



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 23-018

Date: February 3, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Commissioners

From: Greg Chavarria, City Manager 
Greg Chavarria (Feb 6, 2023 09:22 EST)

Re: Supplemental Information Related to the Boring Company Project

At the January 10, 2023, City Commission meeting, the Commission requested that staff conduct additional research on the Boring Company and the projects that were referenced in the November 28, 2022, Wall Street Journal article, “*Elon Musk’s Boring Company Ghosts Cities Across America*”.

City staff reached out to agencies that were associated with Boring Company projects to better understand their scope and their associated challenges and successes. City staff focused their discussions on learning why the projects didn’t advance. In one case, the Boring Company and the agency came to an impasse in the contract negotiations. The agency had to balance the services offered with state and federal regulatory transit requirements and future operational considerations. In the second case, the project was abandoned in its entirety, by the agency, due to a change in direction of a new administration. In the third case, it appears that the Boring Company submitted federal applications and the project didn’t advance from that point forward.

Additional feedback suggested that the Boring Company’s approach didn’t directly align with established government standard processes and as such, there were modifications to project timelines. Staff also learned that the Boring Company is eligible for future opportunities to work with each agency.

On January 10th, the City Commission requested that the Boring Company provide a business plan of their proposal for the City of Fort Lauderdale project. The Boring Company is aware of this request and is preparing a response for the City’s consideration.

If you have any questions, please contact Ben Rogers, Director of Transportation and Mobility, at brogers@fortlauderdale.gov.

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