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Las Olas Mobility Working Group – Meeting #4

City Hall

100 North Andrews Avenue

8th Floor Conference Room

Thursday, January 24, 2018

2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. *Presentation:* Mary Fertig regarding One Las Olas – Ocean to Riverfront
3. RFQ Update
4. Organization/Group Presentation Schedule
5. Meeting #5: Thursday, February 28, 2019, 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM
6. Adjourn

Mission Statement:

Connecting residents, businesses and visitors of Fort Lauderdale through the enhancement of this iconic boulevard representing our history and future.

Project Website:

<http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/lasolasproject>

Two or more City Commissioners and / or Advisory Board members may be present at this meeting.

**One Las Olas
Ocean to Riverfront**

**Traffic and Parking
In the Las Olas Corridor**

From the City Commission Conference Minutes of February 15, 2011

Alarcon advised that the median improvements would extend to 15 Avenue. Mr. Carbon clarified the jurisdictional divide. He outlined the study's recommendations. He did not know the cost in today's dollars, but agreed to cost out the plan and provide that information to the Commission. Commissioner DuBose also wanted to know the impact on the neighborhood. Mayor Seiler wanted the neighborhood to concur with the approach. Commissioner DuBose thought it may not have been funded because possible other action on the front-end was needed. He wanted a response to this question. Mr. Carbon indicated that it was not just the median, but also traffic calming which went through a public process. He agreed to bring back the requested information within a month. He added that the enhancements approved at the time did not include 24/7 parking, therefore staff will need to evaluate how that impacts traffic flow. Commissioner Rodstrom wanted to strike a proposal that will work for both the businesses and the neighborhood.

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Las Olas Back When



Las Olas Today Central Business District



Las Vegas Today



“The five new high-rises, along with the proposed 25-story 4 West Las Vegas apartment building, will add almost 1,900 apartments, 400 condo units and 238 hotel rooms downtown.”

