



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

**#17-1507**

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

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

**DATE:** January 3, 2018

**TITLE:** Resolution Supporting the Tri-Rail Coastal Link for the Extension of  
Service from Miami-Dade County into Southeast Broward County

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution joining in support of the Tri-Rail Coast Link with the cities of Hollywood, Hallandale Beach and Dania Beach and commit to working with these and other partners to develop a sound financial plan to provide for the extension of the passenger rail service, north from Miami-Dade County into southeast Broward County.

**Background**

The Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway historically operated passenger rail service along Florida's east coast, and many South Florida municipalities developed around its passenger stations, including Fort Lauderdale. Those communities are continuing to redevelop along this rail corridor; however, without the option of rail transportation, vehicle congestion has continued to increase. Commuter rail service would help mitigate the traffic congestion, improve air quality and reduce fuel consumption in an environmentally sustainable manner.

In 2005, with the support of the cities and counties that desired the return of passenger service along the Florida East Coast Corridor, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) initiated the South Florida East Coast Corridor Transit Analysis (SFECCTA). More recently, in 2016, Miami-Dade County and its Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) placed top priority on expanding its passenger rail service, including service along the FEC Railway to the City of Aventura and, have been moving forward to establish the Tri-rail Coastal link in their region. It is now incumbent upon the stakeholders in Broward County to develop cost feasible plans to, at a minimum, bring the service into southeast Broward County.

The coalition proposed by this resolution will provide for consideration of continuing the implementation of the passenger service, north across the County line. The resolution, if approved by the cities of Hallandale Beach, Hollywood, Dania Beach, and Fort Lauderdale will result in an agreement to support plans to extend the passenger service which Miami-Dade County will be running to their northern limit across the line and into the heart of Broward County. It will signal to Broward County, the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), FDOT, Miami-Dade County, and the Florida East Coast Industries that the mobility improvements are to receive top priority within Broward County.

### **Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact at this time.

### **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* vision of Being Connected, where neighbors can move seamlessly and easily through a safe transportation system where the pedestrian is first.

### **Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – Tri-rail Coastal Link Resolution

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