

## MEMORANDUM

September 29, 2025

TO: City Commission

CC: Greg Harrison, City Manager  
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FROM: Fernand Thony, GO Bond Director 

RE: FEC Agreements for Dixie Highway Streetscape Improvements Project

### Request

Staff is seeking City Commission approval of a resolution to execute two Agreements with Florida East Coast Railway (FEC) for their crossing site on Atlantic Boulevard. Specifically, one agreement represents the licensing agreement to perform the necessary infrastructure improvements while the second is a companion agreement to address the interconnection between the trains warning control system and the signalized intersection at Atlantic Boulevard and Dixie Highway. The improvements will all be performed by FEC and or their specialty contractors at the estimated cost of \$2,645,847.86.

### Background

In 2018, voters overwhelmingly approved a GO Bond initiative to address long standing infrastructure needs, improve public safety, and better the overall quality of life for the residents of Pompano Beach. Accordingly, Dixie Highway was one of the key corridors targeted for significant transportation improvements including enhanced mobility (ADA sidewalks, bicycle lanes), safety upgrades (traffic calming features, new signage and signalization, roadway lighting) and overall beautification. Construction on the first Segment of the project started in 2021 and was completed in 2022. Currently, Segment 2 --between SW 3<sup>rd</sup> street and NW 10<sup>th</sup> street-- is almost fully installed (approximately 85 percent complete) except for the work within FEC owned right of ways. However, despite beginning initial consultations with FEC in July 2019 and submitting a formal permit application in August 2020 then receiving a technical approval since January 2024, the required legal agreements have still been delayed by the organization. These 2 agreements will enable the remaining items such as at-grade crossing modifications, intersection work with signalization and final paving to take place for project substantial completion.

**Plan of Action**

Because the nature of this work is highly specialized, fabrication of the required equipment such as train tracks, overhead trusses, signal heads, gate arms, controls cabinets and other warning devices needs to proceed now (Q3/2025) to meet the critical installation date of next summer during school recess (Q2/2026). Finally, the Project team is working on an operational plan during this work and will finalize any necessary coordination with City Departments, BSO and other relevant agencies such as Broward County and FDOT.

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends approval of the Resolution.