



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 25-038

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*

DATE: April 18, 2025

SUBJECT: New River Crossing – Broward County Letter and Pending Designation of a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) on April 22, 2025

On April 16, 2025, Broward County Mayor Beam Furr sent a letter to Mayor Dean Trantalis regarding the New River Crossing and Broward Commuter Rail-North. The letter, attached below, acknowledges that the City Commission approved Resolution No. 25-71 on April 15, 2025, and notes his intention to bring forward a resolution at the Board of County Commissioners meeting on April 22, 2025.

Upon review of the Broward County Board of County Commissioners April 22, 2025, agenda, staff became aware of an agenda item that includes two actions related to the Broward Commuter Rail-North project.

25-338 (Item 61) A. MOTION TO ADOPT Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Broward County, Florida approving the designation of Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) to certain proposed elements of the Broward Commuter Rail-North Public Transit Project (BCR-North) located on the Florida East Coast Railway Corridor; confirming independent utility and logical termini of the project, authorizing a maximum amount not to exceed \$20,000,000 for Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) activities costs; and authorizing the County Administrator to take the necessary administrative and budgetary actions, including the procurement of vendor(s) to perform the required PD&E study.

B. MOTION TO ADOPT Budget Resolution within the Transportation Surtax Fund to transfer \$20,000,000 to the Broward Commuter Rail-North project for the purposes of engineering, design, project development, and environmental study tasks consistent with state and federal funding requirements.

The letter from Mayor Furr and Item 61 documents are attached for your reference. Please contact Ben Rogers, Acting Assistant City Manager, at 954-828-3781 or Brogers@fortlauderdale.gov with any questions or concerns.

Attachments:

April 16, 2025, Letter from Mayor Furr to Mayor Trantalis

April 22, 2025, Broward County Board of County Commissioners Agenda Item 61 Documents

c: D'Wayne M. Spence, Interim City Attorney
David R. Solomon, City Clerk
Patrick Reilly, City Auditor
City Manager's Office
Department Directors



BEAM FURR, Mayor

Board of County Commissioners District 6
115 S. Andrews Avenue • Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301
(954) 357-7006

April 16, 2025

The Honorable Dean Trantalis
City of Fort Lauderdale
100 N Andrews Ave # 8,
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Dear Mayor Trantalis,

First, I want to thank the City of Fort Lauderdale staff for continue to work with Broward County staff to address options for crossing the New River as part of the Broward County Rail-North Commuter Rail (BCR-North) project. As stated in my letter of March 3, 2025, the County remains open to considering a viable tunnel proposal presented by the City on or about October 1st, 2025, provided that the items set forth in my letter were included, specifically as it relates to a providing a “viable and feasible public-private partnership tunnel development proposal” which was noted the resolution the City Commission adopted on April, 15, 2025.

The County will continue to collaborate with the City regarding the New River crossing component to BCR-North, while also remaining committed to delivering BCR-North service to all cities north of the New River. As I believe you are aware, many of the cities to the north are anxious to have commuter rail service and many have based their economic or redevelopment plans on this service coming to their central business districts. As you are also aware, without crossing the New River, we will not be able to make commuter rail a regional transportation option for Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties. As a regional government, the County is committed to addressing mobility challenges countywide, supporting the regional advancement of viable transportation alternatives, and assisting cities as they work to expand economic development opportunities within their boundaries.

To that end, I plan to bring a resolution forward on April 22, 2025, that will designate BCR-North as the Locally Preferred Alternative and to instruct County Administration to proceed with Project Development and Environmental actions to advance this project. Notwithstanding the fact that the City Commission resolution adopted last evening did not specifically include agreement with the proposal in my March 3, 2025, letter, and removed the mere acknowledgment that the County may proceed with a bridge crossing (without City support) if no viable tunnel alternative were presented, the proposed County resolution will remain silent on the preferred crossing technology at this time.



