

Quiet Zone Information

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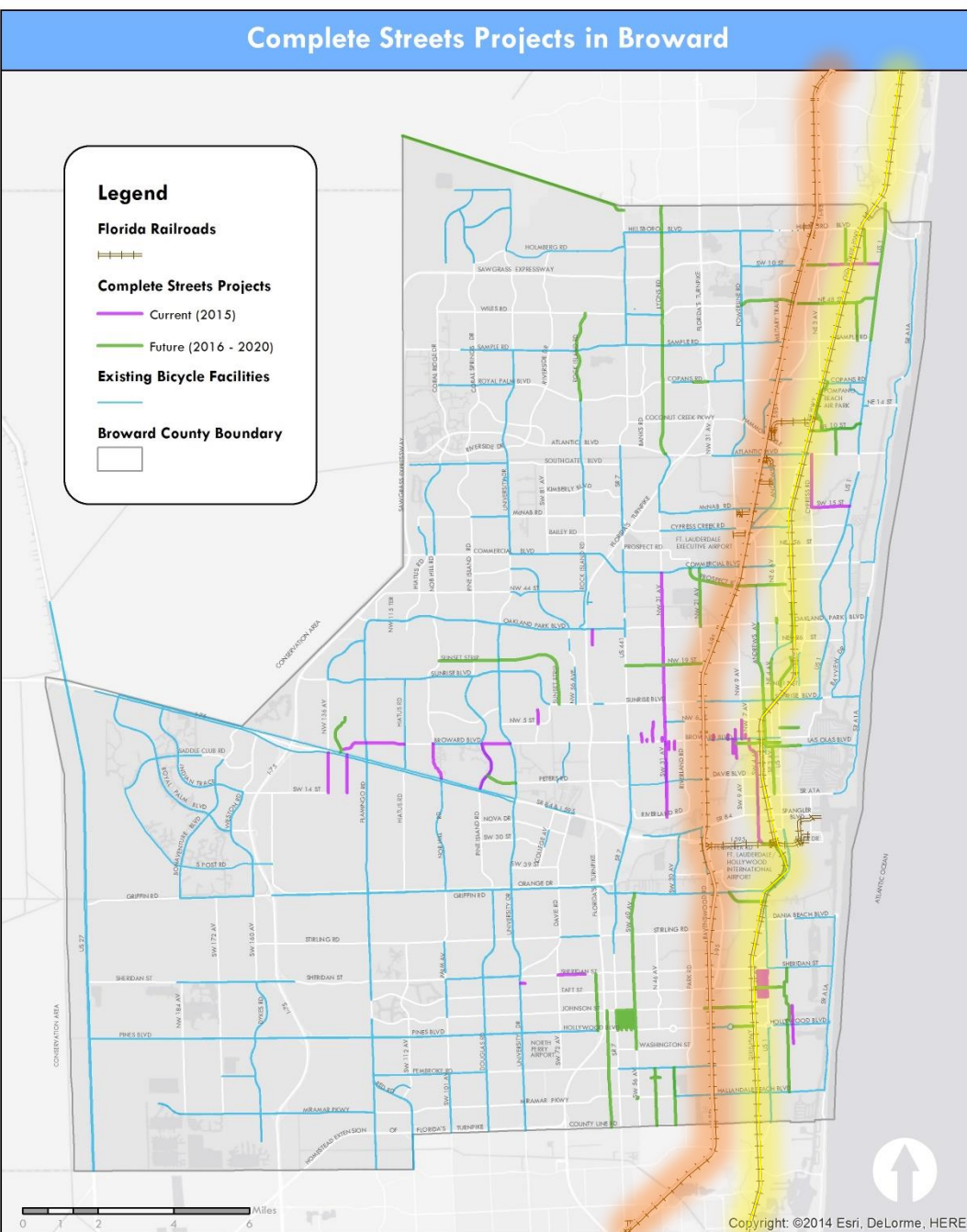
About the Broward MPO

- Located in Broward County

- 1.8 million residents
- 2 major rail corridors
 - CSX
 - Florida East Coast

- In the next 5 years programmed \$100 million of Bike and Pedestrian improvements

- Walking Audits to identify deficiencies in the pedestrian environment



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What is a Quiet Zone?

- A **Quiet Zone** is governed under the Train Horn Rule (49 CFR Part 222), locomotive engineers must begin to sound train horns at least 15 seconds, and no more than 20 seconds, in advance of all public grade crossings.
- Effectively the one safety feature (train horn) is supplemented by one or more other safety features.
- Safety is equivalent, or better, and **quality of life** near train tracks increases.

