



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

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

**DATE:** June 2, 2015

**TITLE:** Resolution Delegating the City Manager Authority to Permit Road  
Closures at Railroad Crossings

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a Resolution delegating to the City Manager, under Section 25-7(b) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, the authority to grant permission for a series of road closures at Florida East Coast Railway (FEC) railroad crossings for roads within the City's roadway jurisdiction to enable FEC to make improvements to the rail line to accommodate the All Aboard Florida enhanced use of the rail line, with the City Manager having the authority to grant permission to FEC to close a road at a railroad crossing for a period not to exceed seven days.

**Background**

Under this delegated authority, the City Manager has the discretion to authorize a series of closures in such a manner to minimize to the greatest extent practicable, the disruption of traffic patterns during the closures. This delegation of authority is conditioned upon FEC reimbursing the City the costs of authorizing and administering a Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) plan.

The closures are requested to ensure safety and limit access at the crossings while necessary safety upgrades to crossings are completed within the City. The railroad crossings and road closures proposed are attached as Exhibit 1.

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

**Strategic Connections**

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan* initiative, included within the Business Development Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- **Goal 7:** Be a well-positioned City within the global economic and tourism markets of the South Florida region, leveraging our airports, port, and rail connections.

**Objective 2:** Facilitate a responsive and proactive business climate.

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

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – Location Maps

Exhibit 2 – Resolution delegating authority

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