



OCTOBER 2023

Dear Community Members,

Fall weather is officially here! Last week we felt that amazing fall breeze with temperatures as low as 60 degrees. This month I was happy to welcome dignitaries and representatives from over 70 countries to the Florida International Trade and Cultural Expo. We also recognized Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Red Ribbon Week and the Friends of the Broward County Libraries for their incredible volunteerism. As we move into November, I'm hopeful for lower temperatures. I encourage all to visit our [Parks](#) and [Libraries](#) websites for events in our community. Additionally, visit Broward.org/Commission/District4 and find your municipalities website, as many cities also hold special fall events through October and November. And a quick reminder, daylight saving time is coming to an end soon. On November 5 at 2am, clocks 'fall back' one hour. Don't forget to change any non-electronic devices.

Terminal 5 Groundbreaking

Broward County's Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL) took a major step this month as they hosted the groundbreaking event to mark the start of construction for the Terminal 5 Project. The multimillion-dollar facility is designed as a two-level, five-gate domestic terminal with check-in/ticketing areas, arrival/departure baggage



processing, a security screening checkpoint, and retail/food and beverage concessions. The estimated \$404 million state-of-the-art facility will connect to the existing onsite Cypress parking garage and Terminal 4 through multi-level pedestrian bridges or walkways. Construction should take about three years for a targeted completion in mid-2026.



Terminal 5 will better position the airport to meet future demands. Industry forecast models project FLL to grow from 35 million annual passengers today to nearly 52 million within 20 years. This project is just one of several that are planned to further enhance the airport and provide travelers the best possible customer experience. For more information on the exciting new things happening at the airport, visit Broward.org/Airport.

Commuter Rail Workshop

The Broward County Commission held a Commuter Rail Workshop to discuss the findings of a study that was commissioned by both the County and the City of Fort Lauderdale to determine the most cost-efficient way to get over the New River. We are working to bring Commuter Rail from Miami all the way up to the county line in Deerfield Beach. While no official decision has been made, my colleagues and I believe that time is of the essence at this point. We must make a decision soon on the Locally Preferred Alternative which will help us move this project along in order to have the highest probability to get federal funding for this major venture. Provided below is a summary of each alternative.

SUMMARY

Complexity adds time and costs; there is much work to do to fully analyze and address the many complexities and set the stage for a successful project.

	ALTERNATIVE 1 LOW-LEVEL BASCULE BRIDGE	ALTERNATIVE 2 MID-LEVEL BASCULE BRIDGE	ALTERNATIVE 3 HIGH-LEVEL FIXED-SPAN BRIDGE	ALTERNATIVE 4 TUNNEL
Capital Cost	\$303 million	\$572 million	\$585 million	\$3.0 billion
50-year Operations & Maintenance Cost	\$45.7 million	\$80.7 million	\$55.3 million	\$3.3 billion
Funding Options	Most flexibility for funding and best range of grant options.	Challenging to secure grant funding—would likely need the FEC rail corridor to be designated a Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) facility to provide more flexibility for FDOT to support a match amount.		Very limited grant options due to high cost; bulk of funding would fall to state and local government
Brightline Perspective		Preferred alternative; concerns about long-term ridership impacts for all alternatives		Not evaluated; not considered financially feasible
FEC Perspective	Would not oppose passenger rail bridges on either side of FEC bridge instead of moving FEC bridge to eliminate disruptions to freight operations.			Utility relocation would be prohibitively complex
Project Delivery Timeframe	7.5 years	8.5 years	10.5 years	10.5 years

Representing the eastern communities, I'm deeply invested in the progress of this project. We absolutely must make sure the commuter rail makes its way north to the County line. I will continue advocating for this commuter rail and working with all stakeholders to ensure we make the right decision for our community. Stay tuned for further updates.

Nancy J Cotterman Center Grand Opening

The Broward County Commission and community stakeholders welcomed the long-awaited grand opening of the new state-of-the-art Nancy J. Cotterman Center (NJCC) on October 23. NJCC is Broward County's only Certified Sexual Assault Program, Accredited Children's Advocacy Center, and Child Protection Team. It has been serving the community since 1977. The new facility, located at 2995 W. Dixie Highway in Oakland Park, will open to the public in November. For more information, visit Broward.org/NancyJCottermanCenter.



Mosquito Spraying System Patent

Broward County's Highway and Bridge Maintenance Division (HBMD) is the proud recipient of a U.S. Patent for inventing a larvicide-spraying system which effectively reduces the population of the mosquito that carries Zika, Dengue Fever, Yellow Fever and more. This is Broward County's first ever patent award, which will help save millions of dollars. The system was invented by two HBMD engineers to effectively reduce the mosquito population during the height of Zika in 2017. We are proud of the ingenuity and determination of our incredible staff that goes above and beyond to find cost effective measures that save money while completing the task at hand. For more information on mosquito control services, visit Broward.org/Mosquito.



Reminders/Event:



King Tides October 25 - November 1, November 13-15, and November 25-28. It is vital that residents make note of these dates and take extra precautions to stay safe. For more information, visit Broward.org/Resilience and learn more about the County's resilient efforts.



The Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show is here from October 25-29 at seven venues throughout Fort Lauderdale. The world's largest in-water boat show attracts marine enthusiasts from around the world. Visit FLIBS.com for more information.



Consumer Alert: In response to concerns and confusion regarding Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program financing and its association with governmental or County services, the County has initiated a public outreach campaign to raise awareness. Potential PACE customers should beware of false advertising by contractors. For more information, visit Broward.org/Sustainability/Pages/PACE.



Broward County's Natural Resources Division, in collaboration with the Broward Water Partnership, has increased the **Conservation Pays toilet rebate program** from \$100 to \$125. For more information, visit ConservationPays.com.

Additional Resources:

- Libraries: Broward.org/Library
- Parks: Broward.org/Parks
- Business Assistance: Broward.org/EconDev
- Broward's Official Hurricane Site: Broward.org/Hurricane
- Mosquito Control Services: Broward.org/Mosquito
- Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport: Broward.org/Airport
- Port Everglades: PortEverglades.net

As always, I am truly thankful to serve you and Commission District 4 and everyone in Broward County as your Mayor. If I can ever be of assistance, please contact me at 954-357-7004 or LFisher@broward.org. Also, follow me [@LamarPFisher](https://twitter.com/LamarPFisher) on X (Twitter) and on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/LamarPFisher).

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lamar P. Fisher".

Lamar P. Fisher
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