Sun Sentinel January 20, 2017

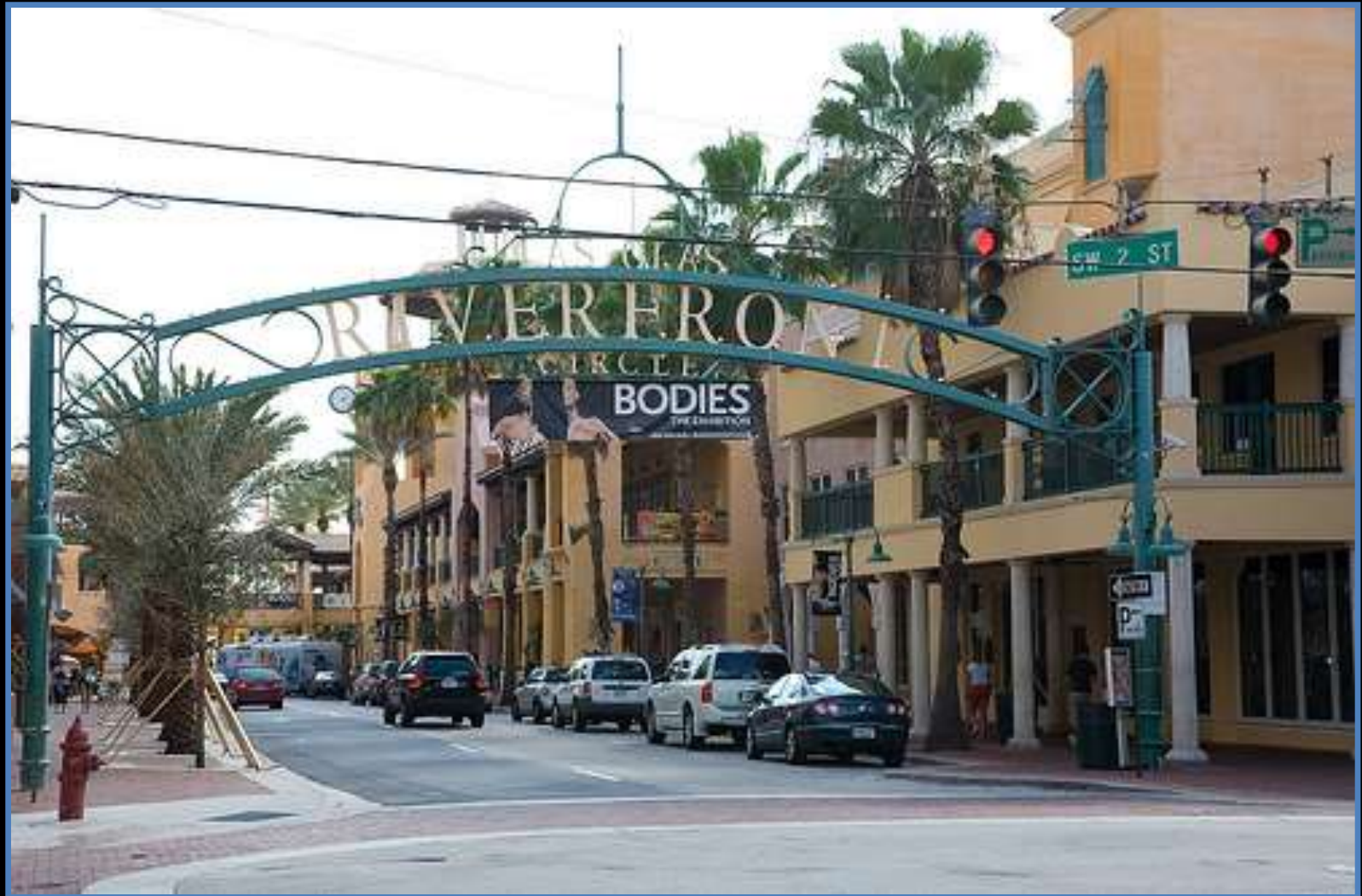
And home to 1000's of new residents

“It's carrying thousands of new residents who will be calling downtown home as new construction is completed and additional projects get underway. The downtown's estimated population of 8,200 based on 2010 Census data could grow eventually to more than 45,000, according to city estimates.

Right now, the approved projects alone could almost double the downtown population.” *Sun Sentinel , March 25, 2013*

Las Olas Today

Riverfront (2013)

