



LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

LTC No: 25-195

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*
DATE: October 13, 2025
SUBJECT: Tunnel Top Plaza Closure for Shade Installation

The purpose of this Letter to the Commission (LTC) is to inform the City Commission of an upcoming project to install a shading canopy at Tunnel Top Plaza, located at 601 E. Las Olas Boulevard.

Tunnel Top Plaza is the signature project for District 4 under the Parks General Obligation Bond (Parks Bond) approved on March 12, 2019. This Parks Bond project was divided into two (2) segments: 1) improvements to the existing portion south of Las Olas Boulevard and 6th Avenue, and 2) the new Tunnel Top Plaza extension north of Las Olas Boulevard. Both segments were included as part of the \$32 million Henry Kinney Tunnel rehabilitation and improvements project managed by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) with assistance from City staff.

Tunnel Top Plaza was completed and opened to the public on December 10, 2023 and has since hosted numerous events throughout the year, including musical performances, and various other community activations. Since its opening, the City has received ongoing feedback regarding excessive heat and sun exposure at the Plaza. To mitigate these concerns, the City will install a shading canopy to offer a more pleasant experience.

The total cost of the shade canopy installation is estimated at \$78,000 including materials, equipment and incidental services. For the safety of the public, Tunnel Top Plaza is currently closed for the installation period, lasting until December 5, 2025. The closure is necessary to allow City crews to complete the work efficiently while ensuring a secure environment around the construction site.

If you have any questions, please contact Carl Williams, Director of Parks and Recreation, at cwilliams@fortlauderdale.gov or (954) 828-5804.

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