BEAM FURR, Mayor

Board of County Commissioners District 6
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Between now and October 1, 2025, I hope that City and County staff will continue their collaborative activities and the City will be able to present a viable tunnel proposal that is materially consistent with my March 3, 2025, letter. Should the City not present such a proposal for County consideration by that time, the County Commission, as the project sponsor, may move forward with designating the New River Crossing as a bridge during a future Broward County Commission meeting.

While we appreciate the continuing collaboration between the County and City staff regarding this issue, I hope you can appreciate that the resolution adopted last evening falls short of what we hoped to achieve. However, I believe it does show progress and reinforces the momentum that has been established for BCR-North. I look forward to open, transparent, and authentic communication as we continue advancing this component to countywide transportation improvements that I know we all view as critical to our community's future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beam Furr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Beam" on the left and "Furr" on the right, connected by a flourish.

cc: Broward County Board of County Commissioners
Monica Cepero, County Administrator
Dr. Kimm Campbell, Deputy County Administrator
Kevin Kelleher, Assistant County Administrator
Coree Cuff Lonergan, Director, Transportation Department
Andrew Meyers, County Attorney
Robert Melton, County Auditor



Broward County

Legislation Details

File #:	25-338	Version:	1		
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Title:	A. MOTION TO ADOPT Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Broward County, Florida approving the designation of Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) to certain proposed elements of the Broward Commuter Rail-North Public Transit Project (BCR-North) located on the Florida East Coast Railway Corridor; confirming independent utility and logical termini of the project, authorizing a maximum amount not to exceed \$20,000,000 for Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) activities costs; and authorizing the County Administrator to take the necessary administrative and budgetary actions, including the procurement of vendor(s) to perform the required PD&E study. B. MOTION TO ADOPT budget Resolution within the Transportation Surtax Fund to transfer \$20,000,000 to the Broward Commuter Rail-North project for the purposes of engineering, design, project development, and environmental study tasks consistent with state and federal funding requirements.				
Sponsors:	TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT				
Indexes:	Established Commission Goals				
Code sections:					
Attachments:	1. Exhibit 1 - Budget Resolution, 2. Additional Material - Information, 3. Additional Material - Information				

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result

Exhibit #1

BUDGET RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Broward County Florida, that the Clerk of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to make the following budget amendments within the Surtax Special Revenue Fund Fund 11610 for fiscal year 2025, pursuant to Section 129.06(2), Florida Statutes.

APPROPRIATIONS (0000781951)

<u>MT-General Administration (50401010)</u>	BRWD Commuter Rail - North PR (109062)	Prof Svcs-Consult Planning (512080)	\$20,000,000
<u>ND-Rev Coll-Treasury-Cash Mqm (95101000)</u>	Regional Transportation Parent (106896)	Payments To Oga (580020)	(\$20,000,000)

Approved Office of Management and Budget Date

ADOPTED THIS _____ day of _____, A.D. 20

Agenda # 25-338B

ITEM #61

- Resolution of Support from the City of Pompano Beach (R-2025-81 Broward County Commuter Rail North Project)
- Letter of Support and Resolution from City of Deerfield Beach (R-2022-055 Broward Commuter Rail North Project)
- Resolution of Support from the City of Oakland Park (R-2025-029-Broward County Commuter Rail North Project)
- Letter of Support and Resolution from the City of Wilton Manors (R-2021-040 Broward County Commuter Rail North Project)

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 22, 2025

**SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT**

RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 81

**CITY OF POMPANO BEACH
Broward County, Florida**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR BROWARD COMMUTER RAIL NORTH PROJECT FROM THE PROPOSED SOUTH FORT LAUDERDALE STATION AS PART OF THE BROWARD COMMUTER RAIL SOUTH PROJECT TO THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LINE; ACKNOWLEDGING POTENTIAL STATION LOCATIONS IN DEERFIELD BEACH, POMPANO BEACH, OAKLAND PARK AND FORT LAUDERDALE; ACKNOWLEDGING THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH COMMITMENT TO THE PROJECT TO ENHANCE MOBILITY IN THE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the FEC Railway corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing the Southeast Florida Region; and

