



LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

LTC No. 26-126

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RLW*
DATE: April 29, 2026
SUBJECT: **Sunrise Boulevard Roadway and Bridge Rehabilitation Project – Florida Department of Transportation Public Meeting and Construction Update**

The purpose of this Letter to the Commission (LTC) is to provide an update on the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) Sunrise Boulevard Roadway and Bridge Rehabilitation Project over the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW).

The project scope includes work on the bridge and resurfacing Sunrise Boulevard from west of Middle River Drive to east of North Birch Road. The bridge work will include the replacement of the existing open-grate deck with a new solid surface aluminum deck, painting of structural steel, replacing mechanical and electrical bridge components, replacing existing navigation/marine fenders in the waterway, replacing reinforced support walls on the south side of the bridge, and renovating the bridge tender house. The roadway work will include milling and resurfacing, upgrading streetlights with LED fixtures, upgrading curb ramps, signage, and pavement markings. The total construction cost for the project is estimated at \$43.2 million and is fully funded by FDOT.

Construction is scheduled to begin in June 2026, with an estimated completion in early 2028. City staff have been actively coordinating with FDOT on lane closure plans and the project schedule to mitigate traffic impacts including during major special events.

Impacts will include long-term bridge closures during bridge deck replacement operations. However, traffic will be maintained with two (2) lanes in each direction on one side of the bridge. Lane closures are permitted from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights, as needed. Pedestrian traffic will be maintained on the side of the bridge opposite to active construction, and access to all properties on both sides of the bridge will always be maintained. Marine vessel traffic will be maintained with temporary closure of only half the channel during fender construction. Modification to the drawbridge operation schedule will be coordinated with the U.S. Coast Guard and published via Notice to Mariners.

FDOT has committed to coordinating with emergency services on access and will provide advance notification prior to any closures or detours.

FDOT is hosting a virtual public meeting and in-person construction open house on Monday, May 11, 2026 (Attachment 1). The virtual public meeting will be held via Microsoft Teams from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., with brief presentations and feedback sessions at 5:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., and again from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The in-person construction open house will follow from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at ArtServe (1350 East Sunrise Boulevard), where project representatives will be available to discuss the project scope, schedule, and lane closure information.

FDOT will provide the City with weekly stakeholder updates and hold monthly status meetings throughout construction. Staff will continue to monitor the project and keep the City Commission informed of any significant developments.

In addition to this project, City staff is working with FDOT for the concurrent Las Olas Boulevard bridge rehabilitation project to ensure the maximum number of lanes possible remain open to provide access to and from the barrier island and will actively monitor during construction.

For additional information, please contact Milos Majstorovic, PE, Director of Transportation and Mobility, at (954) 828-5216 or mmajstorovic@fortlauderdale.gov.

Attachment:

1. Meeting and Project Information

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

Attachment - Meeting and Project Information



Florida Department of Transportation

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GOVERNOR

3400 West Commercial Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309

JARED W. PERDUE, P.E.
SECRETARY

April 24, 2026

Dear Elected Official:

RE: Virtual Public Meeting and In-Person Construction Open House

State Road (S.R.) 838/Sunrise Boulevard Roadway and Bridge Rehabilitation Project
From West of Middle River Drive to East of North Birch Road
In the City of Fort Lauderdale; Broward County, FL
Financial Project ID Numbers: 441456-1-52-01 and 446181-1-52-01

On behalf of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), you and your staff are invited to attend a Virtual and In-Person Construction Open House to learn about the S.R. 838/Sunrise Boulevard Roadway and Bridge Rehabilitation Project. Construction is scheduled to begin in June 2026.

The Virtual Public Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 11, 2026**, from **5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** Please use the following link to register: <https://tinyurl.com/vpm-sunriseblvd>. Participants may also join the online meeting by dialing: +1 (646) 760-2034, access code: 932 728 8#. A brief presentation followed by questions and comments from the public will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and again from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Questions and comments may be submitted via the online chat or with the raise hand feature for the project team to address directly.


The In-Person Construction Open House is scheduled for **Monday, May 11, 2026**, from **6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** at **ArtServe at 1350 East Sunrise Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304**. This meeting will have an informal open house format with project representatives available to answer questions and provide assistance at any time during the meeting.

Notices are being sent to all property owners and tenants within the construction corridor and to other public officials, regulatory agencies, organizations, and individuals who expressed interest in the project. Attached is a copy of the project information flyer.

Community feedback is at the core of all we do. FDOT works with the public to balance their community vision with the community's transportation needs. This is routine on all our projects to ensure Florida's infrastructure is safe, resilient, and efficient for many years into the future.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the FDOT Broward Operations Construction Engineer, Christian Rojas, P.E., at (954) 958-7633 or via email at christian.rojas@dot.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

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Steven C. Braun, P.E.
District 4 Secretary

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Attachment: Project Information Flyer



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INVITES YOU TO A VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING AND IN-PERSON CONSTRUCTION OPEN HOUSE

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S.R. 838/SUNRISE BOULEVARD ROADWAY AND BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROJECT

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) invites the community to a Virtual Public Meeting and In-Person Construction Open House regarding the upcoming S.R. 838/Sunrise Boulevard Roadway and Bridge Rehabilitation Project in the City of Fort Lauderdale. This project aims to enhance the safety, resiliency, and longevity of the infrastructure for our communities. Please see below for detailed meeting information.