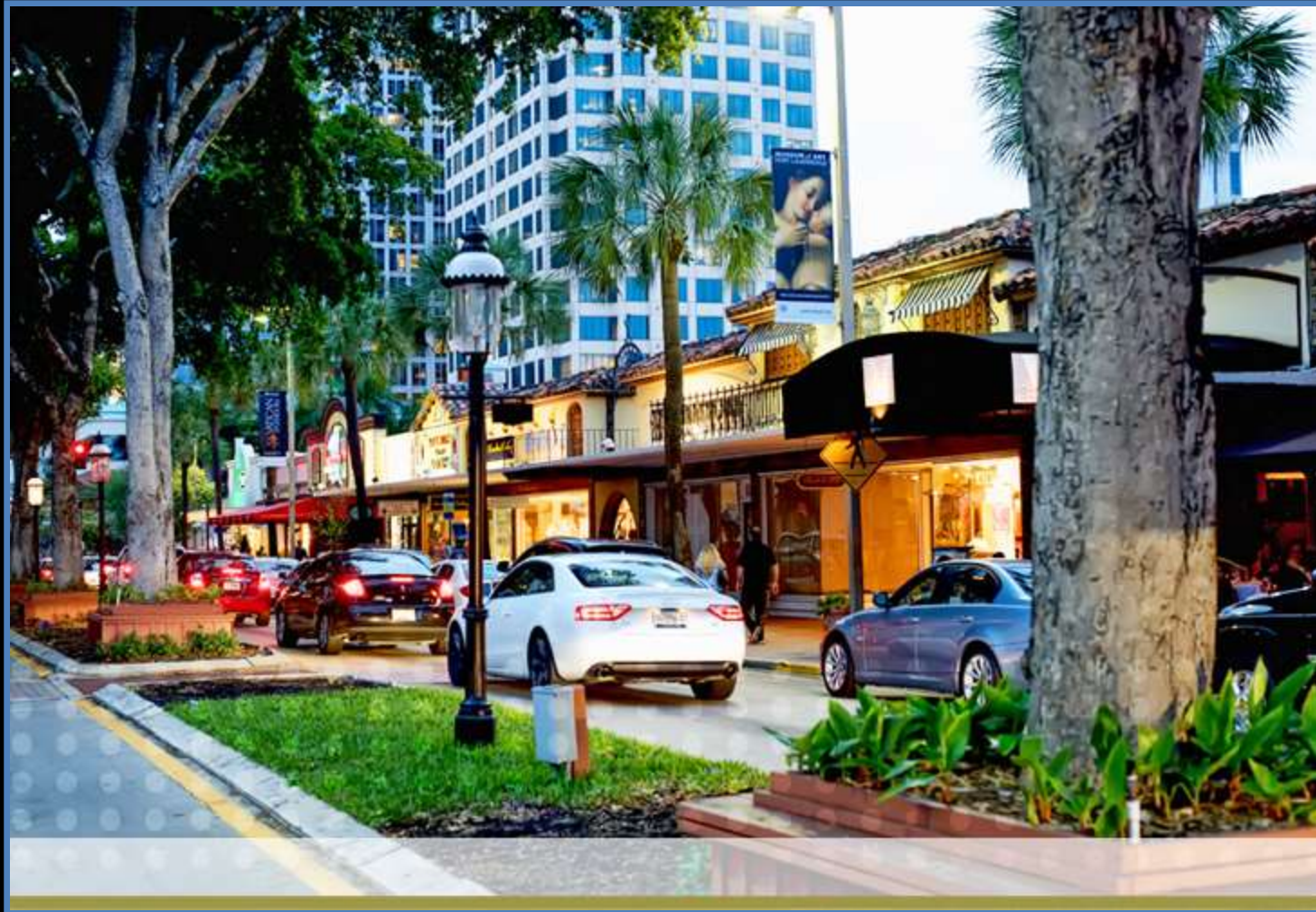


Las Olas Today

Riverfront as it looks January 2019



Las Olas Today Restaurants and Shops



Las Olas Today

Beautiful Homes and Neighborhoods



Las Olas Today Gateway to the Beach



Las Olas Today

Special Events from One End of Las Olas



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FESTIVAL • 11 AM - 7 PM
 HUIZENGA PLAZA • LAS OLAS & ANDREWS AVE.
 Live Bands • Irish Dancers • Interactive Games • Kids Zone
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PARADE • NOON - 1:30 PM
 ALONG LAS OLAS FROM SE 1ST AVENUE TO REARFRONT
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Las Olas Today

Plan for Bikes and Pedestrians

- There is no consistent plan for Bike Lanes on Las Olas.
- No Bike Lane between Andrews Avenue and SE 11th Avenue.
- New Bike Lanes put in SE 11th to SE 15th.
- No Bike Lane east of SE 15th for two blocks then a lane for two blocks on the South side of the street.
- Bike lanes from Isle of Capri to Idlewyld
- No Bike Lane over the Intracoastal Bridge before Seabreeze.
- Bike Lane from Seabreeze to A1A.





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Unpredictable Sidewalks & Walking Conditions

A few of the obstacles to walking on Las Olas include:

- Width of Sidewalk
- Barriers
- Signs
- Placement of Garbage Cans
- Sharing the space with bikes and scooters
- Lack of ADA compliance



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Happy Hour
3:30-6:30
Appetizers
\$ Beer
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Early 2013

**Area Residents Meet to Discuss
Traffic and Parking Issues**



BROWARD BOULEVARD EAST DISTRICT
Broward Boulevard Gateway Implementation Plan

Neighborhoods in the District:
Victoria Park, Colee Hammock, Beverly Heights.

Issues in the Area:
Fort Lauderdale beach access, between Broward Boulevard and Las Olas Boulevard, needs to be clarified to reduce neighborhood intrusion.
E 15th Street and the Federal Highway service roads should carry east-bound traffic.
Stacking traffic west-bound on Las Olas at E 15th Street leads to neighborhood cut-through traffic in Colee Hammock.



Broward Boulevard East District

E 9th Avenue to Victoria Park Road;
NE 2nd Street to E Las Olas Boulevard



LAS & RIVERWALK CORRIDOR:
AL-1 STRENGTHEN THE LAS OLAS CORRIDOR:
Las Olas Corridor is continuous, walkable, urban promenade by filling in critical gaps between existing pockets of active street life.

ACTION
Along Las Olas between SE 5th Avenue and the area above the Federal Highway tunnel, provide continuous ground floor retail or other active uses, including possible park or recreation uses along the south side. Explore the possibility of a mixed building site on the north side of Las Olas at the former Mackay building and site of Richard Robinson.

ACTION
Along SW 3rd Street between SW 3rd and SW 4th Avenue: Provide continuous ground floor retail or other active uses in remaining development areas to encourage the separation of the current restaurant and entertainment area to the east.



