

RESOLUTION NO. 18-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE TRI-RAIL COASTAL LINK COMMUTER RAIL SERVICE AND A COMMITMENT TO WORK WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF FLORIDA EAST COAST INDUSTRIES AND ITS AFFILIATES, THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, BROWARD COUNTY, THE BROWARD METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION, AND THE SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO DEVELOP A COST EFFECTIVE RAIL SYSTEM WITH A SOUND FINANCIAL PLAN FOR PROVIDING FOR CAPITAL AND OPERATING COSTS FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE FROM NORTHEAST MIAMI-DADE COUNTY INTO SOUTHEAST BROWARD COUNTY.

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, large portions of the South Florida region's population and businesses are concentrated within those municipalities where roadway traffic congestion is increasing; and

WHEREAS, commuter rail service would help mitigate the increased traffic congestion, improve air quality and reduce fuel consumption in an environmentally sustainable manner; and

WHEREAS, the cities of southeast Broward County – namely Dania Beach, Fort Lauderdale, Hallandale Beach, and Hollywood are actively redeveloping their downtown centers which straddle the rail corridor; and

WHEREAS, the representatives of Dania Beach, Fort Lauderdale, Hallandale Beach, and Hollywood have discussed and will continue to coordinate mobility improvements needed to alleviate traffic in the area; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that a commuter rail service will provide jobs, expand the tax base and increase revenues to strengthen the local and regional economies while providing improved access to job opportunities and greater mobility for the transit-dependent members of the community; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County's agencies have significantly advanced their participation level and commitment to funding for this project to move forward in Miami-Dade County and it is now incumbent upon the various agencies in Broward County to develop cost feasible plans to, at a minimum, bring the service into southeast Broward County;

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

SECTION 1. Support

A. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, hereby supports the Tri-Rail Coastal Link ("TRCL") Commuter Rail Service and commits to work with representatives of Florida East Coast ("FEC") Industries and its affiliates, Broward County, the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization ("MPO"), the Florida Department of Transportation and the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority to develop a cost effective system with a sound financial plan providing for capital and operating costs for the railroad service.


B. That the City Commission supports the continued joint coordination with the cities of Hollywood; Hallandale Beach and Dania Beach as well as the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization ("MPO") as it relates to mobility planning for southeast Broward and hereby requests the MPO to initiate a planning process for this purpose.

C. That it hereby supports partnering with Broward County and local government jurisdictions to seek support for mobility planning and establishment of a passenger rail on the FEC Railway in southeast Broward County.

D. That it hereby joins the City of Hollywood as the lead applicant for an MPO initialed study of mobility improvements in southeast Broward County.

SECTION 2. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption by the City Commission.

ADOPTED this the 3rd day of January, 2018

  
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Mayor  
JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER

ATTEST:



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City Clerk  
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI