

June 5, 2018

The Honorable Ron Batory
Administrator
Federal Railroad Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (“CRISI”) Grant Application
– South Florida Corridor Intrusion Prevention Program

Dear Administrator Batory,

The City of Fort Lauderdale is pleased to partner with All Aboard Florida – Operations LLC (dba Brightline Operations) (“Brightline”) and support Brightline’s application for funding under the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program administered by the Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation as outlined in their Notice of Funding Opportunity, published in the Federal Register on February 21, 2018.

Please consider this letter of support as our commitment to provide \$262,000 (30%) as a local match funding partner in Brightline’s program to improve railroad safety through grade crossing enhancements along the Brightline corridor within the City of Fort Lauderdale. The funds will be utilized for installation and maintenance of rail crossing improvements along the Brightline intercity passenger rail corridor.

We support these crossing safety enhancements to reduce the number of pedestrians and vehicles entering the passenger rail right-of-way during train operations. Our goal in implementing these measures is to prevent fatalities and injuries along the rail corridor while providing for safe and efficient operation of this valuable new passenger system serving our community.

We look forward to working with the FRA and Brightline on this very important program and appreciate your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Dean J. Trantalis
Mayor, City of Fort Lauderdale