

**Item # 46 (2)**

**ADDITIONAL MATERIAL**

**10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting**

**FEBRUARY 6, 2018**

**SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION**



*Florida Department of Transportation*

RICK SCOTT  
GOVERNOR

3400 West Commercial Boulevard  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

MIKE DEW  
SECRETARY

February 1, 2018

Bertha W. Henry, County Administrator  
Broward County  
115 South Andrews Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

Dear Ms. Henry:

**Re: WAVE Streetcar Project**

Thank you for your continued support of the Wave Streetcar project. While the Florida Department of Transportation remains committed to the project, we are quickly running out of time. On January 23, 2018, the County Commission approved the Third Amendment to the Project Agreement, but the approval was conditioned upon the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Fort Lauderdale Downtown Development Authority (DDA) approving an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) before February 9, 2018.

It is our understanding that the DDA will take up the requested ILA amendment February 2<sup>nd</sup> and the City will consider it at its February 6<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting. The project is still viable as long as both entities approve the ILA amendment and the County executes the Third Amendment to the Project Agreement before February 9<sup>th</sup>.

If the City and the DDA do not satisfy the County's current condition, the project will be in jeopardy. It is our understanding that failure of either the DDA or the City to meet the condition would mean that the Third Amendment would need to be reconsidered by the County Commission. We note that the County Commission does not have another meeting scheduled until the end of February. While the Department believes the project schedule can accommodate the delay created by the County's February 9<sup>th</sup> condition, further delay would impair the ability of potential proposers to fully respond to the request for proposals and would require an additional extension of the RFP proposal deadlines. Such extension would result in corresponding delays in award of the contract and commencement of work.

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The financial viability of this project relies on the availability of approximately \$10 million in remaining TIGER grant funds. The Federal Transit Administration and USDOT have repeatedly reminded us that work eligible for reimbursement with these funds must be completed no later than July 2018 in order to meet the grant requirements. The delay in work commencement that would follow the County's failure to execute the Third Amendment before February 9<sup>th</sup> would leave insufficient time to meet the TIGER grant deadline. We are all aware that the project does not have sufficient capital funding to make up for loss of the TIGER grant funds.

The Department looks forward to receiving the executed Third Amendment to the Project Agreement before February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,



Stacy L. Miller, P.E.  
Acting District Secretary  
District Four

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cc: Lee R. Feldman, City Manager – City of Fort Lauderdale  
Jenni Morejon, Executive Director – Downtown Development Authority  
Jack L. Stephens, Executive Director – South Florida Regional Transportation Authority