

RESOLUTION NO. 17-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO PURSUE THE CREATION OF A QUIET ZONE ALONG THE SOUTH FLORIDA RAIL CORRIDOR IN BROWARD COUNTY AS THE JOINT LEAD APPLICANT WITH THE SUPPORT OF OTHER COASTAL BROWARD COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES AND THE BROWARD METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO).

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WHEREAS, the South Florida Rail Corridor (SFRC) traverses many local government jurisdictions in coastal Broward County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, The South Florida Regional Transportation Authority and Amtrak operate passenger rail service and CSX operates freight service on the SFRC in Broward County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be in the public interest to mitigate the impacts of the train traffic on the SFRC rail corridor; and

WHEREAS, under the federal Train Horn Rule (49 CFR Part 222), engineers are required to sound the train horn upon approach of each grade crossing; and

WHEREAS, a "Quiet Zone" in which trains are not required to sound a horn at grade crossings, once safety improvements are made, can be effective in reducing the impact of train horn noise; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a contiguous Quiet Zone from the Miami-Dade County, Florida border to the Palm Beach County, Florida border within Broward County, Florida will provide the highest level of community benefit; and

WHEREAS, the SFRC has had additional supplemental safety measures installed which meet the federal requirements for the creation of a Quiet Zone; and

WHEREAS, the Co-lead applicants, the Cities of Fort Lauderdale, Florida and Oakland Park, Florida support the creation of a Quiet Zone to mitigate train horn noise; and

WHEREAS, affected local governments are required to seek a Quiet Zone designation either individually or jointly; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland Park through a parallel resolution is supporting the creation of a Quiet Zone; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Fort Lauderdale, Florida and Oakland Park, Florida will jointly submit the necessary documents for the establishment of a Broward County Quiet Zone; and

WHEREAS, the Broward MPO has offered to improve efficiency by assisting local governments and by coordinating the application for a Quiet Zone designation;

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

SECTION 1. That the City of Fort Lauderdale hereby supports partnering with Broward County, Florida local government jurisdictions to seek designation of a contiguous Quiet Zone that includes all grade crossings on the South Florida Rail Corridor.

SECTION 2. That the City of Fort Lauderdale hereby supports the Broward MPO in its effort to coordinate the application for a Quiet Zone.

SECTION 3. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale authorizes the appropriate city officials to pursue the creation of a Quiet Zone along the South Florida Rail Corridor in Broward County as part of a joint application for the Quiet Zone designation and authorizes the City Manager to transmit a formal submittal to the Federal Railroad Administration for such designation of a continuous Quiet Zone that includes all grade crossings on the SFRC in Broward County.

SECTION 4. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale hereby directs the City Clerk to transmit an executed copy of this resolution to the City of Oakland Park, the Broward County government, the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization and the District Four Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation.

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

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Mayor  
JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER

ATTEST:

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City Clerk  
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI