



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 23-067

Date: May 12, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Commissioners

From: Greg Chavarria, City Manager *Susan Grant*

Re: **Tunnel Top Park Update**

On May 11, 2023, City staff toured the Tunnel Top Park construction site with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) project team. During the walk through, it was evident that all construction efforts would not be completed by the end of May as previously stated. The project has experienced various conflicts as well as delays associated with the sourcing of materials (steel and concrete).

The City Commission provided feedback regarding the height of the eastern tunnel top park wall. FDOT has agreed to modify the plans, reduce the height of the already poured wall, and install a safety handrail in its place. These changes will require additional time to complete.

The project team has requested that the contractor suspend efforts on the northern portion to prioritize and complete the area south of Las Olas to the New River. This request should expedite the south side of Las Olas so that it can be completed and fully opened by May 31, 2023. After which time, the contractor will shift all resources to the north side of Las Olas with hopes to complete that portion within 30 days. FDOT has provided the contractor with an additional financial incentive if all work is completed on or before June 30, 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact Ben Rogers, Director of Transportation and Mobility at 954-828-3781 or brogers@fortlauderdale.gov.

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