



City of Hallandale Beach City Commission Agenda Cover Memo

Meeting Date:	File No.:	Item Type:	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
8/19/2026	26-298	☒ Resolution ☐ Ordinance ☐ Other	Ordinance Reading	N/A
			Public Hearing	☐
			Advertising Required	☐
			Quasi-Judicial:	☐
Fiscal Impact (\$):	Account Balance (\$):		Funding Source:	Project Number:
N/A	N/A		348-6515-565000	P2403
Contract Required:	P.O. Required:	RFP/RFQ/Bid Number:	Sponsor Name:	Department:
☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ☒ No	N/A	Dr. Joan Shen, Director	Transportation & Mobility
Strategic Plan Focus Areas:				
☐ Fiscal Stability	☐ Resident Services	☒ Public Safety	☒ Infrastructure & Mobility	☐ Economic Development & Affordable Housing
Implementation Timeline:				
Estimated Start Date: 7/27/2026			Estimated End Date: End of Project	

SHORT TITLE:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE REVISED JULY 1, 2026 MPO LETTER AMENDMENDING THE EXISTING 1969 CROSSING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY, THE FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILWAY, AND BRIGHTLINE TRAINS FLORIDA LLC, FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SEALED CORRIDOR PROJECT, INITIALLY APPROVED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 2025-151; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

STAFF SUMMARY:

Summary:

Staff seeks City Commission approval of the letter agreement amendment (Exhibit A), provided by the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (BMPO), to the existing

1969 agreement between the City, Florida East Coast Railway, LLC (FECR), and Brightline Trains Florida, LLC (Brightline). Approval of the letter and terms would allow for inclusion of two (2) railroad crossings (Exhibits 3 and 4) into a federally funded safety project administered by BMPO. Under this agreement, FECR will construct the improvements, and the City will assume responsibility for all future maintenance of the crossings.

Background:

On October 30, 2024, the City Commission approved the Resolution No. 2024-110 (Exhibit 2) approving 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 as part of the Broward County Sealed Corridor Project, along the Florida East Coast Railway and Brightline Corridor within Broward County, Florida, attached hereto as Exhibit 2 reflecting the City's local match of \$208,184.00 representing the City's 20% local share for the safety improvements.

On November 5, 2025, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2025-151, approving amendment letter to the City's 1969 Crossing Agreements with FECR and Brightline for the NE 3rd Street and SE 3rd Street railroad crossings as part of the Broward County Sealed Corridor Project (Exhibit 7). However, the letter amendment was not signed by Brightline and was never fully executed.

At the Broward MPO's request, the Resolution must be updated to authorize the revised Crossing Agreement included as Exhibit A. The revised letter agreement amendment, among the City, and FECR, addresses construction, funding, and future maintenance responsibilities for the NE 3rd Street and SE 3rd Street railroad crossings as part of the Broward County Sealed Corridor Project. The revisions clarify that Brightline will not be a party to the grant agreements, but is a third-party beneficiary, each party's project responsibilities and the City's future maintenance obligations.

Current Situation:

On June 29, 2026, the Broward MPO advised the City to seek City approval of letter agreement amendment to the existing Crossing Agreements between the City and the Florida East Coast Railway (Exhibit 6).

In the letter, FECR is requesting the City to confirm the following:

- FECR will construct the crossing improvements under the Railroad Crossing Elimination Program (RCEP).
- Brightline is not a party to the grant agreements, and is not responsible for project construction or future maintenance costs.
- Following completion of the improvements, the City's existing crossing agreements remain in effect, except as otherwise stipulated.
- The City will be responsible for future maintenance and reimbursement obligations for the crossings, including 100% of future track and signal maintenance performed by FECR.

Currently, the City is responsible for 50% of the signal (no track) maintenance costs at the NE 3rd Street and SE 3rd Street crossings, with FEC Railway covering the remaining 50%. Under the existing Crossing Agreements, FEC is responsible for maintenance costs within its right-of-way, as outlined in Exhibits 3 through 5.

Location/City	Mile Post	Street Name	DOT #	Agreement Holder	Original Agreement Date
Hallandale Beach	350+1598	NE 3 rd Street	272591F	City of Hallandale Beach	7/15/1969
Hallandale Beach	350+4272	SW/SE 3 rd Street	272593U	City of Hallandale Beach	7/15/1969

Why Action is Necessary:

Approval of the amendment is necessary to preserve the City's eligibility to participate in the federally funded Sealed Corridor Project. The amendment also formally recognizes Brightline as a third-party beneficiary. Approval of this Resolution will allow the City to execute this Agreement between the involved cities and FECR and Brightline for implementation of the Broward County Sealed Corridor Project.

Cost Benefit:

The amendment enables the City to leverage significant federal RCEP funding and regional cost-sharing for the design and construction of railroad crossing safety improvements, substantially reducing the City's upfront capital investment. While the City remains responsible for future maintenance costs as required under its existing crossing agreements, participation in the project provides enhanced railroad crossing safety, reduced long-term risk, improved coordination with FEC and Brightline, and access to infrastructure improvements that would otherwise require substantially greater local funding.

PROPOSED ACTION:

The City Commission considers the attached Resolution.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Exhibit 1 – Resolution

Exhibit A – Hallandale Beach RCEP Crossing Agreement Amendment Form July 2026

Exhibit 2 – Resolution No. 2024-110

Exhibit 3 – NE 3 Street Crossing Agreement

Exhibit 4 – SE 3 Street Crossing Agreement

Exhibit 5 – Signal Agreement 11-20-2008

Exhibit 6 – BMPO Email Re: Crossing Agreement Amendment Form

Exhibit 7 – Reso 2025-151 Letter to Amend The Existing 1969 Crossing Agreements
Between the COHB, FECR and Brightline

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