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ON TRACK FOR SUCCESS



Current Florida East Coast Railway bridge on the New River in downtown Fort Lauderdale

Transportation and Traffic remains a top priority of the City Commission in 2022. Initiatives will continue the momentum of prior years' work to mitigate traffic congestion and reimagine transportation for the future of Fort Lauderdale.

The City is excited about the possibility of leveraging new technology and innovative approaches to address its pressing challenges.

The City is advocating for the creation of two tunnels that would mitigate traffic congestion and provide state-of-the-art alternatives to traditional issues. The City Commission is urging both the Florida Department of Transportation and Broward County Government to choose the tunnel option to transverse the New River as part of the future of Broward Commuter Rail service. Additionally, the proposed Las Olas Loop would use vehicles to quickly transport passengers, connecting downtown Fort Lauderdale to Fort Lauderdale Beach. The tunnel system aligns with the Commission's priority of improving vehicular traffic; this initiative will mitigate rail crossing congestion while supporting the City's prominent marine and tourism industries.

The City also continues to move forward with the implementation of projects currently funded through Broward County's Mobility Advancement Program (Surtax) Program.

A few of the key projects are listed below:

- LauderGo Community Shuttle Program A Community Shuttle Program, known as "LauderGo", is being offered through Surtax funding. Upcoming efforts include a mobile phone application to promote more user-friendly service. The City is also investing in this program to improve community access with the installation of 15 Community Shuttle stops by 2023.
- NW 15th Avenue Intersection and Mobility Improvements This project will enhance safety along the corridor through improved lighting, crosswalks, and ADA elements. The project will also include traffic calming at key intersections and provide for an off-street shared path next to the roadway.



Photo of NW 15th Avenue and Sunrise Boulevard Intersection

One-Way Pairing (Andrews Avenue and SE 3rd Avenue) – The City will be conducting a study to understand how downtown Fort Lauderdale could improve traffic flow and safety through a pairing of oneway streets, one traveling northbound and the other southbound.

In the next few months, the City will be applying for additional project funding through the 2022 Mobility Advancement Program application cycle. Check back soon to hear more about these projects and their progress!