PRINCIPLE 8
Make the Las Olas - Riverwalk Corridor a top priority

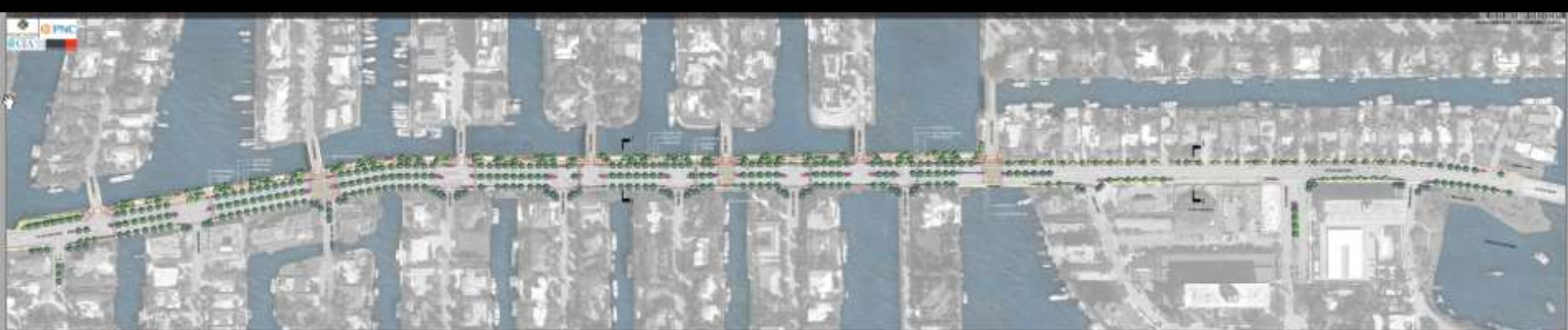
Las Olas Boulevard and the Riverwalk are among the most memorable and successful places in Downtown. However, each is incomplete, and, though nearby, are not well-connected to each other. The next phase of growth can complete the vision of a unified Las Olas - Riverwalk Corridor as Fort Lauderdale's central public space. Strongly linking these two areas is the key to leveraging public investment and visitor spending for a greater economic benefit to the City and an increase in property values. It should be a unique, urban centerpiece for the new Fort Lauderdale, celebrating the rich juxtaposition of the linear, urban street and the winding, natural river.

VISION
THE VISION IS OF A DOWNTOWN RIVERWALK THAT IS AN ACTIVE AND DYNAMIC DESTINATION, EASY TO FIND AND WITH MANY REASONS TO STAY; AND WHICH TRULY CONNECTS THE NORTH AND SOUTH SIDES OF TOWN...

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HOW LAS OLAS BLVD CAN BE A GREAT DESTINATION

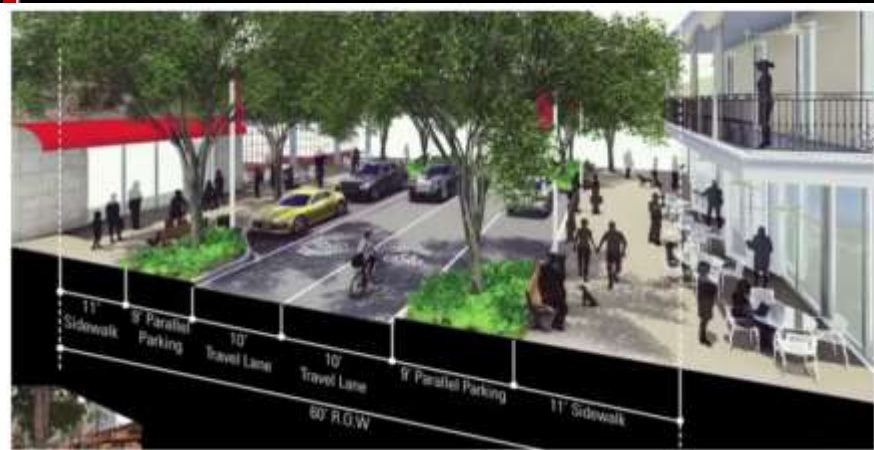
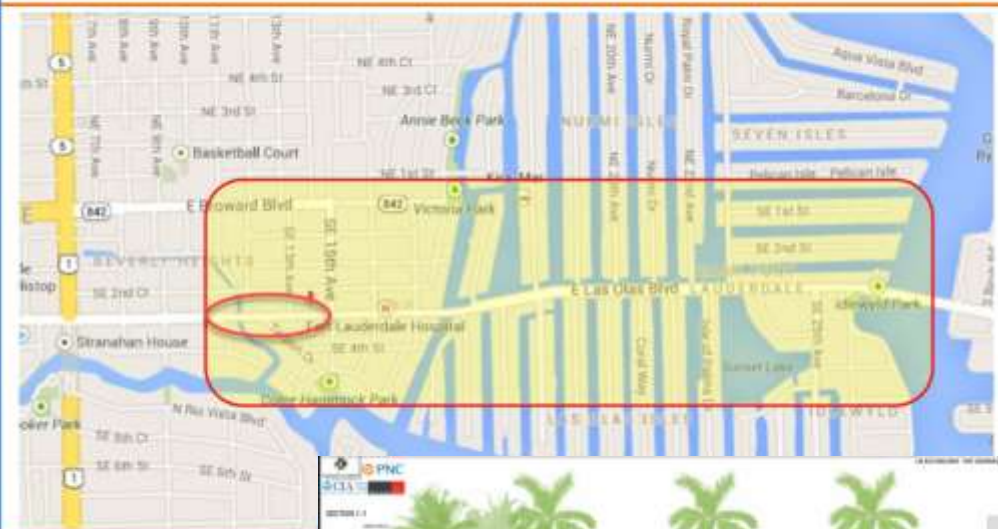
The Vision is for a Downtown with many ways to get around, including transit such as buses, trolleys, or trolleys, and also bicycles, so more people can leave their cars...

