



City of Hallandale Beach City Commission Agenda Cover Memo

Meeting Date:	File No.:	Item Type:	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	
10/30/2024	24-456	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution	Ordinance Reading	N/A	N/A
		<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance	Public Hearing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/> Other	Advertising Required	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Quasi-Judicial:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fiscal Impact (\$):		Account Balance (\$):	Funding Source:	Project Number:	
\$208,184		\$208,184	348-6515-565000	P2403	
Contract/P.O. Required		RFP/RFQ/Bid Number:	Sponsor Name:	Department:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	N/A	Vanessa Leroy	Sustainable Development	
Strategic Plan Focus Areas:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal Stability	<input type="checkbox"/> Resident Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure & Mobility	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development & Affordable Housing	
Implementation Timeline:					
Estimated Start Date: 10/30/2024			Estimated End Date: End of Project		

SHORT TITLE:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE GRANT PARTICIPATION AND REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND BRIGHTLINE TRAINS FLORIDA LLC, FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RAILROAD CROSSING ELIMINATION PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE BROWARD COUNTY SEALED CORRIDOR PROJECT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

STAFF SUMMARY:

Summary:

The proposed is a Resolution of the City of Hallandale Beach approving and adopting the Grant Participation and Reimbursement Agreement between the City and Brightline Trains Florida LLC, for the implementation of the Railroad Crossing Elimination Program

Grant for the Broward County Sealed Corridor Project along the Florida East Coast Railway and Brightline Corridor within Broward County, Florida.

Background:

On June 23, 2022, the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) hosted a town hall with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), local governments, and transportation partners to discuss railroad safety. FRA's concerns were raised about the County's Quiet Zone due to multiple fatalities along the Florida East Coast (FEC) railway corridor.

The FRA announced at the town hall meeting it would review the FEC corridor, emphasizing the need for local and regional partners to collaborate on interventions and improvements to prevent further fatalities while maintaining the Quiet Zone. FRA's suggested strategies included:

- Trespassing mitigation
- Elimination of grade crossings
- Installation of safety equipment (e.g., quad gates, hardened medians)
- Enhanced public safety campaigns
- Stricter enforcement of traffic laws

On October 10, 2022, on behalf of Broward County, the cities of Dania Beach, Fort Lauderdale, Hallandale Beach, Hollywood, Pompano Beach, and Wilton Manors, the MPO applied for the FRA Railroad Crossing Elimination Program (RCEP) Grant to fund the Broward County Sealed Corridor project for safety improvements at 21 crossings over 26 miles of FEC railway. The RCEP Grant application outlined a total project cost of \$19,300,000 for the safety improvements. The local governments committed \$3,860,000 to meet the required 20% non-federal match, with the remaining \$15,440,000 funded by the federal share. The Hallandale Beach City Commission approved Resolution 2022-116, committing to a sum of \$336,539, representing their 20% local share.

On March 6, 2023, the FRA notified Broward County of a potential formal review of the Quiet Zone due to 34 crashes, resulting in 22 fatalities and six injuries between January and December 2022. FRA stated in its notification to Broward County that the review may lead to the termination of the Quiet Zone unless timely safety upgrades on the FEC railway are completed, including both short-term and long-term improvements. Anticipating the FRA's actions, the MPO collaborated with Broward County, the municipalities along the FEC corridor, the Broward County Sheriff's Office, and Brightline to demonstrate a commitment to both public safety and the Quiet Zone. Broward County requested the MPO to lead the response to the FRA with an action plan. The MPO coordinated with the FRA, Broward County, and municipalities, reviewed data, and developed a preliminary action plan. A joint workshop was held to finalize short- and long-term improvements.

