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Dear Residents,

It is an honor and privilege to be your voice and to represent you, the citizens of our coastal and inland communities from Deerfield Beach to Fort Lauderdale. As your County Commissioner, I look forward to continuing to improve our resident’s quality of life by focusing on several key issues in our community. Here are some recent headlines from around the County.

Convention Center Project Update

Broward County embarked on a major journey in recent years in order to expand the current convention center and add a headquarter hotel. I’m happy to announce that work has officially started on the Convention Center Expansion and Headquarters Hotel project. Several key events have occurred this year which have solidified the fact that this project is on the move. In May, the phased project began with a demolition event at the Portside Yachting Center and will follow a schedule of construction activities into 2023. In June, Assistant County Administrator Alan Cohen briefed Commissioners on the project and before the month was over the Master Development Agreement for the Convention Center Expansion and Headquarters Hotel Project was fully executed by the developer and the County.

1,200,000 SF After Expansion	Contiguous Exhibit Space 350,000 SF	Waterfront Ballroom 65,000 SF
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UPGRADES & AMENITIES

- STATE-OF-THE-ART TECHNOLOGY
- OUTDOOR PLAZA WITH A WATERFRONT VIEW
- ECO-FRIENDLY DESIGN & OPERATION GOLD LEED CERTIFIED
- INNOVATIVE DINING CONCEPTS
- GARAGE PARKING WITH COVERED SKYWALK TO CONVENTION CENTER AND HOTEL
- IMPROVED TRAFFIC FLOW AROUND THE CENTER
- PROXIMITY TO AIRPORT, SEAPORT, DINING, SHOPPING, & BEACH WITHIN 4 MILES

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL
800 Rooms

AMENITIES
Rooftop Bar | Spa | Dining

HOTEL MEETING SPACE
73,000 SF

ICONIC & SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR EVENT SPACE
300,000+ SF

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The total cost of the project is estimated to be about \$900 million and it will be a beneficial addition to our community. The combined effect of the expansion and new hotel with

public spaces and waterfront amenities is expected to boost the local economy by more than \$100 million a year, by attracting more convention center and trade show business, increasing tourism and creating jobs in Broward County. The expansion and hotel projects are expected to create over 1,000 full and part time local jobs. It is exciting to be a part of this journey that will provide us with the opportunity to compete with other local convention centers and will only enhance Broward County's economy.

Broward County Transit Improvements

Broward County Transit (BCT) has moved forward to implement bus service improvements to its fixed routes. These services are just one example of how the transportation surtax funds that was approved last November by Broward County voters, will be used. BCT will roll out the improvements in two phases during the summer and fall. Service improvements include the addition of new routes, 147 new buses, expanded weekday and weekend services that extend into neighboring counties, shorter wait times, completing the installation of free Wi-Fi throughout BCT's entire bus fleet, restoring routes suspended during the recession, and launching mobile ticketing. The service improvements in district 4 include;

Route #	Current Service	Improvements
Route 55	From Hiatus Rd in Sunrise to the Galt Mile in Fort Lauderdale via Commercial Blvd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • weekday AM and PM peak service frequency from 30 minutes to 20 minutes, • Saturday service frequency will improve from 45 minutes to 30 minutes
Route 62	From Westview Dr. in Coral Springs and University Dr. to McNab Rd. and US-1 in Pompano Beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • service during the AM and PM peak from 40 minutes to 20 minutes, • weekday midday service frequency will improve from 40 minutes to 20 minutes, • Saturday service frequency will improve from 60 minutes to 30 minutes, • Sunday service frequency will improve from 60 minutes to 30 minutes



In other BCT news, the county is finally moving towards taking initial steps to purchasing battery-powered electric busses. In June, I had the pleasure to witness a test run of one electric bus which will service 10 different routes over the next month to make sure they can withstand South Florida's weather conditions. BCT has been approved by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners to purchase five battery-powered electric buses that are scheduled to be put into service in early 2020.

For more information about bus service improvements and BCT, please visit Broward.org/BCT.

Census 2020 Update

Recently, the U.S. Supreme Court decided to block a citizenship question on next year's Census 2020. Broward County strongly supports this decision as it will have large positive implications for our community. As you may know, the Census 2020 is an important step taken every ten years across the country that determines the distribution of federal funding for programs assisting our most vulnerable and our representation in Congress and the state legislature. These federal dollars alleviate the need to supplement these vital programs with local taxpayer revenue. It is important that residents, citizens and noncitizens alike feel comfortable and participate in the Census next year as your participation has major implications on the services that are provided by Broward County in our community.

To follow our local count or to access important Census information that you can share, connect with Broward.org/Census2020.

Once again, I'd like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you as your County Commissioner. Please sign up at Broward.org/Commission/District4 to receive email updates from our office. You can also follow me on [Twitter](#) and like my [Facebook](#) page. If there is anything that we can do to assist you with your vision for a better Broward, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 954-357-7004 or by email at LFisher@broward.org.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'L.P. Fisher', with a large, stylized initial 'L' and a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lamar P. Fisher
County Commissioner
District 4