When we started in 2013, we found at least 4 plans which impacted different parts of Las Olas.



Las Vegas Boulevard Study

Study Area



And, in the next 5 years, at least 3 more plans were brought forward.

We Asked For (In Writing & at Public Meetings):

- A. At the intersection of Las Olas and 15th heading west, the right lane of Las Olas would be a dedicated right turn only lane.**
- B. At the intersection of 15th and Las Olas heading south a new lane would be added as a right turn only lane.**
- C. At the intersection of 15th and Broward Blvd. heading north, a right only turn lane would be added.**
- D. At the intersection of Broward Blvd and 15th heading east, the right lane will be right turn only lane.**
- E. Elimination of on-street parking on 15th Avenue between Las Olas and Broward Blvd. (This parking was added a few years ago and has resulted increased accidents.)**
- F. The four way stop at 15th Avenue and Second Street would be eliminated.**

What Else Would We Like to See? (2013)

1. Left Turn Signal of Broward heading west at the corner of 15th and Broward.
- 2. Better Utilization of Las Olas.**
- 3. One Consistent Las Olas Plan - Ocean to Riverfront.**
4. Coordination of Special Events on the Beach & Downtown
5. Address Parking Issues.
6. Consider Free Off-site Parking with Shuttle Service to reduce downtown traffic.
7. Install Visual Audible Countdown at the crosswalks particular 15th and Broward.
8. Implement plan for medical personnel and others to exit area in event of an emergency.
9. Explore bike lanes north and south of Las Olas.
10. Plan for emergencies and evacuations.



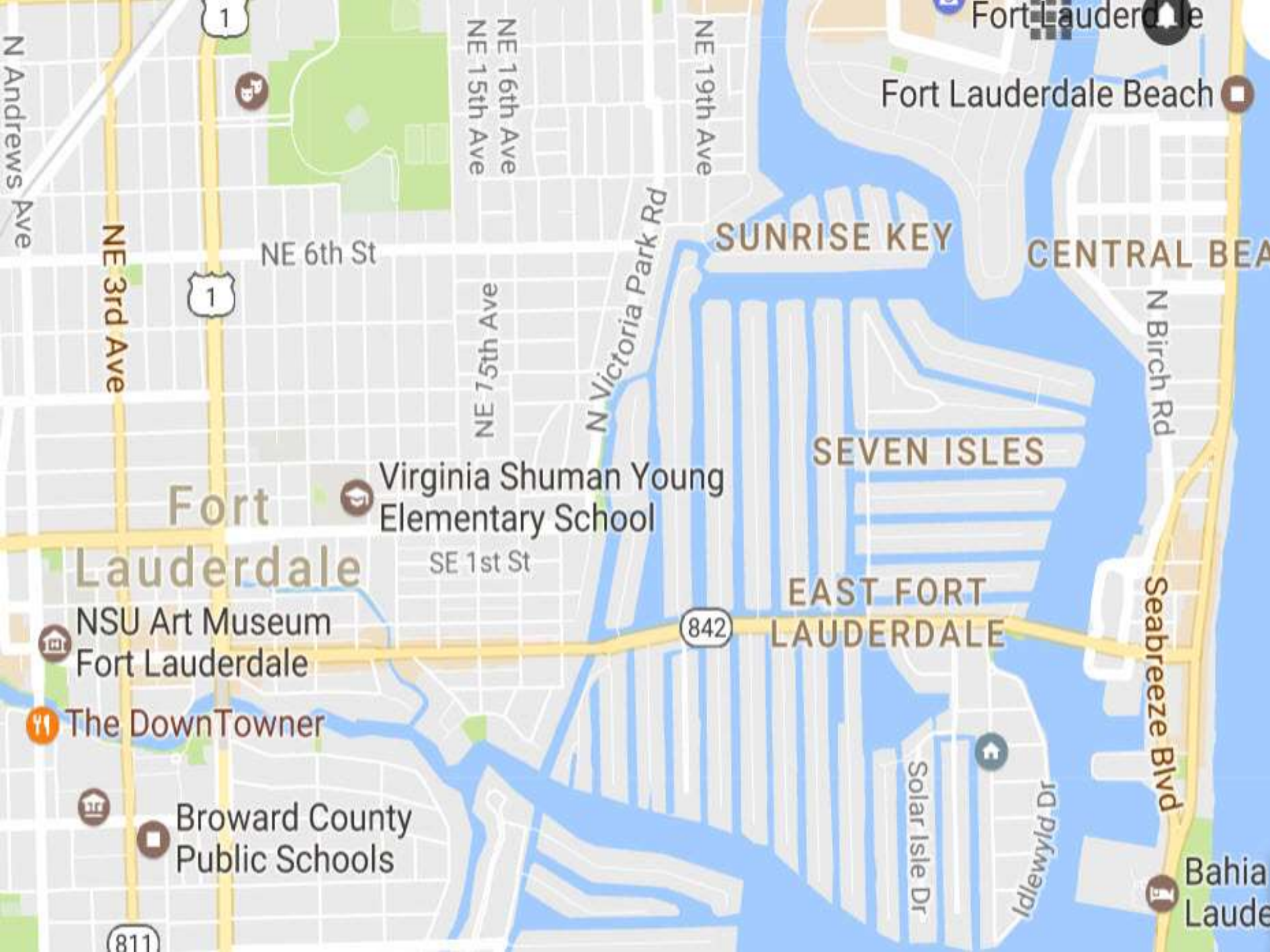
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Fort Lauderdale

