



## LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

### LTC No. 26-101

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission  
**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager *AW*  
**DATE:** April 8, 2026  
**SUBJECT: Breakers Avenue Streetscape Improvements Project Update**

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The purpose of this Letter to the Commission (LTC) is to provide the City Commission with an update on the Breakers Avenue Streetscape Improvements Project, including the anticipated start of construction and overall anticipated construction timeline.

The project includes streetscape improvements along Breakers Avenue between Riomar Street and Vistamar Street, including widened sidewalks, new street trees and landscaped areas with irrigation, decorative concrete pavement and pavement markings within the right-of-way, water and sewer main improvements, drainage upgrades, enhanced street lighting, and traffic calming measures.

During discussion at the February 3, 2026 City Commission Meeting, City staff shared an updated timeline for the Breakers Avenue Streetscape Improvements project that included plans to initiate procurement for construction in March 2026 and begin construction in October 2026. Since then, staff have continued moving the project forward through key planning and design efforts. During this process, several additional coordination items were identified, including the need to incorporate grant requirements into the design plans and complete outreach with the public, property owners, and businesses. To provide sufficient time to complete this work, the anticipated schedule for issuing the construction solicitation has been revised to fall 2026, with construction now anticipated to begin in early 2027.

### **Grant Acceptance and Terms**

On May 3, 2024, the City was identified by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) as the recipient of an \$850,000 grant for the project, and an official award letter was issued on October 26, 2024. Due to delays related to the federal government shutdown and resulting agency uncertainty, the grant agreement was not received by the City until February 18, 2026. The agreement is tentatively scheduled for City Commission acceptance prior to or on July 2, 2026. Since the agreement was received at this stage of project development, staff must now review and address its terms, conditions, and compliance requirements as part of final project coordination.

On May 6, 2025, the City Commission approved a \$3 million grant agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). Following execution of the agreement, FDOT required revisions to the ninety percent (90%) design documents, including removal of harmonization improvements located outside the public right-of-way. These revisions are necessary to align the project with FDOT funding requirements. The City's architectural and engineering consultant is currently addressing FDOT's comments and is expected to submit revised documents to the City in May 2026.

On September 11, 2025, the City received a Notice of Award for \$3 million from the Broward County Surtax Grant Match Program. The grant agreement was received on February 23, 2026, for review and confirmation of accuracy, and is scheduled for City Commission acceptance prior to or on July 2, 2026. As the agreement was received at this stage of project development, additional administrative review and coordination are needed to address the grant terms and any associated project requirements.

Each of the three (3) grant agencies has distinct funding, compliance, and administrative requirements that must be addressed as part of final project coordination, including contract documents. City staff are working with the consultant team to update the design documents, solicitation packages, and public outreach materials to ensure alignment with the requirements of all three (3) agencies. While these grants provide a combined total of \$6,850,000 in project funding, additional time is needed to complete this coordination and position the project to move forward in full compliance with all applicable grant terms.

### **Public Outreach and Property Owner Feedback**

As the project has advanced, staff and the consultant team identified new ownership for some properties along the corridor, requiring additional outreach to notify affected property owners and obtain input. In some locations, private property improvements may also be needed to properly transition the proposed right-of-way improvements, maintain ADA-compliant slopes, and provide positive drainage. Those improvements cannot be included in the grant-funded scope without the necessary easements or other property interests. As such, the consultant is preparing separate documentation for right-of-way and private property improvements. Additional coordination with property owners, community outreach, and permitting agency review will occur in summer 2026.

### **Business Owner Input**

On February 26, 2026, staff met with members of the Central Beach Alliance and area residents, who expressed support for the project and requested that the construction schedule take into account the peak season from October through March to minimize disruptions to business operations. In response to this request, work is planned to begin in the residential area and then move into the business areas. Staff will endeavor to align the project schedule and impact with the broader economic development goals of the area. Staff will maintain proactive and continued communications with affected business owners.

## **Anticipated Project Schedule**

To allow sufficient time to address the coordination items described above, the anticipated schedule for issuing the construction solicitation has been revised to fall 2026, with construction anticipated to begin in early 2027. Substantial completion is expected in spring 2028, with final completion anticipated in summer 2028.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Colette Satchell, Capital Projects Director, at (954) 828-3134 or [csatchell@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:csatchell@fortlauderdale.gov).

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