



## Memorandum

**Memorandum No: 25-032**

**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*

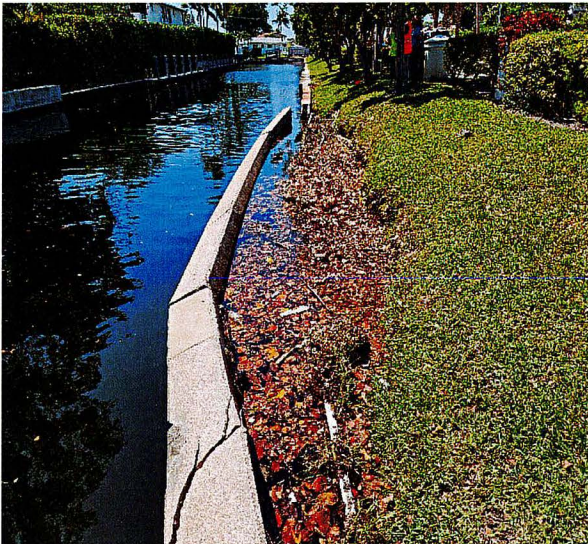
**DATE:** April 9, 2025

**SUBJECT: Emergency Purchase – Construction Services – Bayview Drive  
Seawall**

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This memorandum is being issued to inform you of the emergency purchase of construction services required to address urgent repairs to the partially collapsed City-owned seawall located along Bayview Drive.

On March 31, 2025, City staff were made aware that 50 feet of existing seawall, south of the Bay Colony bridge, experienced a catastrophic structural failure, resulting in the partial collapse of the wall and exposing Bayview Drive to damage and erosion risks. Given the urgency of the situation, immediate action is required to prevent further damage to City infrastructure and safeguard the public.



Four contractors were contacted to provide an estimate of the work. Of the four, two were non-responsive and one stated this was not a service they could provide. The fourth contractor, David Mancini & Sons, Inc (DMSI), provided an estimate which aligned with City staff's preliminary estimate.

This procurement is considered an emergency in accordance with Section 287.055(3)(a), Florida Statutes, as the structural failure of the seawall constitutes a valid public emergency. Immediate repair is necessary to avoid further damage and protect public safety.

Pursuant to Section 2-181(f)(4) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, emergency purchases are permitted in the event of catastrophic damage to City property or similar unexpected events. Therefore, all standard purchasing procedures have been suspended for this emergency, and the repair services will be procured directly through the most effective method determined by the City Manager.

The preliminary estimated total cost for the emergency seawall replacement is \$550,000. This includes all expenses related to the design, permitting, materials, and labor necessary to complete the seawall installation. Once materials are procured, the estimated construction time is one month.

This entire 625-foot seawall has been identified for replacement in the Seawall Master Plan assessment and will need to be raised to 5.00' North American Vertical Datum (NAVD), or as amended, within the next 5 to 9 years. Staff asked DMSI to provide a cost estimate to replace the seawall in its entirety if the work were to begin today. The estimate provided by DMSI came to \$8.125 million. This includes all design work, permitting, and construction costs.

I appreciate the support of the City Commission in the completion of this emergency purchase and associated work. If you require any additional information, please contact Anthony Fajardo at 954-828-5758.

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