



City of Hallandale Beach City Commission Agenda Cover Memo

Meeting Date:	File No.:	Item Type:	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
11/5/2025	25-407	☒ 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 and Mobility Department
Strategic Plan Focus Areas:				
☐ Fiscal Stability	☐ Resident Services	☒ Public Safety	☒ Infrastructure & Mobility	☐ Economic Development & Affordable Housing
Implementation Timeline:				
Estimated Start Date: 11/5/2025			Estimated End Date: End of Project	

SHORT TITLE:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING LETTER AGREEMENT AMENDING THE EXISTING 1969 CROSSING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, THE FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILWAY, AND BRIGHTLINE TRAINS FLORIDA, LLC; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

STAFF SUMMARY:

Summary:

Staff seeks City Commission approval of the letter agreement amendment (Exhibit 2), provided by the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (BMPO), to the existing 1969 agreement between the City, Florida East Coast Railway, LLC (FEC), and Brightline Trains Florida, LLC (Brightline). The amendment incorporates two (2) additional railroad crossings (Exhibits 4 and 5) into a federally funded safety project administered by BMPO.

Under this agreement, Brightline 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 3) 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 3 reflecting the City's local match of \$208,184.00 representing the City's 20% local share for the safety improvements.

Current Situation:

On September 4, 2025, the Broward MPO advised Transportation and Mobility staff to seek City Commission approval of letter agreement amendment to the existing Crossing Agreements between the City and the Florida East Coast Railway (Exhibit 7).

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

- The City will not be responsible for Project Costs beyond its share under the Reimbursement Agreement with Brightline. However, the City will remain 100% responsible for all future track and signal maintenance at the improved crossings under its existing agreements with Florida East Coast Railway.
- Brightline is an intended third-party beneficiary of the Crossing Agreements, with the right to enforce the terms and conditions thereof.
- All existing terms of the Crossing Agreements remain in full effect, aside from the specific updates related to the Project and Brightline's role. The City must continue to meet its obligations for construction, maintenance, safety, upgrades, and cost reimbursements under those agreements.

Regarding the maintenance activities, Brightline is requesting the City of Hallandale Beach be responsible for 100% of all maintenance (track and signal) performed by Florida East Cost in the future at the two (2) listed crossings below.

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

Currently, the City is responsible for 50% of the signal maintenance costs at the NE 3rd Street and SE 3rd Street crossings, with Florida East Coast (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 4 through 6.

Why Action is Necessary:

Pursuant to Code of Ordinances, in accordance with Procurement Code Section 23-9, Award, (e) The City Manager may award procurements within the delegated spending authority. All other procurements, except emergency procurements, require commission approval for award.

Approval of this Resolution will allow the City to execute this Agreement between the involved cities and Brightline for implementation of the Broward County Sealed Corridor Project.

Cost Benefit:

The letter agreement amendment dated September 5, 2025, states that the City of Hallandale Beach will be fully responsible for signal maintenance and railroad track costs, creating additional financial responsibility for the City in the future. As part of the amendment, the two (2) crossings are included in the Sealed Corridor Project, led by Brightline with MPO support, which enhances safety at 21 crossings, including within the City, while preserving the Quiet Zone and limiting the City's financial exposure.

PROPOSED ACTION:

The City Commission considers the attached Resolution.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Exhibit 1 - Proposed Resolution
Exhibit 2 - Proposed Brightline Letter Agreement Amendment
Exhibit 3 - Resolution No. 2024-110
Exhibit 4 - NE 3rd Street Crossing Agreement
Exhibit 5 - SE 3rd Street Crossing Agreement
Exhibit 6 - Signal Agreement 11-20-2008
Exhibit 7 - BMPO Email Re: Crossing Agreement Amendment Form

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