



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

#16-0025

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

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

DATE: January 18, 2017

TITLE: Resolution Authorizing Submittal of a Co-Application, with the City of
Oakland Park for a Continuous Quiet Zone along the South Florida Rail
Corridor in Broward County

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution authorizing submittal of all necessary documents to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), as a co-applicant with the City of Oakland Park, to establish a continuous quiet zone along the South Florida Rail Corridor (SFRC) in Broward County.

Background

SFRC is used by the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) and Amtrak to operate passenger rail service and by the CSX to operate freight service.

The federal Train Horn Rule (49 CFR Part 222) regulates the sounding of train horns in advance of public grade crossings and provides an opportunity for local governments to establish “quiet zones” within which locomotive engineers will cease the routine sounding of horns when approaching public highway-rail grade crossings. A requirement of this designation is to mitigate the increased risk presented in the absence of horns through the installation of safety measures such as additional crossing gates and small medians to reduce access to the tracks when a train is passing. The required mitigation measures are in place throughout the SFRC corridor within Broward County.

The Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization will assist the cities of Fort Lauderdale and Oakland Park with their co-application to the FRA.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

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.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Connected*.

Attachment:

Exhibit 1 – Resolution

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