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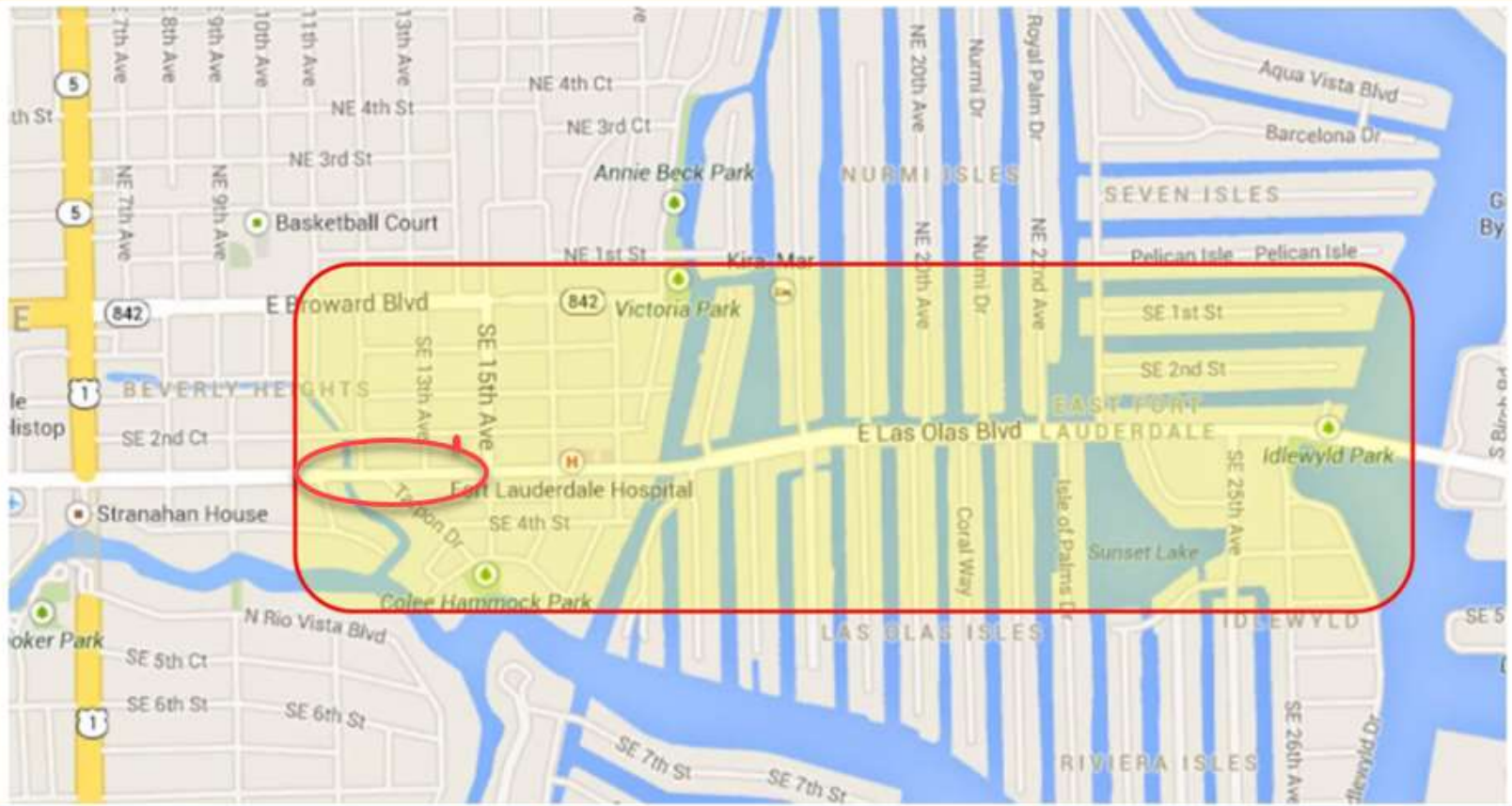
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Las Olas Mobility Study

