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Himmarshee Area Tactical Urbanism & Streetscape Beautification Plan

City Commission Conference Meeting
October 20, 2026

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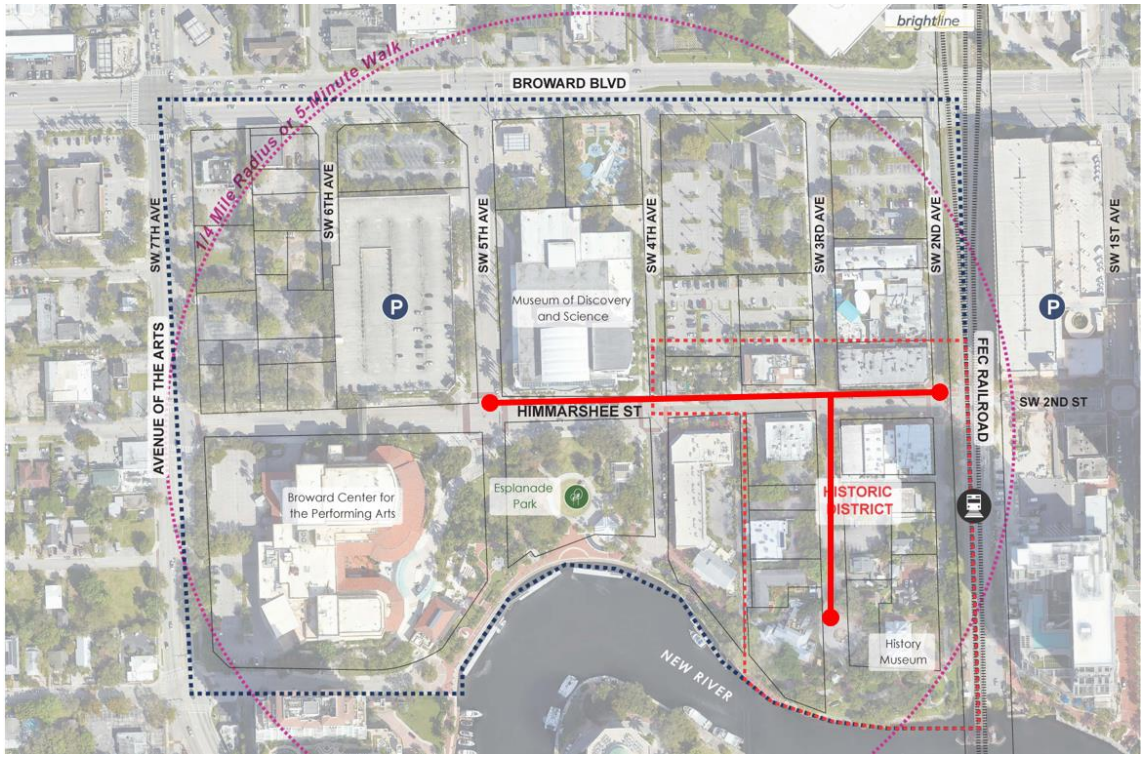
Study Area









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OVERVIEW

This initiative builds upon preliminary community outreach completed in 2024, which **revealed several themes**, *reflecting a shared understanding of challenges and opportunities:*



OVERALL DESIRE FOR



More daytime uses
restaurants with outdoor seating



A more inviting public realm
enhanced streetscape



Sidewalk activation
tactical urbanism interventions

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PROJECT OBJECTIVES & LONGER-TERM GOALS

- Conduct outreach to obtain stakeholder and public input into the design strategy
- Develop a Tactical Urbanism design concept for implementation
- Coordinate and install Tactical Urbanism elements
- Measure project impact and Monitoring period
- Develop a corridor streetscape beautification plan
- Prepare a summary report/presentation

Capital investment alignment

Strategically align capital to support public realm and long-term infrastructure upgrades

Revitalize the H-1 District

Foster the Himmarshee Historic District as a desirable destination

Unlock redevelopment

Catalyze context-sensitive infill redevelopment opportunities

Enhance identity & walkability

Improve area identity, walkability, and overall user experience

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ACTIVATING HIMMARSHEE STREET

WHAT IS TACTICAL URBANISM?

