



## LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

**LTC No: 26-153**

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission  
**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*  
**DATE:** May 18, 2026  
**SUBJECT: Fort Lauderdale Beach Wave Wall Light Replacement Project Update**

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The purpose of this Letter to the Commission (LTC) is to provide an update on the Fort Lauderdale Beach Wave Wall Light Replacement project.

The Fort Lauderdale Beach Wave Wall is currently equipped with an embedded light emitting diode (LED) lighting system extending approximately two (2) miles along State Road A1A. For years, the existing system has been inoperable due to obsolete parts and the unavailability of replacement parts, and as a result, repair efforts have been unsuccessful.

The City is seeking to replace the wave wall lights with a new system and updated technology designed to provide longevity for a minimum of fifteen (15) years. The proposed project will begin south of the Fort Lauderdale Beach Park entrance, extending north to NE 18 Street.

The City, via the Procurement Services Division, issued two (2) separate Requests for Proposals (RFP) on April 19, 2024, and June 19, 2025, for the Fort Lauderdale Beach Wave Wall Light Replacement as a turnkey light replacement project. Neither solicitation provided successful results, despite the extensive outreach and notification to the City's registered suppliers of the solicitations. At the October 23, 2025, City Commission Regular Meeting, the City Commission accepted a motion rejecting the sole proposal for RFP Event No. 482-2 Fort Lauderdale Beach Wave Wall Light Replacement (CAM #25-0954).

On March 24, 2026, a new solicitation was released for the Fort Lauderdale Beach Wave Wall lighting system; however, it was subsequently canceled due to identified specification issues requiring revisions. A new solicitation is being drafted to engage a qualified supplier to furnish, design, specify, and provide technical support and commissioning for a new LED lighting system, while installation will be performed by City staff in the Parks and Recreation Department Facilities Division. This modified approach is intended to enhance supplier participation, ensure technical compliance,

and provide a more durable and sustainable solution suitable for the coastal environment.

Parks and Recreation Department staff are actively coordinating with the Procurement Services Department to finalize the revised solicitation package. The tentative project schedule is as follows:

- Solicitation Release: June 2026
- Evaluation and Selection: Summer 2026
- Commission Award (if applicable): September 2026

The timeline above is subject to adjustment based on unforeseeable circumstances as it relates to the procurement process (i.e. addendum, extensions, protest), market conditions, and logistical, transportation, and supply chain issues.

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

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