



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#14-0845

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: July 1, 2014

TITLE: CONSENT RESOLUTION Authorizing Execution of the Stipulation of Parties for the Closure of NW 2nd Street Railroad-Highway Grade Crossing, Crossing Number 272554 D, City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Commission authorize execution of the Stipulation of Parties (**EXHIBIT 1**) for the Closure of NW 2nd Street Railroad-Highway Grade Crossing, Crossing Number 272554 D, City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Execution of this Stipulation alleviates the parties from having a separate administrative hearing pursuant to Chapter 120, Florida Statutes. The City agrees to the closure.

BACKGROUND

As part of the All Aboard Florida rail project with stations planned in Orlando, West Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale, and Miami, the Florida East Coast, LLC (FEC) needs to permanently close the existing railroad crossing at NW 2nd Street to accommodate the proposed Fort Lauderdale station platform. To do so, FEC must submit an application (**EXHIBIT 2**) to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) with acceptance from the City of Fort Lauderdale. A Stipulation of the Parties must be executed between the City, FDOT, and FEC agreeing to terms such as responsibilities for documentation, notification, physical changes to the crossing, signage, etc.

Staff will work with FEC officials regarding the maintenance of traffic leading up to the closure. This includes proper notification to property owners and other impacted stakeholders.

There is an existing right-of-way platted easement over the crossing that needs to be vacated. Pursuant to ULDR Sec. 47-24.6, this will go through the Development Review Committee review, Planning and Zoning review and recommendation of approval, and City Commission review and approval at a Public Hearing and adoption of an Ordinance.

Resource Impact

There is no resource impact at this time.

Strategic Connections

This item is a Commission Annual Action Plan priority, included within the Management Agenda, advancing the All Aboard Florida project.

It is also a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Infrastructure Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- **Goal 1:** Be a pedestrian friendly, multi-modal City.
- **Objective 1:** Improve transportation options and reduce congestion by working with agency partners.
- **Initiative 3:** Work with partners to construct the Wave Streetcar, including the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) ordinances and connections to airport, port, and rail stations.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan*: We are Connected.

Attachment:

Exhibit 1 – Stipulation of Parties

Exhibit 2 – Railroad Crossing Closure Application

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