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TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC UPDATE

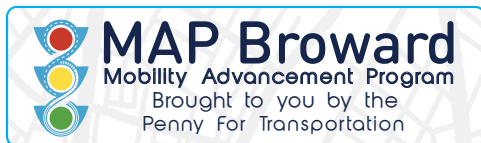
Tracking Progress on Fort Lauderdale Commission Priorities for 2022

November/December 2022

PAVING THE WAY TO 2023

The Neighbor Survey conducted between December 2021 and January 2022 highlighted “the improvement in the overall flow of traffic, maintenance of streets and sidewalks, and infrastructure” as a few of the most pressing issues within City limits. The Fort Lauderdale City Commission listened to these concerns and identified transportation and traffic as one of its top priorities for 2022. The Commission then took action to promote the increase of multi-modal options to alleviate congestion in high-traffic areas around the City.

▶ Requesting Transportation Surtax Funds



In April 2022, City Commissioners adopted a resolution to support 14

municipal capital projects in the City under Broward County’s Mobility Advancement Program (MAP), an initiative to increase mobility and transportation across the County stemming from a 30-year, 1% discretionary sales surtax approved by Broward County Voters in 2018. The ambitious funding request totaling more than \$20 million will be among the projects given further consideration for Cycle 4 funding.

Proposed Municipal Capital Projects in Fort Lauderdale
Breakers Avenue Traffic Calming
Galt Ocean Mile Traffic Calming
Rio Vista SE 6th Avenue Traffic Calming
Riverland Road Traffic Calming and Safety Implementation
SE 4 th Street/SE 9th Avenue Intersection Traffic Calming
SE 17 th Street Median Widening and Traffic Calming
South Birch Road Traffic Calming
Sunrise Lane Traffic Calming
Shady Banks Neighborhood Mobility Master Plan
Tarpon River Neighborhood Mobility Master Plan
Twin Lakes North Neighborhood Mobility Master Plan
Urban Core Mobility Master Plan
NW 14 th Avenue and Middle Street Capacity Increase and Added Parking Lane
New Road Construction between SW 19 th Avenue and SW 20 th Street

▶ Exploring Underground Transit

In June 2022, the City Commission approved an interim agreement with The Boring Company to conduct studies to determine the feasibility of underground public transportation connecting Downtown and Fort Lauderdale Beach. The agreement includes funding for technical exploration, design, and total project cost estimates. The City Commission plans to further discuss this initiative at an upcoming meeting.

▶ Micro Transit Pilot Program



In July 2022, City Commissioners approved an agreement for a six-month pilot project with Circuit, a company focused on micro-transit solutions, to provide first- and last-mile service within the downtown and beach areas. The LauderGO! Micro Mover provides visitors and neighbors with eight all-electric, zero-carbon producing shuttles, operating on-demand in the downtown area and fixed-loop service on the beach. In less than two months of operation, ridership surged to more than 11,000 passengers using the service in October, accounting for a 400% increase over the same period last year. As a result of the increase in demand, the micro transit pilot created 53 jobs within the City. City staff has received rave reviews about the pilot program and are investigating the feasibility of long-term options.

► **Making Improvements to Sidewalks, Crosswalks, and Bike Lanes**

The City has leveraged resources through its partnerships with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Broward County to renovate and install more than 72,000 linear feet of sidewalks and bike lanes and install or upgrade 13 crosswalks throughout the City. An example of the progress towards increasing the City’s multi-modal options includes the new configuration of NE 15th Avenue between NE 11th and NE 13th streets, which now includes two vehicle lanes, buffered bike lanes, planters in the medians, and buffer areas near the new crosswalks at NE 11th and NE 12th streets. These improvements have slowed drivers down from an average speed of 40 mph to 35 mph and made crossing the street safer for pedestrians and cyclists.

Key projects currently underway include the installation of two crosswalks in the Las Olas Isles Neighborhood including one between S Gordon Road and Bontona Avenue, and between Fiesta Way and Coral Way. Construction on the project is expected to begin in the spring of 2023.

► **More Information**

For more information on City of Fort Lauderdale transportation plans and projects call 954-828-4TAM (4826) or email transportation@fortlauderdale.gov.

