



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

**#18-0618**

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

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

**DATE:** June 5, 2018

**TITLE:** Motion to Commit Grant Match Funds for Railroad Safety Improvements

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a motion to commit \$262,000 as a local match in support of All Aboard Florida's railroad safety grant application and authorize the associated letter of support.

**Background**

All Aboard Florida – Operations LLC (DBA Brightline Operations) is developing a grant application under the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements ("CRISI") Program administered by the Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation. The grant application will request funds to install additional rail safety infrastructure, including additional gates, delineators to discourage cars from going around gates, and active warning signs that illuminate with warning messages as a freight or passenger train approaches.

All Aboard Florida has requested the City's support to provide the local match for crossings located within the City of Fort Lauderdale. If approved, the City's commitment will be 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.

These crossing safety enhancements are intended to reduce the number of pedestrians and vehicles entering the passenger rail right-of-way during train operations. They will prevent fatalities and injuries along the rail corridor while providing for safe and efficient operation of the passenger system.

**Resource Impact**

Funding for the City's match will come from \$500,000 in funding that was deposited by All Aboard Florida to an escrow account from a land swap. There is an associated budget amendment CAM #18-0224.

ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
001-GEN010101-4210	Other Gen Govt - Social/Cultural	Other Operating Expenses / Operating Subsidies	\$1,027,604	\$446,933	\$262,000
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$262,000

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is a Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018 initiative, included within the Internal Support Cylinder, specifically advancing:

- Goal 12: Be a leading government organization, managing our resources wisely and sustainably.
- Objective 1: Ensure sound fiscal management.

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

### **Related CAM**

#18-0224

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – City of Fort Lauderdale Railroad Crossings

Exhibit 2 – Letter of Support CRISI Program

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