Tactical Urbanism refers to a class of inexpensive, temporary projects designed to demonstrate the transformative power of simple modifications to public space. These flexible, low-cost installations serve to advance long-term community goals by piloting immediate changes that result in safer, more inviting, and highly functional environments for people.







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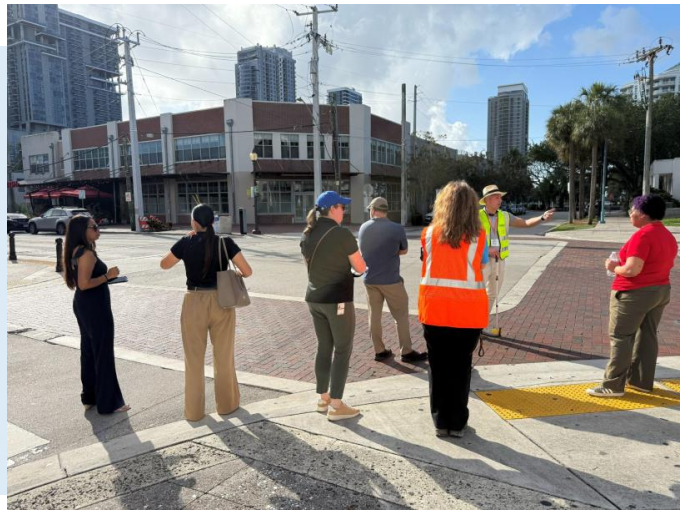
PUBLIC OUTREACH AND CONSENSUS BUILDING

Walking Audit and Preliminary Meetings

Walking Audit
Discussion Topics:
- *Traffic Operations*
- *Pedestrian Environment*
- *Curbside Conditions*
- *Parking*
- *Outdoor Seating*
- *Business Activation*
- *Potential*
- *Loading and Deliveries*
- *Drop-off Zones*





Preliminary Meetings
- *Downtown Development Authority*
- *Museum of Discovery and Science (MODS)*
- *Broward Center for the Performing Arts*
- *Property Owners*
- *History Fort Lauderdale*
- *Riverwalk, Inc.*
- *Business Owners*

Opportunities	Challenges
• *Overall activation to the street and area including increased street presence while dining outside*	• *Safety with cars and traffic along SW 2 Street*
• *Opportunities to add lighting along the streets for better visibility*	• *Need to have a resolution to other issues present in the area first*
• *Focus on operators that provide food service*	• *Potential for overcrowding in busy areas at night*
• *Reconnection to daytime activities at MODS and History Fort Lauderdale*	• *Avoid the block between SW 2 Avenue and SW 3 Avenue*
• *Further grant opportunities for permanent installations identified in the beautification plan*	• *Lack of ride-hailing pick-up and drop-off zones*

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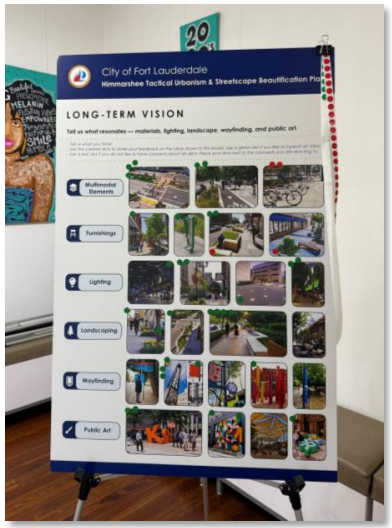
Open House – June 11, 2026



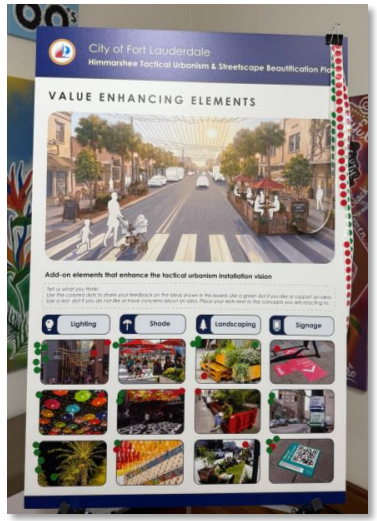


Interactive Boards

- *Activation Ideas*
- *Barriers to Activation*
- *Value Enhancing Elements*
- *Potential Programming Ideas*
- *Long-Term Vision*







