



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 2, 2026

ITEM TITLE:

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida authorizing an initial funding commitment to support the operations and maintenance of The Underline within the City of Coral Gables in the prorated amount of \$180,000 for fiscal year 2026; and authorizing the City Manager and City Attorney to negotiate the terms of a Memorandum of Understanding with The Underline Management Organization, Inc. d/b/a The Underline Conservancy regarding the funding, operations, maintenance, management, and programming of The Underline within the City of Coral Gables.

BRIEF HISTORY:

The Underline is an approximately 10-mile multimodal urban trail and linear park extending from the Miami River to the Dadeland South Metrorail Station. The project traverses multiple municipalities, including approximately three (3) miles within the City of Coral Gables. Upon completion, the Coral Gables portion of The Underline is anticipated to include six (6) distinct destination areas and enhanced pedestrian, bicycle, recreational, environmental, and transit connectivity amenities.

The City of Coral Gables has been a long-standing public partner in the development of The Underline and previously contributed approximately \$7 million toward capital improvements associated with construction of the project within the city. Segment 5 within Coral Gables is currently open to the public, while Segments 6 and 7 are expected to open by Fall 2026.

The Underline Management Organization, Inc. d/b/a The Underline Conservancy (“Conservancy”), the nonprofit entity responsible for the operations, maintenance, management, programming, and stewardship of The Underline corridor and its associated amenities, has requested municipal participation in funding ongoing operational and maintenance costs associated with the portions of The Underline located within the City of Coral Gables.

The proposed resolution authorizes an initial prorated funding commitment in the amount of \$180,000 for Fiscal Year 2026 to support operations and maintenance associated with the portions of The Underline located within the City of Coral Gables, subject to the execution of a future Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”).

The proposed resolution further authorizes the City Manager and City Attorney to negotiate the terms of an MOU with the Conservancy regarding future funding, operations, maintenance, management, programming, reporting obligations, accountability measures, and related responsibilities associated with The Underline within the City of Coral Gables. Any final MOU would be subject to future City Commission approval.

As part of the negotiation process, staff will evaluate and address several considerations previously discussed by the City Commission and representatives of The Underline, including but

not limited to: detailed line-item operational budgets, measurable service standards and performance metrics, avoidance of duplication of services already funded by City taxpayers, audit rights and financial transparency provisions, operational oversight and governance participation, and clarification regarding maintenance and funding responsibilities between Miami-Dade County, participating municipalities, and The Underline Conservancy.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Resolution

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

No.	Amount	Account No.	Source of Funds
1.	\$180,000		General Capital
Total:	\$180,000		

Fiscal Impact:

BUSINES IMPACT:

Not applicable