



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

#21-0383

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: May 4, 2021

TITLE: Resolution Approving an Agreement with Florida East Coast Railway L.L.C
for Synchronization of Grade Closing and Traffic Control Devices at the
Railroad/Highway Grade Crossing at SW 17th Street - \$89,330 -
(Commission District 4)

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Commission adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between the Florida East Coast Railway, L.L.C. (FEC), and the City of Fort Lauderdale (City), in substantially the form attached, for the synchronization of grade closing and traffic control devices as required by Broward County Traffic Engineering Division at the Railroad/Highway grade crossing on SW 17th Street.

Background

A new traffic light was installed as part of the construction of the new Fire Station No. 8 on the east bound traffic lanes of Southwest 17th Street at the Florida East Coast Railway intersection to assist with traffic control for fire trucks and paramedics exiting the fire station. The Broward County Traffic Engineering Division required that the interconnection of the new emergency signal traffic light and the FEC railroad grade crossing traffic control devices be synchronized with existing and/or proposed highway traffic signal devices for the safety of residents. In order to implement this traffic safety requirement, FEC needs to perform certain improvements as outlined in the agreement.

Resource Impact

There is a current fiscal year impact to the City in the amount of \$89,330 for fees associated with this action. Funds for this agreement in the amount of \$89,330 are available in the FY2021 Community Investment Plan in the account(s) listed below.

<i>Funds available as of April 8, 2021</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB- OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	PURCHASE AMOUNT
331-P10909.331-6599	SE Fire Station Design and Construction	Capital Outlay / Construction	\$844,256	\$118,869	\$89,330
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$89,330

Strategic Connections

This is a Top 2021 Commission Priority, advancing the Infrastructure initiative.

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

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 6: Build a safe and well-prepared community.
- Objective: Provide quick and exceptional fire, medical, and emergency response.

This item advances the *Fast-Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision Plan 2035: We are Ready*.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - Florida East Coast Railway, L.L.C. Agreement

Exhibit 2 - Florida East Coast Railway Location Map

Exhibit 3 - Resolution

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