



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

**#21-0050**

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

**FROM:** Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** January 5, 2021

**TITLE:** Resolution Approving Brightline Crossroads Improvements Public Purpose  
Participation Agreement - \$500,000 - (**Commission Districts 1, 2 and 4**)

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution approving the Public Purpose Participation Agreement with Brightline Trains Florida LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and authorizing execution of the agreement.

**Background**

On June 5, 2018, the City Commission approved a motion to commit grant match funds in the amount of \$262,000 for railroad safety improvements by Brightline Trains under the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements ("CRISI") Program administered by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) within the US Department of Transportation. The grant application requested 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.

Brightline Trains was awarded a cooperative agreement with the FRA. In addition to the \$262,000 in improvements originally appropriated by the Commission, an additional \$238,000 in safety improvements to benefit the City of Fort Lauderdale have been identified. Funding for the City's contribution to this effort will come from the \$500,000 in funding that was deposited by Brightline Trains into an escrow account from a land swap.

Brightline Trains will use the appropriated funds provided by the City of Fort Lauderdale, pursuant to the Agreement, to improve railroad safety through grade crossing enhancements along the Brightline corridor serving the City of Fort Lauderdale.

### **Resource Impact**

Funding for the City's contribution to this effort will come from \$500,000 in funding that was deposited by All Aboard Florida to an escrow account from a land swap. This item is contingent upon the approval of the Consolidated Budget Amendment CAM 21-0044.

### **Use:**

| Funds available as of December 12, 2020 |                                     |   |                                  |                                     |           |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| ACCOUNT NUMBER                          | INDEX NAME<br>(Program)             | CHARACTER CODE/<br>SUB-OBJECT<br>NAME               | AMENDED<br>BUDGET<br>(Character) | AVAILABLE<br>BALANCE<br>(Character) | AMOUNT    |
| 001-GEN010101-<br>4210                  | Other Gen Govt –<br>Social/Cultural | Other Operating<br>Expenses/ Social<br>Contribution | \$ 2,647,236                     | \$ 2,166,822                        | \$500,000 |
| APPROPRIATION TOTAL ►                   |                                     |   |                                  |                                     | \$500,000 |

### **Strategic Connections**

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Internal Support Focus Area
- Goal 8: Build a leading government organization that manages all resources wisely and sustainably.
- Objective: Maintain financial integrity through sound budgeting practices, prudent fiscal management, cost effective operations, and long-term financial planning

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

### **Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – Public Purpose Participation Agreement  
Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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