



LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

LTC No: 26-114

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*
DATE: April 17, 2026
SUBJECT: **SE/SW 17 Street Mobility Hub Project**

The purpose of this Letter to the Commission (LTC) is to provide an update on the SE/SW 17 Street Mobility Hub Project.

Background

This project is a partnership between the City, the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Metro Transportation Engineering & Construction Cooperative (MTECC), and the Croissant Park and Poinciana Park neighborhoods to improve mobility along SE/SW 17 Street between US-1/Federal Highway and SW 9 Avenue. Project elements include new crosswalks, raised intersections, raised bike lanes, and an extended westbound left turn lane on SE 17 Street at Andrews Avenue. The project is currently in the design phase with construction anticipated to begin in Spring 2027.

In 2019, the MPO adopted a Complete Streets Master Plan with the vision to create a safe and balanced transportation system, encouraging healthier communities, and increasing the economic vitality of the region. SE/SW 17 Street was identified as a high-ranking project as part of the plan.

In 2022, City staff began community engagement with the residents along the corridor to help guide the concept development process. To be eligible for MPO funding, projects are required to have a concept endorsed by the City Commission, and the preliminary concept was endorsed by the City Commission on May 2, 2023, via Resolution No. 23-84.

In June 2023, the City was notified that the MPO had identified Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding for the project; contingent upon the City utilizing MTECC to administer the project. MTECC is a collaborative of cities in Broward County, overseen by the MPO, that assists member cities in delivering transportation projects.

The first phase of the project involved refining the Commission-endorsed concept into a final preferred alternative through stakeholder outreach. Public meetings were held on

January 11, 2024, and March 13, 2024. Additional outreach was conducted including with property owners along the corridor, as well as City and Broward County staff.

On April 16, 2024, the City Commission supported the Preferred Alternative via Resolution No. 24-75. The project is divided into four (4) segments as follows:

- Segment 1: SW 9 Avenue to SW 4 Avenue - completes sidewalks, implements traffic calming through raised intersections at SW 8 Avenue and SW 6 Avenue, and realigns the eastbound approach to SW 4 Avenue.
- Segment 2: SW 4 Avenue to Andrews Avenue – maintains the existing number of travel lanes at a reduced width, moves curbs inward to add a raised separated bike lane inside of existing tree line, retains existing sidewalks and trees outside the existing curb, adds a raised intersection at SW 3 Avenue with crosswalks, and reconfigures the median at the SW 2 Avenue intersection to improve safety.
- Segment 3: Andrews Avenue to SE 3 Avenue – removes the underutilized right-turn lanes in each direction to allow the curbs to be moved inward and to add a raised separated bike lane inside of existing tree line, extends the westbound left turn lane at Andrews Avenue, and adds a raised intersection at SE 1 Avenue with crosswalks.
- Segment 4: SE 3 Avenue to US-1/Federal Highway – maintains the existing number of travel lanes, moves curbs inward to add raised bike lanes, adds a new crosswalk at SE 4 Avenue, and narrows the median opening at the eastbound left turn lane island into Whole Foods.

On December 17, 2024, the City Commission approved the Tri-Party funding agreement between the City, MPO, and MTECC to administer the design and construction of SE/SW 17 Street Mobility Hub Project via Commission Resolution No. 24-260. The project, valued at \$6,804,000, will be funded through a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant. Under the agreement, MTECC will oversee project management, including design, permitting, and construction.

The City contributed \$35,000 for administrative costs to MTECC and advanced funds for project phases, reimbursable upon project completion.

In addition to the established scope of the work, Broward County committed to fully fund the conversion of three (3) traffic signals from span wire to mast arms using Transportation Surtax dollars.

Public Meeting and Next Steps

The project is currently in the initial design phase. The first phase of public engagement will be held on April 27, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Croissant Park Community Center to share

the thirty percent (30%) design plans and seek community input. The Public Meeting Flyer (attachment 1) is included.

The second meeting is anticipated to be held in late June 2026 at Broward Health Medical Center to present the sixty percent (60%) design plans and receive final input prior to preparing construction plans.

The anticipated overall project schedule is as follows:

- Thirty percent (30%) Design Meeting – April 27, 2026
- Sixty percent (60%) Design Meeting – late June 2026
- Design/Permitting Complete – September 2026
- Bidding – Fall/Winter 2026
- Construction Begins – Spring 2027
- Construction Complete – Summer 2029

Staff will continue to provide updates as the project advances. For additional information, please contact Milos Majstorovic, PE, Transportation and Mobility Director, at (954) 828-5216, or mmajstorovic@fortlauderdale.gov

Attachment:

1. Public Meeting Flyer

c: Shari McCartney, City Attorney
David R. Soloman, City Clerk
Patrick Reilly, City Auditor
City Manager's Office
Department Directors



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PUBLIC MEETING

SW/SE 17TH STREET SW 9TH AVENUE TO FEDERAL HIGHWAY (U.S. 1)



PLEASE JOIN US

Review the preliminary design plans and provide your feedback to create a safer, more walkable 17th Street. This will be the first of two public meetings to finalize the design phase before moving into construction in 2027.

WHEN

Monday, April 27, 2026
7 p.m.

WHERE

Croissant Park Community Center
245 West Park Drive
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315

ABOUT THE PROJECT

This project will redesign SW/SE 17th Street to improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers. Improvements include safer crossings, raised intersection, new bike lanes, lighting and landscaping along the corridor from SW 9th Avenue to Federal Highway (U.S. 1).



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