TACTICAL URBANISM PROPOSED INSTALLATION

Project focus area is at the corner of 2 Street and SW 3 Avenue in the Himmarshee Village Historic District



90-DAY INSTALLATION – APRIL THROUGH JUNE 2027

1. *Parklet on the south side of SW 2 Street and the activation will use three existing on-street metered parking spaces with seating areas and planters*
2. *Lighting in trees to frame the corners and add a sense of place*
3. *Use of vertical delineators for bulb-outs at the intersection to manage traffic speeds and enhance pedestrian safety*
4. *A time-restricted loading zone in front of Kemistry Nightclub*





- *Seating for up to 18 people*
- *Three seating zones with flexible space*
- *Wire railings to allow visibility into the parklet*
- *Complementary colors and materials related to historic building*

Construction:

Five 7’ x 8’ Modules

42” Max Height
Planters

Two Wire Railings
Provide Visibility

Leveling Feet
to Align With Sidewalk

Total Dimensions:
40’ x 7’ x 3.5’

Modular Construction:
allows the design to be reconfigured in different sizes for future uses beyond the pilot.



3-Module Smaller Configuration

Parklet and Furnishings

Opportunities	Challenges
• *Activation for the area and pedestrian interaction at the street level* • *More eyes on the street are a plus from a crime prevention perspective* • *Pressure washing on an as needed basis to ensure cleanliness*	• *Traffic and pedestrian safety along SW 2nd Street* • *Financial impact of using three metered parking spaces for 90 days* • *Daily street sweeping and manual debris removal* • *Concerns regarding overnight use of the parklet* • *Material storage before installation and after deconstruction* • *Slip hazards when wet or after pressure washing/rain* • *Access for garbage trucks and large vehicles if lane width is restricted* • *Risk of parklet or furniture being used as projectiles or hiding spots*





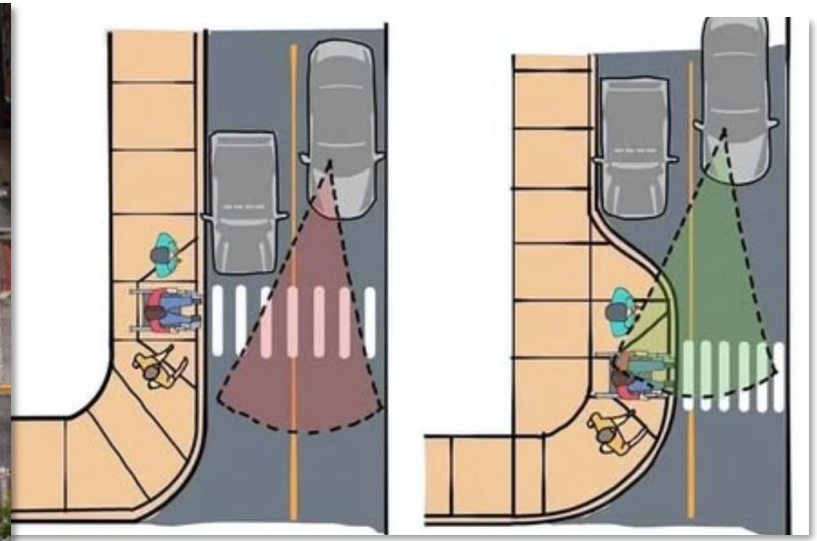


Vertical Delineators at Intersections

Opportunities	Challenges
• *Creates a visual identification of where future curbing and paving could be located* • *Visually emphasize sidewalks, crosswalks, curb extensions*	• *Delineators at corners conflict with police car parking* • *Replacement may be needed due to damage caused by cars running over the delineators*







Freestanding Planters

Opportunities	Challenges
• *Maintenance of plant material, could use low-maintenance planting material with self-watering planters* • *Crash rated planters could be used to protect the parklet area*	• *Potential degradation of planting material if there is not proper maintenance*