On June 5, 2023, the MPO received a Notice of Award of \$15,440,000 in RCEP Grant funds from the FRA for the Broward County Sealed Corridor project. Over the past year, the MPO and Brightline have prepared preliminary plans for the 26 crossing improvements at 21 FEC at-grade crossings identified in the Grant application, prepared

the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements, and addressed project-specific terms and conditions with the FRA for the RCEP Grant. In August 2024, the FRA notified the MPO that all NEPA documentation requirements were satisfied, and the FRA RCEP Grant Agreement for the Broward County Sealed Corridor project is under final review.

Current Situation:

As of June 2024, MPO has provided the final funding commitment required by all municipalities, as the improvement costs and County commitments were recalculated. The city’s local match requested is \$208,184, which the City has budgeted in FY24. The cost distributions amongst the involved parties is as follows:

Local Government	Total Cost of Improvements (Updated)	% of Total Cities Costs	80% Federal	20% Local Match	County Contribution of Total Match	Cities Contribution of Total Match	Cities Requested 20% Contingency For Budget	Cities Total For Agreement Budget
Dania Beach	\$ 743,679	5.14%	\$ 594,943	\$ 148,736	\$ 71,898	\$ 76,838	\$ 15,368	\$ 92,205
Fort Lauderdale	\$ 5,453,436	37.69%	\$ 4,362,749	\$ 1,090,687	\$ 527,231	\$ 563,456	\$ 112,691	\$ 676,147
Pompano Beach	\$ 2,854,517	19.73%	\$ 2,283,614	\$ 570,903	\$ 275,971	\$ 294,932	\$ 58,986	\$ 353,919
Hallandale Beach	\$ 1,679,103	11.60%	\$ 1,343,282	\$ 335,821	\$ 162,334	\$ 173,487	\$ 34,697	\$ 208,184
Hollywood	\$ 2,668,140	18.44%	\$ 2,134,512	\$ 533,628	\$ 257,952	\$ 275,676	\$ 55,135	\$ 330,811
Wilton Manors	\$ 1,070,555	7.40%	\$ 856,444	\$ 214,111	\$ 103,500	\$ 110,611	\$ 22,122	\$ 132,733
Total Cities:	\$ 14,469,430	100%	\$ 11,575,544	\$ 2,893,886	\$ 1,398,886	\$ 1,495,000	\$ 299,000	\$ 1,794,000
Broward County	\$ 4,830,569		\$ 3,864,455	\$ 966,114	\$ 966,114	\$ -		
Grand Total:	\$ 19,299,998		\$ 15,439,999	\$ 3,860,000	\$ 2,365,000	\$ 1,495,000		

Following the approval of this Agreement, the MPO will be positioned to proceed with executing the Subrecipient Agreement with Brightline Trains Florida LLC and the Grant Agreement with the FRA. Upon execution of the FRA Grant Agreement, the project’s final design phase is anticipated to take approximately six months, followed by an estimated 20-month period for the completion of the safety improvements.

Why Action is Necessary:

Pursuant to Chapter 23, Section 23-6, Award of Contract, the City Manager shall have the authority to recommend to the City Commission award of contracts. Approval of this Resolution will allow the City to execute this Agreement between the involved cities and Brightline Trains Florida LLC, for funding and implementation of the Broward County Sealed Corridor Project. (Exhibit 2)

Cost Benefit:

The City of Hallandale Beach’s participation in the Railroad Crossing Elimination Program (RCEP) requires a \$208,184 local match, leveraging \$15.44 million in federal funds to enhance safety at 21 railway crossings. These critical improvements, including quad gates and hardened medians, will reduce accidents and fatalities, maintain the City’s Quiet Zone, and significantly improve public safety. By sharing the cost with federal, county, and private partners, the City minimizes its financial burden while ensuring long-term benefits, including liability prevention and a safer environment for residents.

PROPOSED ACTION:

The City Commission considers the attached Resolution.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Exhibit 1 – Proposed Resolution
- Exhibit 2 – Local Match Funding Commitments
- Exhibit 3 – Proposed Funding Agreement
- Exhibit 3A – Subrecipient Agreement
- Exhibit 4 – Cost Calculation Methodology-RCEP Local Match

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