Study Area



Mid-Term Recommendations

- Implement a Road Diet along Las Olas Boulevard
 - Currently only one lane in and one lane out



On-street parking west of 8th Avenue
Limits Throughput



Photo courtesy of Art Seitz

Welcome to the jumble of Las Olas Boulevard. Please stay in your lane.



All sorts of experimentation is going on in a short section of Las Olas from Southeast 11th

All sorts of experimentation is going on in a short section of Las Olas from Southeast 11th Avenue to Southeast 15th Avenue, as Fort Lauderdale transportation experts seek to make it safer for people on foot or bicycles.



By **Brittany Wallman** · **Contact Reporter**
South Florida Sun Sentinel

How do we know we need better planning?



Looking East on Las Olas from Riviera – March 2, 2014



Intersection Las Olas and Riviera - March 2, 2014



Sebastian and Las Olas - Spring 2016



Las Olas - January 2019



Las Olas - January 2019

Fort Lauderdale ranked least safe of 182 U.S. metro areas, WalletHub study says

Fort Lauderdale was ranked 147 (out of 182) when it came to most traffic fatalities per capita.

Fort Lauderdale was ranked least safe of 182 U.S. metro areas, according to a study by WalletHub



By **Brett Clarkson** · Contact Reporter
Sun Sentinel

With one of the highest rates of traffic fatalities per capita, Fort Lauderdale is

[new study](#)

SOUTH FLORIDA

Walking? You're risking your life in Florida, the deadliest state for pedestrians

BY LINDA ROBERTSON

JANUARY 23, 2019 06:00 AM, UPDATED 2 HOURS 31 MINUTES AGO



Walking may be hazardous to your health. In Florida, the risk of fatality on foot is significantly higher than in any other state.

Nine of the 20 deadliest U.S. cities for pedestrians are in Florida, with Orlando ranked as least safe and the Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach metropolis ranked No. 14 in the 2019 “Dangerous By Design” report from [Smart Growth America](#) and the [National Complete Streets Coalition](#).

<https://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/article224923045.html#storylink=cpy>

What we have learned in the past six years?

The importance of

- Planning for the future.
- Co-ordinating construction projects.
- Co-ordinating Special events.
- Considering all who use the road and sidewalks.
- Ensuring access for Emergency Vehicles.
- Exchanging information honestly and accurately.
- That no one individual or group's interests should take precedence over the whole.

Consistency in Planning



15th and Las Olas – the end of the four block bike lane.



**Putting this median
in just blocks from
where the city
planned to remove
medians.**

Enforcement is critical to successful implementation

Some suggestions:

- Appropriate signage (speed limit, no U-turn, no left turn, etc.) and enforcement.**
- No waiting/blocking the street – Lyft, Uber, taxis and others).**
- Valet operations by code required to operate so they do not negatively impact neighboring properties.**
- Post rules and require scooter operators to use vehicles responsibly.**
- Require bikes and scooters on sidewalks and walking paths to give audible warnings when passing pedestrian.**
- Regulate the number of construction, maintenance, & delivery vehicles blocking our roads and bike lanes.**





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Consider the Environment



Along the New River by the Stranahan House



Las Olas - Car heading east in westbound lane.



**Old Beach Parking –
new Beach park on the corner of Las Olas and A1A –
after a hurricane**

Plan for Emergencies!

Learn from other communities...

Vision Zero, a 'Road Diet' Fad, Is Proving to Be Deadly



CROSS COUNTRY
By Christopher D. LeGras

Renee Khoury was in the kitchen when she heard a scream. She ran outside and found her 65-year-old mother, Rebecca, sprawled on the sidewalk with a compound fracture in her left leg. Renee called 911 then comforted her mom as best she could.

The Khourys live five blocks from Fire Station 62 in West Los Angeles's Mar Vista neighborhood. They heard a siren right away, but something was wrong. It wasn't moving. "It took 10 minutes," says Renee's husband, Jeff. "Becky was in pain. They could hear help but it couldn't reach them."

