

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Rich Virgil, P.E., Field Operations Division

DATE: May 14, 2026

SUBJECT: Request for Right of Way Occupancy Permit, Broward County

Agenda Item Background:

Broward County (County) requests a new Standard Right of Way Occupancy Permit Number 17584-R (ROW Permit) and a waiver from District criteria to allow for proposed drainage improvements and existing residential parking areas within the north right of way of the G-15 Canal (North New River) between the Florida's Turnpike and U.S. 441/S.R. 7 in Broward County. A waiver of District criteria is required for both the proposed pump stations and the existing parking spaces which are non-allowable uses within the right of way.

To address flooding problems in the neighborhood, the County is proposing to modify and supplement its existing drainage system in the right of way with the addition of two underground pump stations with fence enclosures and associated buried pipes, manholes, and four outfalls connecting to the G-15 Canal (North New River). In addition, the County is requesting approval for 31 existing paved parking spaces which were installed in the right of way without District authorization. Both the pump stations and the existing parking spaces are non-allowable uses in the right of way and require a waiver from District criteria. All other proposed improvements and work comply with District criteria.

The lack of available lands to support much needed drainage improvements and parking for the Broadview Park neighborhood establishes a hardship that justifies granting of the requested waiver. Without granting of the waiver, Broward County has no alternative for resolution of the recurring flooding problem in the neighborhood or lack of off-street parking. The District has historically supported Broward County's requests to use this right of way for utility, roadway, and drainage improvements for the benefit of the adjacent Broadview Park neighborhood. Granting of the waiver will be consistent with the improvements authorized by ROW Permits within this right of way over the past 50 years.

The proposed pump stations, buried pipes, and outfalls/culvert connections, and existing parking spaces are or will be installed at or below-grade. In addition, there will be no above-ground improvements within 40 feet of top of bank. The north right of way of the G-15 Canal (North New River) at this location measures approximately 70 feet to top of bank and is sufficient to accommodate the requested improvements without adversely impacting the District's ability to perform routine or emergency operations, maintenance, or future construction activities.

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