Construction Cost: \$43.2 Million	Construction Start: June 2026	Estimated Completion: Early 2028
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PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS

- Replacing the bridge deck with a new solid surface aluminum deck and painting the structural steel.
- Replacing mechanical and electrical bridge components.
- Replacing the existing navigation/marine fenders in the waterway.
- Replacing the reinforced support walls on the south side of the bridge to improve resiliency.
- Renovating the bridge tender house.
- Milling and resurfacing the roadway to ensure long-term resiliency.
- Upgrading existing street light poles with LED fixtures throughout the project corridor to enhance nighttime visibility and pedestrian safety.
- Upgrading curb ramps, signing, and pavement markings to enhance visibility and accessibility.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

- Long-term bridge closures will occur during bridge deck replacement operations. Traffic will be maintained with two lanes in each direction on one side of the bridge.
- Pedestrian traffic will be maintained on the side of the bridge opposite active construction, and access to all properties on both sides of the bridge will always be maintained.
- Lane closures along S.R. 838/Sunrise Boulevard are permitted from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights, as needed.
- Additional information about lane closures and pedestrian impacts will be provided in the weekly traffic report distributed by FDOT and can be viewed using the following link: [FDOT Broward County Construction Projects \(d4fdot.com\)](https://www.flhwy.com/projects/broward-county-construction-projects).

MARINE IMPACTS

- Marine vessel traffic will be maintained with temporary closure of only half the channel during fender construction.
- Modification to the drawbridge operation schedule will be coordinated with the U.S. Coast Guard and published via Notice to Mariners.

JOIN US AT THE CONSTRUCTION OPEN HOUSE

Monday, May 11, 2026

**Virtual Public Meeting (Microsoft Teams)
5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Please use the following link or QR code to register:

*****tinyurl.com/vpm-sunriseblvd

You may also call in at:

Phone number: +1 (646) 760-2034

Phone Conference ID: 932 728 8#

- Presentations will begin promptly at 5:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
- Question and Answer sessions will follow each presentation.

In-Person Construction Open House

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

ArtServe

1350 East Sunrise Boulevard

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304

- Project personnel will be available to review the project scope and schedule, lane closure information, and address questions one-on-one.



CONTACT INFORMATION

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Rebecca Guerrero — Community Outreach Specialist

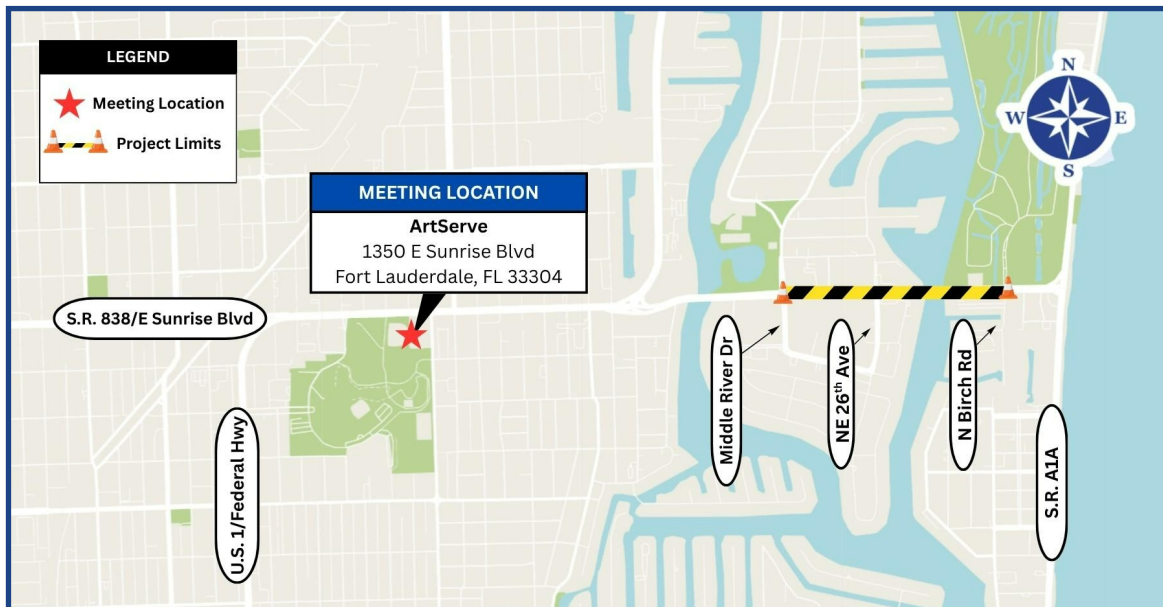
rguerrero@pinnaclecei.com or (754) 444-0093

WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

X/Instagram: @MyFDOT_SEFL

Facebook: @MyFDOTSEFL

Website: www.d4fdot.com



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MISSION STATEMENT

The Florida Department of Transportation's mission is to provide a safe statewide transportation system that promotes the efficient movement of people and goods, supports the state's economic competitiveness, prioritizes Florida's environment and natural resources, and preserves the quality of life and connectedness of the state's communities.

Please contact the Community Outreach Specialist, Rebecca Guerrero, to be added to project email notification lists. If special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or translation services (free of charge) are needed, please contact the Construction Project Manager, Matthew May, P.E., at least seven (7) days prior to the Virtual Public Meeting. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Para información y preguntas en Español, por favor llame al (954) 777-4302.