

RESOLUTION NO. R-2014-

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE PALM BEACH METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (PBMPO) AND BROWARD METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (BMPO) EFFORTS TO SECURE FEDERAL FUNDING THROUGH THE TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS GENERATING ECONOMIC RECOVERY (TIGER) GRANT PROGRAM FOR QUIET ZONE IMPROVEMENTS AT FLORIDA EAST COAST (FEC) RAILWAY GRADE CROSSINGS

WHEREAS, the Florida East Coast (FEC) railroad corridor is a linear rail corridor connecting historic and mixed-use downtowns along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, roadways at railroad grade crossings occur throughout Palm Beach and Broward counties including crossings in historic and mixed-use downtowns along Florida's east coast and throughout Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, railroads are vital for commerce, but they can also create high noise levels from passing train horns; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of intermodal facilities such as Port Miami, Port Everglades and the Port of Palm Beach will enhance the ability to increase and process freight, expanding economic activity in South Florida; and

WHEREAS, All Aboard Florida (AAF) is proposing operating an inner city passenger rail service in Florida that will connect Miami to Orlando, increasing the number of trains by as many as 30 additional trains a day; and

WHEREAS, these freight improvements and passenger rail service are projected to increase the intensity of trains traversing the FEC corridor, both in number and size; and

WHEREAS, a quiet zone will provide a safe area where train horns are not routinely sounded thus decreasing the noise level for nearby residents, schools and businesses while accommodating greater trade with domestic and international partners; and

WHEREAS, the installation of additional safety infrastructure and multi-modal connectivity at grade crossings will reduce neighborhood impacts from freight and improve the economic vitality of historic mixed-use downtowns;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:

1. The Board of County Commissioner's of Palm Beach County support the Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization efforts to secure Federal funding through the Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program for quiet zone improvements to provide a safe area where train horns are not routinely sounded.
2. The recitations set forth herein above are true, accurate and correct and are incorporated herein.
3. This resolution will take effect upon its adoption.

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The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner _____ who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor: Priscilla A. Taylor, District 7 _____
Vice Mayor: Paulette Burdick, District 2 _____
District 1: Hal R. Valeche _____
District 3: Shelley Vana _____
District 4: Steven L. Abrams _____
District 5: Mary Lou Berger _____
District 6: Jess R. Santamaria _____

The Mayor thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this ____ day of _____, 2014.

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

SHARON R. BOCK
CLERK & COMPTROLLER

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

By: _____
County Attorney