WHEREAS, cities along Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, modern cities along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in Broward County, the Southeast Florida Region and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has received a Record of Decision from the Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”) to proceed into design for a commuter rail project, the completion of which would allow a commuter rail project in Broward County to connect and become part of a strategic regional transportation initiative extending through Broward into downtown Miami-Dade; and

WHEREAS, Broward County has received a Finding of No Significant Impact from FTA to proceed into design for Broward Commuter Rail South which is the southern 11.5 miles of commuter rail in Broward County that would connect with Miami-Dade commuter rail project; and

WHEREAS, the integrated system of transit services to be provided through Broward County's PREMO Program addresses existing and future travel markets, mobility and connectivity for residents and visitors in Broward County and the City of Pompano Beach; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout Broward County and the Southeast Florida Region; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of passenger service along Florida's east coast by Brightline has demonstrated a need and market for rail transportation through the Southeast Florida region; and

WHEREAS, the introduction of commuter rail service along Florida's east coast would provide an increase in economic growth, business investment and support for workforce housing; and

WHEREAS, the reduction of Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and changes to the distribution of trips by transportation mode would reduce fuel consumption and the amounts of pollutants emitted in the Southeast Florida Region; and

WHEREAS, the Broward MPO's "Route to 2050" identifies commuter rail along the FEC Railway corridor as a transportation need.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are true and correct and hereby ratified and confirmed by the City Commission. All exhibits attached hereto are hereby incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. Working with Broward County, local governments, and other appropriate public agencies, the City of Pompano Beach supports Broward County's adoption of a Locally Preferred Alternative with the proposed project limits and preliminary station locations identified in this resolution.

SECTION 3. The City of Pompano Beach agrees with the proposed transit station locations, to be refined through the next phase (Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study) of this project, particularly as they pertain to this jurisdiction, as appropriate.

SECTION 4. Working with Broward County and other appropriate agencies, the City of Pompano Beach agrees to support complementary land use policies, land development regulations, and economic development activities consistent with the Federal Transit Administration New Starts Project Development Process.

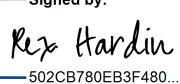
SECTION 5. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to forward a copy of this resolution to Broward County Board of County Commissioners and officials involved in regional transit planning.

SECTION 6. All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith, be and the same are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 7. If any clause, section or other part of this Resolution shall be held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such unconstitutional or invalid part shall be considered eliminated and will in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this Resolution.

SECTION 8. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of February, 2025.

Signed by:

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REX HARDIN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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KERVIN ALFRED, CITY CLERK

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Signed by:


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Office of the City Manager
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Deerfield Beach, FL 33441



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February 3, 2025

Coree Cuff Lonergan
General Manager/Director, Transportation
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Plantation, Florida 33324

Subject; Broward Commuter Rail North – PD&E Study

To whom it may concern:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Deerfield Beach to express our strong support for the Broward Commuter Rail North project. This vital initiative promotes sustainable mobility and improves the quality of life for our residents. In addition, the project will help manage roadway congestion and support economic growth by linking key employment, residential, and commercial centers with our city.

We believe that this project is vital for meeting the growing transportation needs of our community. It is essential that Broward County move forward with the Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) Study to continue with the development and implementation of this project and service. The City of Deerfield Beach previously passed a resolution of support for the project. A copy is enclosed.

The City of Deerfield Beach looks forward to continuing our collaboration with Broward County Transit for the successful implementation of the Broward Commuter Rail North project and others in the PREMO plan.

Thank you for your leadership with this transformative project.

