

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Ray Palmer, Real Estate

DATE: March 5, 2026

SUBJECT: Access Easement Exchange with FDOT, Broward County

Agenda Item Background:

The District acquired two access easements in 1993 and 1994 that encumber property owned by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) immediately west of the Sunrise Boulevard terminus with the Sawgrass Expressway in Broward County. Both easements are located near the District's L-35A Canal right-of-way, and one connects to the right-of-way, but neither of the easements provide ideal access for District operations and maintenance. FDOT is proposing to widen the Sawgrass Expressway and plans to use land it owns and within which the District's two existing easements lie for construction of a stormwater pond. To accomplish its project, FDOT proposes to provide the District with a new relocated access easement in exchange for release of the two existing easements. The relocated easement will be north of the two existing easements, provide direct access from the Sawgrass Expressway to the L-35A right-of-way, and be of sufficient width and design to better accommodate District vehicles and equipment than the existing easements. The District's Field Operations considers the proposed relocated access easement superior to its existing access and supports FDOT's request for the District to release the two existing access easements in exchange for the relocated access easement that provides direct access to the L-35A right-of-way.

Additional Item Background:

Core Mission and Strategic Priorities:

The L-35A right-of-way is operated and maintained as part of the District's flood control mission. This access easement exchange will serve to improve the District's access to the L-35A right-of-way and therefore aid the District's operation and maintenance of the right-of-way.

Funding Source:

There is no expenditure of funds by the District.

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ATTACHMENTS:

[Resolution No. 2026-0302](#)

[Exhibit A](#)