



CITY COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

DEPARTMENT: BSO Law Enforcement

DATE: June 11, 2024

SUBJECT: Motion to approve an agreement with Franklin Academy for Traffic Mitigation
- BSO

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager recommends renewing this agreement, as it has had a positive impact on the traffic pattern along S. Flamingo Rd

BACKGROUND OF ITEM:

Franklin Academy is located at 6301 South Flamingo Road, Cooper City. The school's drop-off/pick-up added noticeable congestion to the normal traffic flow along South Flamingo Road. In an overall traffic plan for our schools, creating additional capacity at/near Franklin was deemed a viable solution. To this end, an agreement was forged between the charter school and the city to create vehicle stacking in Flamingo West Park, which is a city-owned facility adjacent to the school. The past agreement, which was approved by the city commission on September 26, 2023, expires at the end of the current school year.

ANALYSIS:

This agreement has had a positive impact on the traffic pattern associated with Franklin Academy's arrival/dismissal process. There has been minimal impact on the city's normal park operation because of this agreement. It is the recommendation of the city's professional staff to renew the agreement ahead of the '24-'25 school year.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This agreement aligns with the strategic goal of proactive public safety which identified traffic mitigation and solutions as a key objective. Further, the agreement lends to financially sustaining "someplace special" via the license fee, i.e., a built-in cost/maintenance recovery component.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Approval would facilitate a \$5,000 fee to be paid to the City by Franklin Academy, payable upon execution of the agreement.

ALTERNATIVES:

If the City wishes not to enter into the agreement with Franklin Academy, the traffic pattern would have to be rerouted to the original traffic flow excluding the use of the park. The school traffic may overflow onto South Flamingo Road. Additionally, school traffic may not be staged with the organization as users may arbitrarily park in the park parking lot and walk over to the school, creating an increase in pedestrian traffic.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Franklin Academy Agreement '24-'25 School Year
2. Parking Lot Diagram
3. Certificate of Liability Insurance