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Item 3.  
**COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM**

TO: Land Use and Sustainability Committee

FROM: Alina T. Hudak, City Manager

DATE: May 26, 2021

**TITLE: EXPEDITE THE OPENING OF THE BAYWALK AND MOVE THE REOPENING OF THE BAYWALK UP ON THE G.O. BOND PRIORITIZATION LIST; AND PRESENT THE BAYWALK PLAN TO THE LUSC COMMITTEE**

**HISTORY:**

During the February 17, 2021 Land Use and Sustainability Committee (LUSC) meeting, staff was asked to return with additional information related to expediting the opening of the Baywalk and move the reopening of the Baywalk up on the G.O. Bond prioritization list.

On March 17, 2021 the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2021-31630 to expedite the Baywalk and move it up on the G.O. Bond prioritization list with the direction for administration to present the Baywalk plan at a Land Use and Sustainability Committee meeting.

**ANALYSIS:**

The Baywalk is a public pedestrian pathway along the Biscayne Bay shoreline designed to promote mobility. Once completed, it will provide a continuous path running north/south on the rear of the properties along West Avenue from Lincoln Road to the future 5th Street pedestrian bridge, which will link to the existing Baywalk from 5th Street to Government Cut. This project will link residential and commercial areas, public street-end parks, and other existing pedestrian and bicycle facilities similar to the beachwalk. The Baywalk is a component of the Blueways Master Plan and the Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan.

A map showing the status of the Baywalk segments is attached as Exhibit A. The map shows portions of the Baywalk that have been completed, as well as the missing links.

The following list describes the current segments that are pending or not open to the public:

• Southgate Tower Apartments (900 West Avenue; DRB File 22718)

An upland Baywalk has been constructed but has not been made publicly accessible by the property owner at this time. This is due, to a condition in the Final Order for DRB 22718 that does not require public access until an accessible Baywalk at the South Bay Club property to the south has been connected and is operational.

• West Terminus of 10th Street

An upland Baywalk has been constructed using Florida Inland Navigation District grant funding and is publicly accessible. However, it does not currently connect to the property to its north. There is a physical connection to the property to the south (Southgate Towers), but the owner of this property has not made the connection accessible.

• Monad Terrace (1300 West Avenue; DRB File 23249)

Pursuant to the Final Order for DRB 23249, the developer of the Monad Terrace property voluntarily offered to construct the Baywalk, connecting to The Waverly to its north. This section is constructed but not yet open to the public.

• West Terminus of Lincoln Road

An upland Baywalk has been constructed and is publicly accessible. The future overwater Baywalk adjacent to Lincoln Bay Towers Condominium will be designed, permitted, and constructed as part of the West Avenue Improvements Phase II North of 14 Street project.

• South Bay Club Condominium (800 West Avenue; DRB File 22960)

Pursuant to the Final Order for DRB 22960, the owner of the property has entered into an agreement with the city for design, permitting, construction and public access for a Baywalk. Staff has evaluated the feasibility of a Baywalk in this location and has concluded that it must be constructed overwater, which will require permits from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The total project cost is estimated to be \$2,800,000 million. This project is included in the G.O. Bond program and was recently advanced to tranche 1.

• Mondrian Hotel/Mirador Condominiums (1000-1200 West Avenue; DRB File 20181)

Pursuant to the Final Order for DRB 20181, an overwater public Baywalk has been selected, designed, and made part of the permit plans for the Mondrian Hotel. As part of the Developer's Agreement, the City is assisting with the permitting. Permit applications have been submitted to all three required environmental regulatory agencies, and comments from the agencies are being addressed. Once the City secures the permits, the Developer will be responsible to construct the Baywalk. It is anticipated that construction for this

project will begin May 2022.

- Bayview Terrace Condominium (1228 West Avenue; PB File 1879)

The property owner has granted riparian rights for a future Baywalk. Staff has evaluated the feasibility of a Baywalk in this location and has concluded that it must be constructed overwater. For this segment the total project cost is estimated to be \$850,000. This project is included in the G.O. Bond program and was recently advanced to tranche 1.

- Bay Garden Manor Condominium (1250 West Avenue)

Staff has evaluated the feasibility of a Baywalk in this location and has concluded that approximately 100 linear feet can be constructed on land, with the remaining portion to be constructed overwater. For this segment the total project cost is estimated to be \$1,350,000 million. This project is included in the G.O. Bond program and was recently advanced to tranche 1.

- Lincoln Bay Towers Condominium (1450 Lincoln Road; DRB File 23218)

The property owner has granted riparian rights for a future overwater Baywalk. This segment is being designed, permitted and constructed as part of the West Avenue Improvements Phase II North of 14 Street project and was quoted at \$1.77M by the awarded Design-Build Firm.

- 5th Street Pedestrian Bridge

As an extension to the Baywalk, the City has entered into a Developer's Agreement which establishes that the developer will construct a pedestrian bridge crossing 5th Street at the end of McArthur Causeway. The plan modifications and revisions for the Baywalk pedestrian bridge are expected to be completed and ready for permitting by September/October 2021. The pedestrian bridge structure connects to the 500 Alton Road condominium tower therefore the construction of the pedestrian bridge cannot commence until the tower has been erected. The construction of the condominium tower commenced in April 2021. The pedestrian bridge construction is scheduled to commence summer 2022 and has a 12 month duration. This project is included in the G.O. Bond program.

The South Bay Club, Bay Garden Manor and Bayview Terrace Baywalk segments funded by the G.O. Bond program have been moved to the first tranche. As such, administration will begin working on the development of the three segments.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

The following is presented to the members of the Land Use and Sustainability Committee for discussion.

#### **Applicable Area**

Citywide

#### **Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-14?**

No

#### **Does this item utilize G.O. Bond Funds?**

Yes

#### **Departments**

Office of Capital Improvement Projects

#### **Strategic Connection**

Mobility - Improve the walking and biking experience.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Description	Type
 <a href="#">Exhibit A - Baywalk Status Map</a>	Other

# Baywalk Properties Status

Exhibit A