Sincerely,

Rodney Brimlow
City Manager

More Than Just a Pretty Beach

RESOLUTION NO. 2022/055

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE BROWARD COMMUTER RAIL PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR EXECUTION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Broward Commuter Rail project (the “BCR Project”) is a 27-mile commuter rail transit project from Aventura in Miami-Dade County to Deerfield Beach in Broward County, which will connect to the proposed Miami-Dade County SMART Plan Northeast Corridor project, both of which utilize the existing Florida East Coast rail corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”) is anticipated to be a key funding partner for the BCR Project; and

WHEREAS, the BCR Project analysis is a joint effort between the Florida Department of Transportation (“FDOT”) and Broward County (the “County”); and

WHEREAS, one of the project components that FDOT and the County have been jointly addressing is passenger station locations; and

WHEREAS, the station refinement process for the entire tri-county area (Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade Counties) has evolved over 16 years, and the number of potential stations has been refined from nearly 100 station areas to 26 and later down to six based on various criteria; and

WHEREAS, the station locations will have a significant impact on the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, stations provide communities with mobility options, additional residential units, access to adjacent places of employment, economic development, increased property value, and tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, the City has embraced Smart Growth principals that recognize the potential benefits of a commuter rail station, including the encouragement of walkable neighborhoods and commercial districts and support for multi-modal transportation; and

WHEREAS, communities that embrace these policies will assist the County in creating a stronger competitive FTA New/Small Starts federal funding application for the BCR Project; and

WHEREAS, one of the locations identified for a station is in the City of Deerfield Beach on privately owned property in the 400 to 500 block of South Dixie Highway in the Pioneer Grove District; and

Resolution 2022/055

WHEREAS, stations will be required to provide an estimated 500 parking spaces for commuter rail users; and

WHEREAS, since the Deerfield Beach site is privately owned, and will require structured parking to accommodate the station and an associated mix of uses to activate the project, the City supports the BCR Project with funding options that will allow for paid parking to offset the cost of a parking structure; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to support the Broward Commuter Rail Project and a BCR station in the City of Deerfield Beach.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

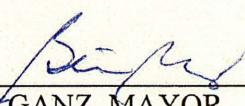
Section 1. The above referenced "Whereas" clauses are true and correct and made a part of this Resolution.

Section 2. The City Commission hereby supports the Broward Commuter Rail Project and a BCR passenger station located in the City. The City supports the BCR Project with funding options that will allow for paid parking to offset the cost of a parking structure at station locations.

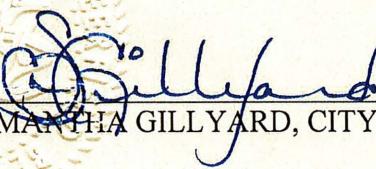
Section 3. The appropriate City officials are authorized to do all things necessary to carry out the aims of this Resolution.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5TH DAY OF APRIL, 2022.


BILL GANZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SAMANTHA GILLYARD, CITY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-029

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR BROWARD COMMUTER RAIL NORTH PROJECT FROM THE PROPOSED SOUTH FORT LAUDERDALE STATION AS PART OF THE BROWARD COMMUTER RAIL SOUTH PROJECT TO THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LINE; ACKNOWLEDGING POTENTIAL STATION LOCATIONS IN DEERFIELD BEACH, POMPANO BEACH, OAKLAND PARK AND FORT LAUDERDALE; ACKNOWLEDGING THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK COMMITMENT TO THE PROJECT TO ENHANCE MOBILITY IN THE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the FEC Railway corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing the Southeast Florida Region; and

WHEREAS, cities along Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, modern cities along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in Broward County, the Southeast Florida Region and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has received a Record of Decision from the Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”) to proceed into design for a commuter rail project, the completion of which would allow a commuter rail project in Broward County to connect and become part of a strategic regional transportation initiative extending through Broward into downtown Miami; and,

WHEREAS, Broward County has received a Finding of No Significant Impact from FTA to proceed into design for Broward Commuter Rail South which is the southern 11.5 miles of commuter rail in Broward County that would connect with Miami-Dade commuter rail project; and

WHEREAS, the integrated system of transit services to be provided through Broward County's PREMO Program addresses existing and future travel markets, mobility and connectivity for residents and visitors in Broward County and the City of Oakland Park; and,

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2 **WHEREAS**, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved
3 mobility, especially between cities and throughout Broward County and the Southeast
4 Florida Region; and

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6 **WHEREAS**, the reintroduction of passenger service along Florida's east coast by
7 Brightline has demonstrated a need and market for rail transportation through the
8 Southeast Florida region; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, the introduction of commuter rail service along Florida's east coast
11 would provide an increase in economic growth, business investment and support for
12 workforce housing; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, the reduction of Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and changes to the
15 distribution of trips by transportation mode would reduce fuel consumption and the
16 amounts of pollutants emitted in the Southeast Florida Region; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, the Broward MPO's "Route to 2050" identifies commuter rail along
19 the FEC Railway corridor as a transportation need.

