

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE TRI-RAIL COASTAL LINK COMMUTER RAIL SERVICE AND A COMMITMENT TO WORK WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF FLORIDA EAST COAST INDUSTRIES AND ITS AFFILIATES, THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, BROWARD COUNTY, THE BROWARD METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION, AND THE SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO DEVELOP A COST EFFECTIVE RAIL SYSTEM WITH A SOUND FINANCIAL PLAN FOR PROVIDING FOR CAPITAL AND OPERATING COSTS FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE FROM NORTHEAST MIAMI-DADE COUNTY INTO SOUTHEAST BROWARD COUNTY; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE AIMS OF THIS RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, the Florida East Coast Railway historically operated passenger rail service along Florida's east coast, and many South Florida municipalities developed around its passenger stations; and

WHEREAS, large portions of the South Florida region's population and businesses are concentrated within those municipalities where roadway traffic congestion is now degrading the quality of their residents' lives and stifling the growth of trade and commerce; and

WHEREAS, commuter rail service would help mitigate the worsening traffic congestion, improve air quality and reduce fuel consumption in an environmentally sustainable manner; and

WHEREAS, the cities of southeast Broward County – namely Dania Beach, Fort Lauderdale, Hallandale Beach, and Hollywood are actively redeveloping their downtown centers which straddle the rail corridor and desire transit oriented development, which generally accompanies rail stations; and

WHEREAS, the representatives of Dania Beach, Fort Lauderdale Hallandale Beach, and Hollywood have discussed and will continue to coordinate mobility improvements needed to alleviate traffic in the area; and

WHEREAS, commuter rail service would provide jobs, expand the tax base and increase revenues to strengthen the local and regional economies while providing improved access to job opportunities and greater mobility for the transit-dependent members of the community; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County's agencies have significantly advanced their participation level and commitment to funding for this project to move forward in Miami-Dade County and it is now incumbent upon the various agencies in Broward County to develop cost feasible plans to, at a minimum, bring the service into southeast Broward County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are incorporated in this Resolution.

Section 2: That it supports the Tri-Rail Coastal Link Commuter Rail Service as follows:

- A. That the City Commission of the City of Hollywood, Florida, supports the Tri-Rail Coastal Link Commuter Rail Service and a commitment to work with representatives of Florida East Coast Industries and its affiliates, Broward County, the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Florida Department of Transportation and the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority to develop a cost effective system with a sound financial plan providing for capital and operating costs for the railroad service.
- B. That the City Commission supports the continued joint coordination with the Cities of Fort Lauderdale/Hallandale Beach/Dania Beach as well as the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization as relates to mobility planning for southeast Broward and hereby requests the MPO to initiate a planning process for this purpose.
- C. That it supports partnering with Broward County and local government jurisdictions to seek support for mobility planning and establishment of passenger rail on the FEC Railway in southeast Broward County.
- D. That it hereby supports the City of Hollywood being the lead applicant for an MPO initiated study of mobility improvement in southeast Broward County.

SUPPORTING THE TRI-RAIL COASTAL LINK COMMUTER RAIL SERVICE AND A COMMITMENT TO WORK WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF FLORIDA EAST COAST INDUSTRIES AND ITS AFFILIATES, THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, BROWARD COUNTY, THE BROWARD METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION, AND THE SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO DEVELOP A COST EFFECTIVE RAIL SYSTEM WITH A SOUND FINANCIAL PLAN FOR PROVIDING FOR CAPITAL AND OPERATING COSTS FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE FROM NORTHEAST MIAMI-DADE COUNTY INTO SOUTHEAST BROWARD COUNTY; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE AIMS OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Section 3: That the City Manager is authorized to do all things necessary to carry out the aims of this Resolution.

Section 4: That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption by the City Commission.

Section 5: That it directs the City Clerk to transmit an executed copy of this Resolution to the cities of Fort Lauderdale, Dania Beach, and Hallandale Beach, and to the Broward County Government and the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2017.

JOSH LEVY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PATRICIA A. CERNY, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL
SUFFICIENCY for the use and reliance
of the City of Hollywood, Florida, only.

DOUGLAS R. GONZALES, CITY ATTORNEY