

Legislation Text

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A GRANT PARTICIPATION AND REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,833,884.00, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SUPPLEMENTAL SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT SELECTED RAILROAD CROSSINGS BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND BRIGHTLINE TRAINS FLORIDA LLC; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: Matching Cost \$366,777)

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Summary Explanation/Background:

Brightline applied for and was awarded a CRISI grant (Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements). The CRISI program is administered by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) through the U.S. Department of Transportation and focuses on rail safety improvements.

In total, 48 crossings in the tri-county region (Broward, Dade and Palm Beach) will receive additional safety upgrades. The scope of work is different for each crossing and includes one or a combination of the following: exit gates, flexible edge-of-roadway delineators and striping, center-line delineators or active signs. All improvements are occurring on public crossings and are expected to be constructed over a 6-to- 8-month timeframe.

The grant award is \$2.3 million grant, while the total cost of the project is \$5.63 million. Brightline is contributing \$500,000 toward the program, and asking cities, who's crossings will be enhanced, to provide a 20% match to the cost of improvements that will take place in their respective jurisdiction.

A total of seven railroad crossing will receive safety improvements. The total cost of the improvements are \$1,833,884. Therefore, Brightline is asking the City of Pompano Beach to contribute a 20 percent local match, or \$366,777.

Origin of request for this action: Brightline Trains

Fiscal impact and source of funding: Matching Cost \$366,777; General Fund Balance with the attached budget adjustment.

