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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Re: Cordova Road Project (FDOT Project 438281-1)

Dear Mr. Stuart and Ms. Braun:

This letter shall serve as notification that the City of Fort Lauderdale formally requests the cancellation of the Cordova Road Project (FDOT Project 438281-1). The City Commission discussed the project at the January 21, 2021 Conference Meeting and determined that the public opposition has surpassed the available resources to make the needed revisions within the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) schedule and fiscal year deadlines.

As you are aware, FDOT hosted two public hearings: a virtual meeting on January 11, 2021 and an in-person meeting on January 12, 2021. The virtual meeting had over 100 attendees and, the in-person meeting had approximately 50 attendees. The collective input was overwhelmingly in opposition to the project. It was clear that the COVID-19 Pandemic strained the public outreach processes during a key period in the design. The public meeting and communications addressed to the City identified the key design concerns as:

- **Bike Lanes:** The original intent of having bike lanes for the entire project length is not feasible. It is not efficient to install a bike lane for a single block.

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- Right-turn lane onto SE 15th Street: The feedback received was that the lane is vital for right turning vehicles and loading for the Southport Raw Bar commercial property.
- Median opening: The proposed center median design is too restrictive and will negatively impact businesses.
- SE 16th Street Intersection: There are concerns of design limiting northbound vehicles having the ability to turn left onto SE 16th Street westbound.
- Lane Elimination: There are concerns of traffic congestion and proposed design does not incorporate space for deliveries.

I want to thank the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Florida Department of Transportation for investing their resources into this project and into the City of Fort Lauderdale. The City plans to continue working with the stakeholders to identify and make small City funded improvements. As such, the City is requesting that FDOT provide the design package and any supporting documents that could assist with these ongoing Cordova Road Project conversations.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at (954) 828-5959.

Sincerely,



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