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21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY**
22 **COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA THAT:**

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24 **SECTION 1.** The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are true and correct and hereby
25 ratified and confirmed by the City Commission. All exhibits attached hereto are hereby
26 incorporated herein.

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28 **SECTION 2.** Working with the Broward County, local governments, and other
29 appropriate public agencies, the City of Oakland Park supports Broward County's
30 adoption of a Locally Preferred Alternative with the proposed project limits and
31 preliminary station locations identified in this resolution.

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33 **SECTION 3.** The City of Oakland Park agrees with the proposed transit station
34 locations, to be refined through the next phase (Project Development and Environment
35 (PD&E) Study) of this project, particularly as they pertain to this jurisdiction, as
36 appropriate.

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38 **SECTION 4.** Working with Broward County and other appropriate agencies, the
39 City of Oakland Park agrees to support complementary land use policies, land
40 development regulations, and economic development activities consistent with the Federal
41 Transit Administration New Starts Project Development Process.

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1 **SECTION 5.** The City Clerk is hereby authorized to forward a copy of this
2 resolution to Broward County Board of County Commissioners and officials involved in
3 regional transit planning.

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5 **SECTION 6.** All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith, be and
6 the same are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

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8 **SECTION 7.** If any clause, section or other part of this Resolution shall be held
9 by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such
10 unconstitutional or invalid part shall be considered eliminated and will in no way affect
11 the validity of the other provisions of this Resolution.

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13 **SECTION 8.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its
14 passage and adoption.

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16 **ADOPTED** by the City Commission of the City of Oakland Park, Florida this 19th
17 day of February, 2025.

22 CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA

26 MAYOR TIM LONERGAN

S. ARNST	YES
A. GORDON	ABSENT
L. NEWBOLD	YES
F. BUDHOO	YES
T. LONERGAN	YES

37 ATTEST:



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40 RENEE M. SHROUT, CMC
41 CITY CLERK

City of Wilton Manors

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Life's Just Better Here

March 6, 2025

Coree Cuff Lonergan
General Manager/Director, Transportation
Broward County Transit (BCT)
1 North University Drive-Suite 3100A
Plantation, Florida 33324

Scott Newton
Mayor

Mike Bracchi
Vice Mayor

Chris Caputo
Commissioner

Don D'Arminio
Commissioner

Paul Rolli
Commissioner

Leigh Ann Henderson
City Manager

Kerry Ezrol
City Attorney

Subject: Broward Commuter Rail North – PD&E Study

Dear Ms. Lonergan:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Wilton Manors to express our strong support for the Broward Commuter Rail North project. This vital initiative promotes sustainable mobility and improves the quality of life for our residents. In addition, the project will help manage roadway congestion and support economic growth by linking key employment, residential, and commercial centers with our city.

We believe that this project is vital for meeting the growing transportation needs of our community. It is essential that Broward County move forward with the Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) Study to continue with the development and implementation of this project and service. The City of Wilton Manors previously passed a resolution of support for the project. A copy is enclosed.

The City of Wilton Manors looks forward to continuing our collaboration with Broward County Transit for the successful implementation of the Broward Commuter Rail North project and others in the PREMO plan.

Thank you for your leadership with this transformative project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Leigh Ann Henderson".