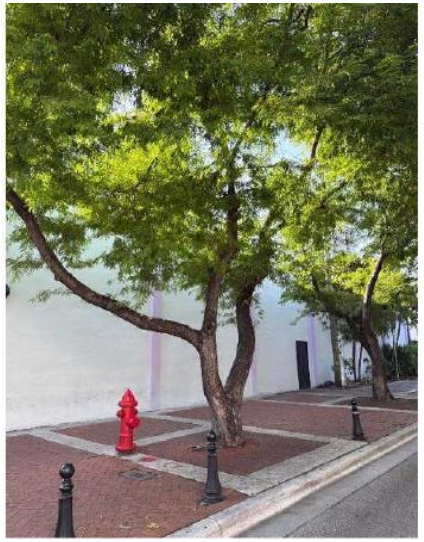






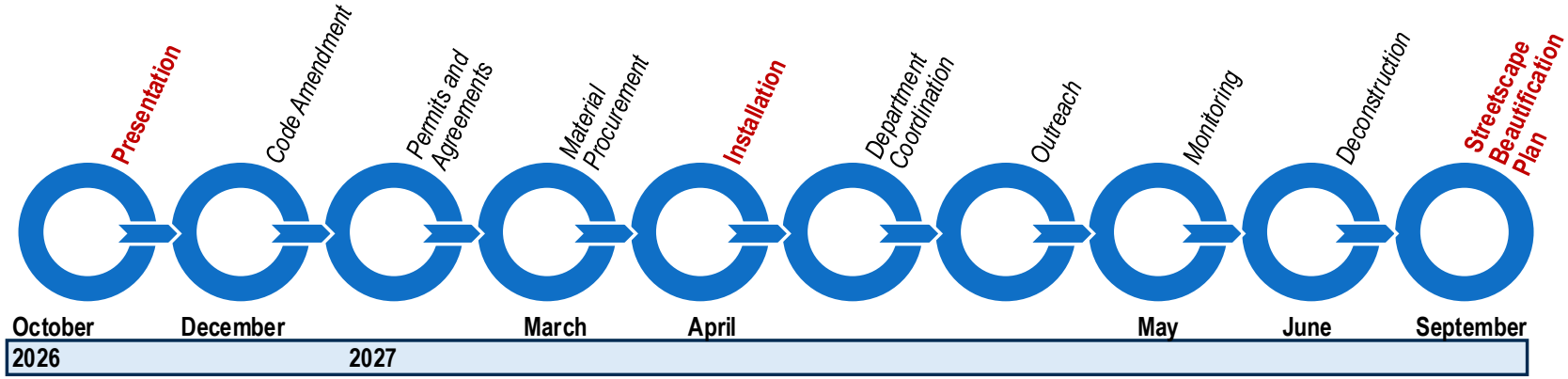
Lighting in Trees at the Intersection of SW 2 Street and SW 3 Ave

Opportunities	Challenges
• *Improves safety by increasing visibility for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers, particularly at intersection crossings* • *Creates a more attractive appearance and adds to neighborhood identity*	• *Installation, inspections, repairs, removal, and tree maintenance can add significant costs.*



NEXT STEPS



Code Amendment	*Propose Code Amendment to Instate a Pilot Program for City-Led Initiatives*
Parking Space Use	*Coordinate with TAM to utilize parking spaces*
Parklet Coordination	*Obtain Parklet Permit, Revocable License, and Maintenance Agreement*
Material Procurement	*Expected to begin early March with all materials on hand by April*
Installation	*Targeted mid-April and to remain in place through July 2027*
Department Coordination	*Coordinate installation and maintenance with other City departments*
Public Outreach	*Coordinate outreach with Strategic Communications (i.e. City Social Media, DDA newsletter, and Riverwalk Magazine)*
Ongoing Monitoring	*During testing period to gather feedback and ensure a clean and safe environment is maintained*
Deconstruction	*Following the 90-day testing period, the temporary installation will be deconstructed*
Streetscape Beautification Plan	*A final report and the streetscape beautification plan will be prepared following the installation to provide recommendations and to guide future permanent improvements*



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QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

October 6, 2026