

CITY OF POMPANO BEACH
Broward County, Florida

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE BROWARD METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION'S APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (USDOT) FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION'S RAILROAD CROSSING ELIMINATION GRANT PROGRAM AND COMMITTING TO PROVIDE UP TO A TWENTY PERCENT (20%) MATCH OR UP TO \$542,477.60 FOR THE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT GRADE CROSSINGS WITHIN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE PROGRAM RELATED DOCUMENTS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) supports the nation's rail network through a variety of competitive and dedicated grant programs designed to improve highway-rail grade crossing safety and improve the mobility of people and goods; and

WHEREAS, Section 22305 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), codified at 49 U.S.C. 22909, authorizes the Railroad Crossing Elimination Program to fund highway-rail or pathway-rail grade crossing improvement projects that enhance rail safety, improve the health and safety of communities, eliminate highway-rail and pathway-rail grade crossings that are frequently blocked by trains, and reduce the impacts that freight movement and railroad operations may have on underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Railroad Administration has a strong interest in promoting grade separations, closing crossings through track relocation, and corridor-wide grade crossing improvements that maximize the safety and efficiency of the U.S. rail network and that reduce

highway-rail grade crossing accidents, together with accidents caused by trespassing along the railroad right-of-way, which account for 94% of all rail-related deaths and injuries; and

WHEREAS, the Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program funding would support the final design and construction of approximately 40 exit gates and 10 medians at 27 highway-railroad grade crossings, to further enhance public safety and “seal” the rail corridor; and

WHEREAS, this project is a \$23.7 million safety investment by Broward County, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), and several local municipalities, where Brightline Trains Florida, LLC will lead the project design and construction; and

WHEREAS, the Broward MPO’s application requires the City to provide a 20% non-Federal match (approximately \$542,477.60) for the improvements that will be installed at the grade crossings within the City as well as a modification to the maintenance agreements with the Florida East Coast Railway for each of the impacted crossings; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA THAT:

SECTION 1. The City of Pompano Beach supports the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization’s application to the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Railroad Administration’s Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program as part of a \$23.7 million safety investment by Broward County, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), and several local municipalities.

SECTION 2. The City Commission finds that its commitment to provide a 20% non-federal match (approximately \$542,477.60) for the improvements that will be installed at the grade crossings within the City is in the best interests of the City and benefits the health, safety and welfare of its residents.

SECTION 3. The proper City officials are approved and authorized to execute documents or provide correspondence in support of the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization's application and evidencing the City's commitment to provide a 20% non-federal match (approximately \$542,477.60) for the improvements that will be installed at the grade crossings within the City.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall become effective upon passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

REX HARDIN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ASCELETA HAMMOND, CITY CLERK

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