Leigh Ann Henderson
City Manager

Attachment: Resolution No. 2021-040

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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-040

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY 3 OF WILTON MANORS, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT 4 FOR A COMMUTER RAIL STATION TO BE LOCATED 5 WITHIN THE CITY OF WILTON MANORS, SOUTH OF NE 26 6 STREET AND ADJACENT TO THE F.E.C. RAILROAD 7 TRACKS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR 8 SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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10 **WHEREAS**, the City Commission finds that it is in the best interests of the
11 residents and businesses of the City to support the location of a commuter rail station
12 within the City of Wilton Manors, south of NE 26 Street adjacent to the F.E.C. railroad
13 tracks; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, the City of Wilton Manors has been proactive in its efforts in
16 anticipation of a commuter rail station to be located within the City limits; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, the City has an established plan to create the four key characteristics
19 of transit oriented development, including: continuous infill development within a half
20 mile radius of a station, increased mix of uses, higher density to support ridership and
21 reduced parking requirements, and

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23 **WHEREAS**, the City of Wilton Manors has an Economic Development Strategic
24 Plan identifying the location of a commuter rail station as the single biggest catalytic
25 economic development driver for the City; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, the City of Wilton Manors, hosted a workshop with the Urban Land
28 Institute to discuss how the City can position itself to ensure redevelopment that
29 encourages economic expansion and facilitate development opportunities that inspire
30 walkability, smart growth, and quality design, to create an urban village atmosphere while
31 protecting neighborhoods, and provide the financial sustainability the City needs in order
32 to support future services; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in 2019, the City of Wilton Manors engaged the services of the
2 Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council to create a vision for a station area as well as
3 the City Hall property; resulting in a Wilton Manors Station Area Master Plan which
4 includes the creation of a physical master plan for the anticipated station, development of
5 transit oriented design concepts, development of market overview, coordination with other
6 agencies, a review of land use, recommendations to implement transit oriented
7 development, improve walkability and connectivity, and desired economic development;
8 and

9 **WHEREAS**, the City of Wilton Manors engaged Calvin Giordano & Associates,
10 Inc. (CGA) to perform the Urban Form and Density Study. On November 26, 2019, the
11 City Commission accepted the Urban Form and Density Study detailing eight (8)
12 recommendations which include, expanding the existing Transit Oriented Corridor Land
13 Use Category's boundaries, reconciling the future land use and zoning maps for the Transit
14 Oriented Corridor Land Use Category; buffering single family homes from abutting
15 development; creating great places for people; re-evaluating existing parking study
16 regulations; increasing sustainability and resilience; and connecting people to places; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the City of Wilton Manors, based on the recommendations of the
18 Urban Form and Density Study, the City's vision, and the findings of the Station Area
19 Master Plan from Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, entered into an agreement
20 with CGA to increase density in the Transit Oriented Corridor Land Use Categories, to
21 expand the boundaries of the Transit Oriented Corridor land use category, and to draft
22 amendments to the City's Urban Center Mixed-Use Zoning Districts, referred to as Article
23 030 of the City's Unified Land Development Regulation; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Wilton Manors supports the location of a commuter rail
2 station within the City.

3 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION**
4 **OF THE CITY OF WILTON MANORS, FLORIDA, THAT:**

5 **Section 1.** The aforementioned “WHEREAS” clauses are hereby ratified and
6 confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

7 **Section 2.** The City Commission of the City of Wilton Manors expresses its
8 support for a commuter rail station within the City of Wilton Manors, south of NE 26
9 Street adjacent to the F.E.C. rail road tracks.

10 **Section 3.** The City Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the
11 Florida Department of Transportation, Broward County, the Broward Metropolitan
12 Planning Organization, the South Florida Regional Transit Authority, and Brightline.

13 **Section 4.** All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith, be and
14 the same are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

15 **Section 5.** If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is held
16 to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding
17 shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

18 **Section 6.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its
19 passage and adoption.

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1 **PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF**
2 **WILTON MANORS, FLORIDA, THIS 35th DAY OF MAY, 2021.**

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10 ATTEST:



11 Faith Lombardo

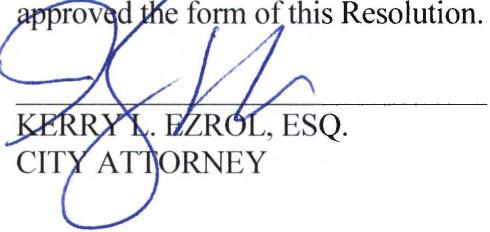
12 FAITH LOMBARDO
13 CITY CLERK

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17 I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have
18 approved the form of this Resolution.

