



LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

LTC No: 26-128

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*
DATE: April 30, 2026
SUBJECT: Las Olas Garage Lighting Facade Project Completion (Update #3)

The purpose of this Letter to the Commission (LTC) is to provide notice that the Las Olas Garage Lighting Facade Project, located at 200 Las Olas Circle, has been successfully completed.

Background:

On September 16, 2025, the City Commission approved an agreement with The Luminicos, Corp. (Luminicos), in the amount of \$1,121,818.03, to replace the non-operational lighting system at the Las Olas Parking Garage. In a separate but related effort, the City Attorney's Office (CAO) engaged outside counsel to pursue claims against parties involved in the original design and installation of the facade lighting and architectural mesh (City of Fort Lauderdale v. Skanska USA Building, Inc., et al., Case No. CACE25-013145).

As previously reported in LTC No. 26-005 (Attachment 1) and LTC No. 26-030 (Attachment 2), the start of construction was briefly delayed at the recommendation of the CAO and outside counsel to allow the parties from the lawsuit an opportunity to inspect the existing lighting system prior to its removal. After EXP U.S. Services, Inc. requested a ninety (90)-day stay, the City granted a shorter thirty (30)-day delay to balance the need for inspection with the public's interest in restoring the facade lighting.

Project Completion:

Luminicos commenced removal and installation activities on February 9, 2026. Construction was completed on April 6, 2026, and the City issued final acceptance on April 22, 2026.

The new system replaces the previous, non-operational facade lighting with a modern, fully programmable LED display featuring more than 20,000 individually controlled lighting points.

Key benefits to the community include:

- Custom visual content designed specifically to enhance the identity of Las Olas Boulevard;
- Multiple programmable lighting scenes for everyday use, seasonal themes, and special events;
- Centralized, remote control that allows City staff to update content and schedules without on-site work;
- Improved energy efficiency and reduced long-term maintenance compared to the previous system; and
- A scalable platform that can be updated with new content in the future without replacing hardware.



Upcoming Reveal Event:

In collaboration with Luminicos, City staff are planning a public reveal event in May 2026 to officially unveil the new facade lighting and celebrate the completion of the project with the elected officials and the community. Additional details, including the date, time, and program, will be shared with the City Commission as planning is finalized.

For questions or concerns, please contact Colette Satchell, Director, Capital Projects Department, at csatchell@fortlauderdale.gov or (954)828-3134.

Attachments:

1. LTC No. 26-005 Las Olas Garage Lighting Facade Project Update
2. LTC No. 26-030 Las Dias Garage Lighting Facade Project (Update #2)

c: Shari L. McCartney, City Attorney
David R. Soloman, City Clerk
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LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

LTC No: 26-005

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*
DATE: January 9, 2026
SUBJECT: Las Olas Garage Lighting Facade Project Update

The purpose of this Letter to the Commission (LTC) is to provide the City Commission with an update on the Las Olas Garage Lighting Façade project.

On September 16, 2025, the City Commission approved an agreement with The Luminicos, Corp. (Luminicos) to replace the non-operational lighting system at the Las Olas Parking Garage. As part of a separate yet related effort, the City, via the City Attorney's Office (CAO) engaged outside counsel to handle the claim against the various parties involved in the previous design and installation of the façade lighting and architectural mesh (*City of Fort Lauderdale v. Skanska USA Building, Inc., et al.*, Case No. CACE25-013145).

Pursuant to the Agreement, Luminicos is required to complete this project within 120 calendar days following the Notice to Proceed (NTP). City staff and Luminicos originally planned to begin demolition on Monday, January 5, 2026. However, as staff was coordinating issuance of the NTP for the project in November 2025, the CAO and outside counsel recommended that the lighting project should not commence prior to January 2026 to allow the parties involved in the lawsuit additional time to inspect the lighting system prior to demolition of the existing system. This opportunity was shared with all the parties involved in the lawsuit.

On Friday, January 2, 2026, one of the parties to the lawsuit, EXP U.S. Services, Inc. (EXP), requested a ninety (90)-day stay of the project. The request was based on its recent retention of counsel and desire to engage an expert to inspect the lighting prior to demolition.

Based on recommendations from the CAO and outside counsel, staff will delay the NTP and commencement of the project by thirty (30) days to provide EXP the opportunity to inspect the lighting system prior to starting demolition. The project is now anticipated to commence in early February 2026. Updates will be provided as they become available.

For further information, please contact Milos Majstorovic, PE, Director of Transportation and Mobility, at 954-828-5216 or mmajstorovic@fortlauderdale.gov.

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LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

LTC No: 26-030

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*
DATE: February 4, 2026
SUBJECT: Las Olas Garage Lighting Façade Project Update (#2)

The purpose of this Letter to the Commission (LTC) is to provide an update to LTC No. 26-005 published on January 9, 2026 (Attachment 1) regarding the status of the Las Olas Garage Lighting Façade Project.

As previously reported, project implementation was temporarily delayed following a request from EXP U.S. Services, Inc. (EXP), for a ninety (90)-day stay of the project to allow additional time to examine the existing façade lighting prior to demolition activities. In response to this request, and at the legal counsel of the City Attorney's Office (CAO), staff elected to delay the project for a thirty (30)-day period to accommodate review of the lighting elements.

The thirty (30)-day period has now lapsed. City staff are beginning internal coordination efforts, including site coordination, confirmation of installation logistics, and coordination of material deliveries necessary to support construction activities, while minimizing impacts to garage operations and the surrounding area.

With the conclusion of the City's voluntary delay period, the contractor, The Luminicos, Corp. (Luminicos), is scheduled to commence light removal and installation activities on February 9, 2026. Staff will continue to closely monitor progress and coordinate with the contractor to ensure the work is performed in accordance with approved plans and established schedules.

Additional updates will be provided to the City Commission as the project progresses or if any material changes occur.

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Attachment:

1. Letter to the Commission No. 26-005

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