

RESOLUTION NO. 14-193

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING COUNTER-EXECUTION OF THE LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILWAY, LLC, DATED OCTOBER 16, 2014, RELATIVE TO THE ALL ABOARD FLORIDA PROJECT; DELEGATING TO THE CITY MANAGER THE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE SAID LETTER OF AGREEMENT; REPEAL OF ANY AND ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that City amend existing crossing agreements with the Florida East Coast Railway, LLC and All Aboard Florida, LLC to accommodate upgrades to relative railroad crossing; and

WHEREAS, a Letter of Agreement dated October 16, 2014, regarding the capital improvements to crossing agreements and safety zones has been tendered to the City by Florida East Coast Railway ("FECR") and All Aboard Florida – Operations, which if agreed upon by the City of Fort Lauderdale requires counter-execution by the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That each WHEREAS clause set forth above is true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.


SECTION 2. That the City Commission hereby authorizes counter-execution of the Letter of Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

SECTION 3. That the City Commission hereby delegates authority to the City Manager to execution the Letter of Agreement identified in Section 2 hereof.

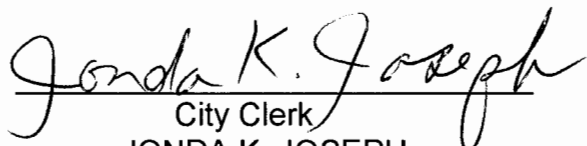
SECTION 4. That any and all Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon and after its final passage.

ADOPTED this the 4th day of November, 2014.

  
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Mayor  
JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk  
JONDA K. JOSEPH

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VIA FEDEX

October 16, 2014

City of Fort Lauderdale  
Mr. Lee R. Feldman  
City Manager  
100 N. Andrews Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Re: **Agreement between Florida East Coast Railway, L.L.C. ("FECR"), City of Fort Lauderdale (the "Licensee") and All Aboard Florida – Operations LLC ("AAF") with regard to the documents listed on Exhibit A hereto (as amended and assigned to date, the "Crossing Agreements") relating to the crossings referenced therein (the "Crossings")**

Dear Mr. Feldman:

This letter shall serve to memorialize the agreement reached between Licensee, FECR and AAF relating to the Crossing Agreements in existence that govern the Crossings (as such Crossings are more particularly defined in the Crossing Agreements) and terms relating to the construction, maintenance and safety of such Crossings. Specifically, and without modification to any other term, obligation or condition set forth in the Crossing Agreements, Licensee, FECR and AAF hereby agree to the following terms and conditions, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by the parties:

AAF is developing an intercity passenger rail service from Miami to Orlando (the "Project").

AAF shall incur the necessary and reasonable capital investments to complete the initial installation of crossing improvements at the Crossings to the extent required for the Project to comply with currently applicable laws regarding safety at public crossings and commence passenger rail service (the "Initial Development Cost"). It is acknowledged and agreed, however, that the AAF's commitment to cover the Initial Development Cost for the installation of crossings improvements at the Crossings for the Project shall not encompass the cost of any other improvements to the Crossings, including any improvements required or desired by Licensee such as those related to the establishment of quiet zones; provided, however, AAF will install quiet zone supplemental safety measures in accordance with criteria established by the Federal Railway Administration, 49 CFR Parts 222 and 229 and subject to funding under a Joint Participation Agreement to be executed by AAF, Florida Department of Transportation and Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization.

In consideration of the foregoing, Licensee confirms the following:

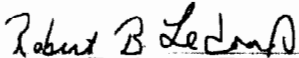
- The Crossings, as improved for the Project, shall continue to be governed by the Crossing Agreements.
- The Licensee shall not be responsible for the Initial Development Cost, but shall be liable for any and all other costs due under the Crossing Agreements with respect to the Crossings as improved, provided, however, that Licensee shall be entitled to receive an estimate of any and all costs or expenses to be paid by Licensee pursuant to the Crossing Agreements at least ninety (90) days in advance of the date by which payment shall be due.
- AAF is an intended third-party beneficiary of the Crossing Agreements, with the right to enforce the terms and conditions thereof.
- Except as expressly provided herein with regard to the planned improvements to the Crossings, the Initial Development Cost and AAF's beneficiary status, all of the terms, conditions, covenants, agreements and understandings contained in the Crossing Agreements shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect, and the same are hereby expressly ratified and confirmed by the Licensee. This includes, without limitation, the Licensee's continuing obligations related to construction, maintenance, safety, future changes and upgrades to the Crossings and the reimbursement of costs, all of which would continue to be governed by the Crossing Agreements, provided, however, that Licensee shall be entitled to receive an estimate of any and all costs or expenses to be paid by Licensee pursuant to the Crossing Agreements at least ninety (90) days in advance of the date by which payment shall be due.

If these terms are acceptable, please sign this letter in the space provided at the end of this signature page and return that signed document to us. To facilitate this process, it is agreed that this letter will be executed in counterparts, each of which will be deemed to be an original copy of this letter and all of which, when taken together, will be deemed to constitute one and the same agreement. It is also agreed that signed counterparts may be transmitted electronically (as an Adobe PDF file) or by facsimile, and that delivery in that way shall have the same force and effect as the delivery of original signatures. Also, this letter will be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, without regard to conflict of laws principles. Please understand, however, that the terms of this letter and any offer presented herein will expire and shall be null and void on the date that is 60 days of the date hereof if it has not been executed and returned to us by then. Further, if the improvements at the Crossings for the Project are not completed by December 31, 2018, the terms of this letter and any offer presented herein will expire and will be null and void.


We do hope to hear from you soon and look forward to working together. If you should have any questions, please contact our team at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Florida East Coast Railway, L.L.C.

By:   
Print Name: Robert B. Ledoux  
Print Title: Senior Vice President

All Aboard Florida – Operations LLC

By:   
Print Name: DON ROBINSON  
Print Title: Pres, det + C.O.O.

Cc: Robert Ledoux, FECR  
Margarita Martinez Miguez, AAF  
Cynthia Everett Esq., City Attorney

AGREED, ACKNOWLEDGED  
AND CONFIRMED:  
City of Fort Lauderdale

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Title: \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBIT A  
LIST OF CROSSING AGREEMENTS

N.E. 13th Street – DOT# 272548A

N.E. 3rd Avenue - DOT# 272550B

North Andrews Avenue - DOT# 272551H

N.W. 6th Street - DOT# 272552P

N.W. 4th Street - DOT# 272553W

N.W. 2nd Street - DOT# 272554D

S.W. 2nd Street - DOT# 272557Y

Pedestrian Walkway - DOT# 273433J

S.W. 7th Street - DOT# 272560G

S.W. 15th Street - DOT# 272563C

S.W. 17th Street - DOT# 272564J

S.W. 22nd Street - DOT# 272566X