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20 KERRY L. EZROL, ESQ.
21 CITY ATTORNEY

2 CITY OF WILTON MANORS, FLORIDA

3 By: 

4 Scott Newton, MAYOR

5 RECORD OF COMMISSION VOTE

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7 VICE MAYOR ROLLI
8 COMMISSIONER BRACCHI
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ADDITIONAL MATERIAL REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 22, 2025

**SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT**

PROPOSED

RESOLUTION NO.

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD
2 COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE DESIGNATION OF "LOCALLY PREFERRED
3 ALTERNATIVE" TO CERTAIN PROPOSED ELEMENTS OF A COMMUTER RAIL
4 PUBLIC TRANSIT PROJECT LOCATED ON THE FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILWAY
5 CORRIDOR FROM THE NORTHERNMOST STATION OF THE BROWARD
6 COMMUTER RAIL SOUTH PROJECT TO A NORTHERN TERMINUS FOR A
7 COMMUTER RAIL PROJECT IN NORTHERN BROWARD COUNTY ("BCR-NORTH");
8 CONFIRMING INDEPENDENT UTILITY AND LOGICAL TERMINI OF THE PROJECT;
9 TRANSFERRING \$20,000,000 OF TRANSPORTATION SURTAX FUNDING FROM
10 THE FY2025-26 CAPITAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION FOR REGIONAL
11 TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUTER RAIL TO THE PROJECT FOR PROJECT
12 DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY COSTS; DIRECTING THE COUNTY
13 ADMINISTRATOR TO PURSUE STATE AND FEDERAL GRANT FUNDING FOR THE
14 BCR-NORTH PROJECT; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE
15 DATE.

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17 WHEREAS, there is a critical need to develop adequate transit services for the
18 mobility needs of residents, businesses, and visitors in Broward County and the broader
19 Southeast Florida region;

20 WHEREAS, in 1995 a collaboration of freight operators and the Florida
21 Department of Transportation ("FDOT") completed the "Rail Rationalization Study,"

22 recommending long-term planning for both the South Florida Rail Corridor (“SFRC”) and
23 the Florida East Coast Railway (“FEC”) Corridor, including double tracking the SFRC,
24 concurrent public investment in the FEC Corridor, and consideration of implementing
25 passenger rail service within the FEC Corridor;

26 WHEREAS, the South Florida East Coast Corridor Study, later referred to as the
27 Tri-Rail Coastal Link Study (initiated in 2004), explored the feasibility of an 85-mile
28 Tri-County commuter rail transit system through Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach
29 counties to provide traffic relief, increased mobility, and greater access to the State’s
30 Strategic Intermodal System facilities;

31 WHEREAS, the provision of commuter rail service in Broward County is consistent
32 with the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan from the Broward Metropolitan Planning
33 Organization (“MPO”), which identifies a commuter rail project on the FEC Corridor as an
34 element of a “Transit Needs” list;

35 WHEREAS, on January 28, 2021, Broward County and FDOT executed a
36 Memorandum of Understanding, formalizing a partnership aimed at advancing commuter
37 rail service on the FEC rail corridor in Broward County;

38 WHEREAS, on October 21, 2021, Miami-Dade County received approval from the
39 Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”) to enter the project development phase for a
40 project along the FEC rail corridor, the completion of which would allow a commuter rail
41 project in Broward County to connect and become part of a strategic regional
42 transportation initiative extending from Broward to downtown Miami;

43 WHEREAS, on August 22, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners of Broward
44 County, Florida (“Board”), voted unanimously to proceed with advancing implementation
45 of an 11.5-mile commuter rail service on the FEC rail corridor between the Aventura
46 Station in Miami-Dade County (connecting to Miami-Dade’s proposed commuter rail
47 project), and the north terminus near the Broward Health station (SW 15th/17th Street)
48 (such portions located in Broward County referred to as “BCR-South”) as the Locally
49 Preferred Alternative (“LPA”) for commuter rail in southern Broward County;