Los Angeles, like cities nationwide, is transforming its streets. In July 2017 the city installed a "road diet" on a 0.8-mile stretch of Venice Boulevard in Mar Vista, reducing four lanes to two and adding bike lanes separated from traffic by parking buffers. The project is part of Mayor Eric Garcetti's Vision Zero initiative, which aims to eliminate traffic fatalities in the city by 2025.

to the transportation research firm Inrix. Miles of vehicles idling in gridlock have reduced air quality to 1980s levels.

The international Vision Zero movement began in the 1990s in Sweden, where it apparently worked well. The Swedish government claims a 50% reduction in traffic deaths since 2000. Hoping to achieve similar gains, U.S. mayors from New York City to North Pole, Alaska, have adopted Vision Zero. Projects range from multibillion-dollar light-rail lines to retiming traffic lights for slower traffic. Road diets are key.

In neighborhoods across New York City, residents, community boards and local businesses have done battle with city officials over "traffic calming" measures imposed by city hall. Lane reductions, bike

lanes, new meridians and other innovations designed to reduce vehicle speeds make it difficult for bulky ambulances and fire trucks to respond quickly to emergencies. And

Emergency vehicles get stuck on streets that have been narrowed to promote walking and bicycling.

while pedestrian deaths have plummeted in the Big Apple under Vision Zero, deaths of bicyclists, motorcyclists and people in vehicles have ticked up.

Around the country, officials have implemented projects on short no-

tice, over local objections and without consulting first responders. Howard Holt, a fire captain in Oakland, Calif., said he found out about a road diet in front of his station when he arrived for a shift one morning. "I wasn't sure if I was supposed to drive in the new green lanes," he said recently. "Turns out they're bike lanes." He calls the city bureaucracy "The Wall."

During the 2017 La Tuna Fire, the biggest in Los Angeles in half a century, a road diet on Foothill Boulevard in Sunland-Tujunga neighborhood bottlenecked evacuations. After the fire a neighborhood association voted to go off the road diet. The city ignored the request and instead added another one to La Tuna Canyon Road.

The story isn't confined to big cit-

ies. In Waverly, Iowa (pop. 9,837), Fire Chief Dennis Happel and Bremer County Sheriff Dan Pickett say the city has ignored their concerns over a road diet plan. In Fairbanks, Alaska, Fire Battalion Chief Brian Davis says the city installed traffic controls to mitigate the impact of new bike lanes in front of his fire house. In January the average high temperature in Fairbanks is zero Fahrenheit—much too cold to ride a bike.

It's noble to want to make America's streets as safe as they can be. But government officials shouldn't impose projects on communities that don't work, inconvenience residents, hurt businesses and impede emergency responders in the process.

Mr. LeGras is an attorney and writer in Los Angeles.

For Sanity's Sake, Delete Your Account

By Barton Swaim

One Saturday morning last fall, I sat down at my desk and deleted my Twitter account.

I did it for a variety of reasons. Privacy, for one: The thought of

social media—gives one an awareness, or at least the impression of an awareness, of what hundreds or even thousands of people are thinking at the moment. If you follow more than a small number of accounts, you're likely to find, in addition to some fluff and the occa-

are publishing their ill-formed thoughts are not new. In 1802 the Scottish critic Francis Jeffrey grouched in the *Edinburgh Review* that "hairdressers and valets write amatory verses; coffeehouse waiters publish political pamphlets; and showmen and tallies astonish

Often, especially when some controversy of national importance provoked large numbers of users into tweeting their opinions about it, I would come away from Twitter exasperated almost to the point of madness.

Wall Street Journal, January 18, 2019

Paradise narrowed its main road by two lanes despite warnings of gridlock during a major wildfire

By PAIGE ST. JOHN, RONG-GONG LIN II and JOSEPH SERNA NOV 20, 2018 | 8:35 PM | PARADISE



A bus that many people had to abandon in order to make it out of the Camp fire on Skyway, the main evacuation route out of Paradise. The road clogged as thousands of residents tried to flee. (Carolyn Cole / Los Angeles Times)

After a fast-moving fire swept into town a decade ago, burning more than 200 homes and trapping thousands of fleeing residents on gridlocked mountain roads, a grand jury called on officials to improve evacuation routes.

But six years later, the city decided to narrow a portion of the main road through town from four lanes to two as part of an effort in the downtown area aimed at boosting commerce as well as traffic and pedestrian safety.

Two other roads in the city were also narrowed, records show.

Las Angeles Times
Nov. 20, 2018

Images of Las Olas









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Person in light blue shirt riding scooter

Person in denim jacket riding scooter

Person in white hoodie riding scooter

Red sports car

White van

Person walking

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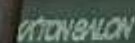
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