Malakius speaks with a contractor while conducting routine MOT inspections.

Fort Lauderdale's MOT Plan Review & Enforcement Program

An MOT plan is required whenever a closure is taking place within City right-of-way in areas including streets, sidewalks, alleyways, and swales. In 2015, the City's Transportation and Mobility Department (TAM) created an MOT application and plan review process to help regulate closures throughout the City and ensure that all plans follow state and national standards. Since then, the program has evolved to include a dedicated administrative, technical, and enforcement team. The MOT Plan Review & Enforcement Team works closely with the Department of Sustainable Development's Engineering Division, which is an integral part the general permitting process.

MOT applications and plans can be submitted online through LauderBuild, the City's online permitting and application portal. Each application is reviewed by administrative staff to ensure that it is complete and accurate before it moves forward for technical review. Throughout the administrative and technical review, staff ensures that each application and plan thoroughly adheres to State and MUTCD standards to promote the safety and wellbeing of motorists, pedestrians, and on-site crews, as well as to ensure that the applicant coordinates with other agencies and active MOTs while keeping impacts to traffic at a minimum.

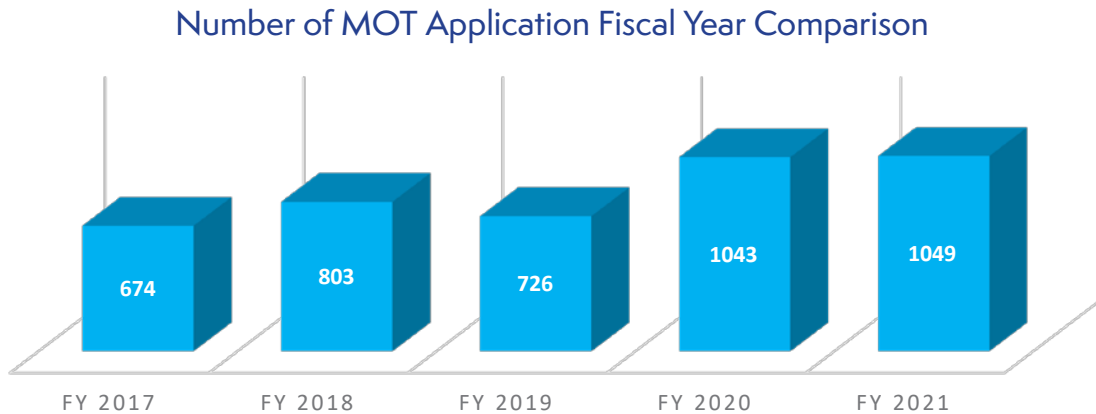


Sample MOT plan in effect along A1A

Once a closure is underway, our team's MOT Code Inspector inspects active MOTs to ensure they are set up in accordance with their approved plans. A citation program has been implemented in the event that there are any issues. Once a project has been completed, the inspector conducts a follow-up inspection to confirm that all signs, cones, and barricades have been removed.

How many MOTs are there?

TAM received 1,049 MOT applications during the last fiscal year. That's an average of 87 applications each month! The following chart shows the growth of our MOT program since 2017:



LauderStreet

To keep neighbors up-to-date on traffic and sidewalk impacts, TAM developed an interactive map called LauderStreet. In addition to enhancing public awareness, LauderStreet helps with internal coordination and MOT enforcement by providing a single, easy to navigate map containing permit information, project/event details, points of contact, and closure schedules.

Visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/lauderstreet and use the search bar to find a specific location or click on a number to access that MOT record. On LauderStreet, you'll find information on the following active and upcoming major MOT plans that our team is working on:

- ▶ Henry E. Kinney Tunnel Improvements and Pedestrian Plaza Project
- ▶ Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show (Oct. 27-31)
- ▶ Fort Lauderdale Pride (Nov. 20-21)
- ▶ Las Olas Marina Project

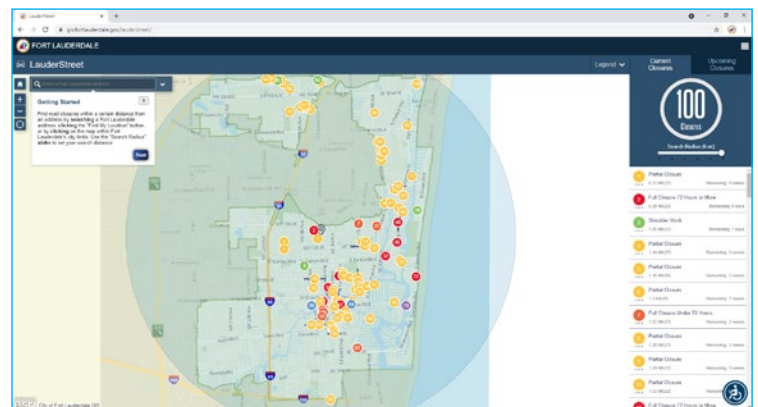


Image of LauderStreet logo and interactive map

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