Elements of a Quiet Zone

- Supplemental Safety Measures (SSM)
 - Four Quadrant Gate System
 - Gates with Medians
 - Gates with Channelization
 - One Way Street with Gate(s)
 - Close (permanently) Railroad Crossing
 - Close (temporarily) Railroad Crossing
- Connectivity is not an element
 - Does not have to connect to local ROW
 - Easier to tie ped features to existing, safe crossing



SSM: 4 Quadrant Gates



SSM: Raised Medians



SSM: Channelization



Designing the Quiet Zone

- Use the FRA Quiet Zone Calculator
- Targeted High Risk Intersections
 - Risk index greater than 100,000.
 - Applied medians where the geometry allowed.
 - Applied 4 quadrant gates.
- Pedestrian connectivity was not a factor but the improvements nonetheless improve pedestrian safety and access!

Update and Verify Crossing Information CONTINUE

Zone: **TEST ZONE 1**
Pre-Rule Quiet Zone? No

521072S COLUMBUS ST
521073Y WASHINGTON ST
521076U *NO NAME
521077B MCMASTER ST
521078H SEYMOUR ST
521079P STATE ST
521080J PERRINE ST
521081R NORTH ST
521082X *MUTTON HILL RD.
521083E ST-5
521084L *MILLERS ROAD
521085T DEPOT-MUNSON RD
521087G BAKER ROAD
521088N COTTAGE ST

521077B MCMASTER ST

Present warn device: Crossbucks Crossbucks
Number of highway vehicles per day: 001082 1082
Number of trains per day: 1 1
Number of trains per day during daylight: 0 0
Number of main tracks: 1 1
Highways paved: Yes Yes
Maximum timetable speed mph: 10 10
Number of highway lanes: 2 2
Number of years accident data: 5 5
Number of accidents in accident data years: 0 0

UPDATE
Note: Updating Crossing information on the Quiet Zone Calculator **DOES NOT** update the crossing inventory. Be sure that an updated inventory form is also submitted.

* = Not Public At Grade Crossing

☐ To verify ALL CROSSING INFORMATION PROVIDED is correct, click on the check box here.

ADD CROSSING DELETE CROSSING

Municipality	Street	Risk Index BEFORE SSM		Risk Index AFTER SSM	Change
Deerfield Beach	S.E.4TH ST.	146,258	Quad Gates	26,326	-119,932
Deerfield Beach	S.W.15TH ST.	160,078	Quad Gates	28,814	-131,264
Deerfield Beach	SAMPLE RD	<div> <div>Summary</div> <div> <div>Proposed Quiet Zone:</div> <div>Broward County</div> <div>Preexisting SSM</div> </div> <div> <div>Type:</div> <div>New 24-hour QZ</div> </div> <div> <div>Scenario:</div> <div>Broward Co_44716</div> </div> <div> <div>Estimated Total Cost:</div> <div>\$1,865,000.00</div> </div> <div> <div>Nationwide Significant Risk Threshold:</div> <div>14347 .00</div> </div> <div> <div>Risk Index with Horns:</div> <div>92095.56</div> </div> <div> <div>Quiet Zone Risk Index:</div> <div>73210.75</div> </div> <div> <div>Select</div> </div> </div>		67,359	-306,860
Pompano Beach	Atlantic Blvd / NW 3			23,946	-109,090
Oakland Park	N.E. 38TH ST.			34,691	-158,038
Oakland Park	OAKLAND PARK BLVD			22,343	-101,785
Wilton Manors	N.E. 26TH ST.			42,432	-169,729
Fort Lauderdale	N.E. 3RD AVE			37,077	-168,910
Fort Lauderdale	N.ANDREWS AVE			58,746	-267,623
Fort Lauderdale	N.W. 6TH ST.			29,715	-135,371
Fort Lauderdale	N.W. 4TH ST.			11,053	-45,673
Fort Lauderdale	N.W. 2ND ST.			0	-58,406
Fort Lauderdale	S.W. 2ND ST.			26,130	-119,040
Fort Lauderdale	S.W. 9TH ST.			11,396	-45,587
Fort Lauderdale	S.W. 12TH ST.			43,370	-173,481
Fort Lauderdale	S.W. 15TH ST.	62,086	Medians	12,417	-49,669
Dania Beach	S.W. 2ND ST.	113,577	Quad Gates	20,443	-93,133
Hollywood	HOLLYWOOD BLVD	114,467	Quad Gates	20,604	-93,863
Hallandale Beach	HALLANDALE BLVD	115,681	Quad Gates	20,822	-94,859

Why pursue a Quiet Zone?

- **Quality of life** extends to more people
 - Local residential support
 - Local political support
- Quiet zones are seen as a tool for **economic development**.

Timeline

- ✓ Identify quiet zone
- ✓ Install Supplemental Safety Measures (SSM)
- ☐ Adopt resolution of support for quiet zone
- ☐ Send Notice of Intent (NOI) to all parties: partnering entities (municipal/county), railroad operator (SFRTA, CSX, Amtrak), FDOT District 4, FDOT Central Office, FRA
 - 60 day comment period
- ☐ Send Notice of Establishment (NOE) to all parties: partnering entities (municipal/county), railroad operator (SFRTA, CSX, Amtrak), FDOT District 4, FDOT Central Office, FRA
 - 21 day grace period
- ☐ Quiet zone in effect

Questions?