



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

**#15-1368**

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

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

**DATE:** November 17, 2015

**TITLE:** Quiet Zones Presentation

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Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) staff will provide a presentation (Exhibit 1) on the regional Quiet Zone application being prepared for South Florida.

The MPO is assisting the cities in Broward County to be designated Quiet Zones as a way to help preserve the quality of life for residents along the rail line in anticipation of the Brightline passenger service and increasing freight movements along the Florida East Coast (FEC) Corridor. Quiet Zones can be established for the purpose of reducing train horn noise with the mitigation of the increased risk caused by the absence of a horn. The mitigations typically include safety measures such as additional crossing gates and small medians to reduce access to the tracks when a train is passing.

The MPO has secured the services of TY Lin International to prepare the Quiet Zone application to the Federal Railroad Administration for the affected communities in Broward County. The City of Hollywood is the lead city on the application with each of the affected communities joining the application by resolution. The resolution for the City to participate in the Quiet Zone application will be placed on the December 1, 2015 City Commission Regular Meeting Agenda.

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

### **Strategic Connections**

All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail coordination was a Commission Annual Action Priority for FY 2014.

This item is 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 2: Monitor All Aboard Florida implementation, and advocate for the City's best interest.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale* vision of Being Connected, where neighbors can move seamlessly and easily through a safe transportation system where the pedestrian is first.

### **Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – Quiet Zone Presentation

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