



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#14-1335

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

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

DATE: November 4, 2014

TITLE: Amendment of Existing Crossing Agreements with the Florida East Coast
Railway, LLC and All Aboard Florida, LLC

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Commission authorize execution of a letter agreement amending existing crossing agreements (Exhibit 1) with the Florida East Coast Railway, LLC and All Aboard Florida, LLC, to accommodate upgrades being made to crossings as part of the All Aboard Florida (AAF) Passenger Rail project.

BACKGROUND

The AAF project is a new commuter rail system being planned along the existing Florida East Coast (FEC) corridor with stations in Fort Lauderdale, Miami, West Palm Beach, and Orlando.

At the August 19, 2014 City Commission meeting, a resolution was adopted supporting the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) efforts to secure a federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant for safety improvements along the FEC Corridor for quiet zone designation eligibility, and recognizing that the City may incur additional maintenance costs associated with these safety improvements. While funds were not awarded through the Federal TIGER grant, AAF and the Broward MPO have teamed up to fund safety improvements along the corridor, including crossings located in Fort Lauderdale. As part of accepting these upgrades, the City may incur additional maintenance costs and this commitment needs to be memorialized by updating the existing crossing agreements. A matrix of the proposed quiet zone improvements is provided as EXHIBIT 2.

Resource Impact

There is no resource impact at this time. However, it is anticipated that the annual maintenance costs may increase.

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.

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – Letter from FECR

Exhibit 2 – Draft Matrix of Proposed Quiet Zone Improvements

Exhibit 3 – Resolution

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