50 WHEREAS, the County, at the direction of the Board, in partnership with FDOT,
51 completed the preliminary engineering and National Environmental Policy Act (“NEPA”)
52 study in September 2024, and was accepted into the FTA New Starts grant program in
53 December 2024;

54 WHEREAS, in connection with the potential for establishing commuter rail from the
55 northernmost station of BCR-South to northern Broward County (“BCR-North”), the
56 County completed a round of public outreach efforts between December 2024 and
57 February 2025, including over twenty (20) stakeholder and community meetings and
58 two (2) general public meetings, through which the County received overwhelming
59 support from all five (5) Broward County municipalities along the proposed BCR-North
60 project, from communities along the corridor, and from other stakeholders, to extend the
61 commuter rail to the northern part of Broward County; and

62 WHEREAS, to begin the Project Development and Environmental (“PD&E”) study
63 process for the potential BCR-North project, the Board must adopt an LPA to certain
64 proposed elements of BCR-North, confirm independent utility and logical termini of the

65 proposed project, and provide funding for the required PD&E study for the project, NOW,

66 THEREFORE,

67 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF

68 BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

69 Section 1. Designation of LPA for Elements of BCR-North Project.

70 The implementation of commuter rail services along FEC Railway corridor from the
71 planned Broward Health station near SW 17th Street in Fort Lauderdale, as part of the
72 BCR-South project, to a northern terminus located near East Hillsboro Boulevard in
73 Deerfield Beach, includes a total of four (4) proposed stations.

74 Mode: Commuter Rail Transit

75 Technology: Push-pull locomotive

76 Recommended Station Locations:

77 Downtown Fort Lauderdale station at or near Broward Boulevard

78 Oakland Park station at or near NE 36th Street

79 Pompano Beach station at or near MLK-Hammondville Road/NE 6th Street

80 Deerfield Beach station at or near SW 2nd Street/Hillsboro Boulevard

81 Section 2. Utility and Logical Termini.

82 The Board finds that the BCR-North project has independent utility and logical
83 termini. Service will extend approximately 15.5 miles between the south terminus
84 proposed at the planned Broward Health station near SW 17th Street in Fort Lauderdale,
85 as part of the BCR-South project on the FEC corridor, and the north terminus near East
86 Hillsboro Boulevard in Deerfield Beach.

87 Section 3. Authorized Appropriation and Disbursement.

88 The Board authorizes the transfer of a maximum amount not to exceed Twenty
89 Million Dollars (\$20,000,000) from the Transportation Surtax Fund to be used for PD&E
90 studies that are required in connection with the FTA New Starts grant application and
91 project management-related activities. The Board further authorizes the County
92 Administrator to take any necessary administrative actions to procure (subject to final
93 Board approval of the contract or other agreement) vendor(s) to perform the PD&E
94 studies.

95 Section 4. Grant Funding.

96 The Board directs the County Administrator to pursue grant funding from federal
97 and state government sources to support the BCR-North project and to coordinate with
98 the Broward MPO and other organizations, as appropriate, in seeking such grant funding.

99 Section 5. Severability.

100 If any portion of this Resolution is determined by any court to be invalid, the invalid
101 portion will be stricken, and such striking will not affect the validity of the remainder of this
102 Resolution. If any court determines that this Resolution, in whole or in part, cannot be
103 legally applied to any individual, group, entity, property, or circumstance, such
104 determination will not affect the applicability of this Resolution to any other individual,
105 group, entity, property, or circumstance.

106 | Section 6. Effective Date.

107 This Resolution is effective upon adoption.

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:
Andrew J. Meyers, County Attorney

By: /s/ Nathaniel A. Klitsberg 04/16/2025
Nathaniel A. Klitsberg (date)
Transportation Surtax General Counsel

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