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5.10.12	Resolution No. 05-01-12; Downtown Development Authority of Fort Lauderdale	Gregory Durden, Chairman Chris Wren, Executive Director
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7.23.12	Letter of Support; Florida State Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	Julio Fuentes, President & CEO
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7.24.12	Letter of Support; South Florida Regional Planning Council	James F. Murley, Executive Director
7.24.12	Letter of Support; Hialeah Chamber of Commerce & Industries	Mandy Llanes, Chairman
7.24.12	Letter of Support; Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, Broward County	Bob Swindell, President and CEO
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7.25.12	Letter of Support; Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council	Michael J. Busha, AICP, Executive Director
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8.30.12	Email to Confirming Project's Consistency with FCMP	Lauren P. Milligan, Environmental Manager, Florida State Clearinghouse

RESOLUTION NO. 05-01-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE ("DDA") OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED "ALL ABOARD FLORIDA" PRIVATELY OWNED, OPERATED AND MAINTAINED PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE BETWEEN DOWNTOWN MIAMI AND ORLANDO BEING DEVELOPED BY FLORIDA EAST COAST INDUSTRIES, INC; FURTHER ENCOURAGING FLORIDA EAST COAST INDUSTRIES, INC. TO CONSIDER PLACING ADDITIONAL STATIONS AT HIGH DENSITY / HIGH COMMERCIAL INTENSITY AREAS ALONG THE ROUTE IN ORDER TO BETTER CONNECT DOWNTOWN FORT LAUDERDALE TO OTHER PARTS OF THE REGION; AND FURTHER URGING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER REGULATORY/FUNDING AGENCIES TO SUPPORT THE PROJECT AS NECESSARY.

WHEREAS, Downtown Fort Lauderdale is one of South Florida's largest, most utilized transit-oriented neighborhoods, featuring one of the State's largest employment centers, a growing high-density residential community, and major cultural and entertainment destinations; and

WHEREAS, despite these facts, Downtown Fort Lauderdale is not currently served directly by regional or intra-state passenger rail; and

WHEREAS, Florida East Coast Industries, Inc., owners of the FEC corridor, has announced plans to develop privately owned, operated and maintained passenger rail service between Downtown Miami and Orlando, with additional stops at Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach; and

WHEREAS, the DDA finds that this proposed service is consistent with and furthers the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Master Plan's expressed goals for such service; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Downtown Development Authority of Fort Lauderdale of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Section 1. The recitals are true and correct and are adopted by reference and incorporated as if fully set forth in this Section.

Section 2. The DDA Board of Directors supports the proposed "All Aboard Florida" privately owned, operated and maintained passenger rail service between Downtown Miami and Orlando being developed by Florida East Coast Industries, Inc.

Section 3. The DDA Board of Directors encourages Florida East Coast Industries, Inc. to consider placing additional stations at high density / high commercial intensity areas along the route in order to better connect Downtown Fort Lauderdale to other parts of the region.

Section 3. The DDA Board of Directors urges the Florida Department of Transportation and other regulatory/funding agencies to support the project as necessary.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of May 2012.


Gregory Durden
Chairman


Chris Wren
Executive Director

ATTEST:


John Ropes
Secretary to the Board of Directors

RESOLUTION NO. 23/2012

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIAMI DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ("DDA") OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED "ALL ABOARD FLORIDA" PRIVATELY OWNED, OPERATED AND MAINTAINED PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE BETWEEN DOWNTOWN MIAMI AND ORLANDO BEING DEVELOPED BY FLORIDA EAST COAST INDUSTRIES, INC; FURTHER ENCOURAGING FLORIDA EAST COAST INDUSTRIES, INC. TO SUPPORT A SEPARATE COMMUTER RAIL SERVICE WITH STATIONS AT HIGH DENSITY / HIGH COMMERCIAL INTENSITY AREAS ALONG THE ROUTE IN ORDER TO BETTER CONNECT DOWNTOWN MIAMI TO OTHER PARTS OF THE REGION; AND FURTHER URGING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER REGULATORY/FUNDING AGENCIES TO SUPPORT THESE PROJECTS AS NECESSARY.

WHEREAS, Downtown Miami is South Florida's largest, most utilized transit-oriented neighborhood, featuring the State's largest employment center, a growing high-density residential community, major cultural and entertainment destinations, and an existing premium transit infrastructure that includes three Metrorail stations, three Metromover loops, and two major Metrobus terminals; and

WHEREAS, despite these facts, Downtown Miami is not currently served directly by regional or intra-state passenger rail; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Downtown Miami Master Plan supports directly linking Downtown to other Florida cities along the FEC corridor (provided herein as Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, Florida East Coast Industries, Inc., owners of the FEC corridor, has announced plans to develop privately owned, operated and maintained passenger rail service between Downtown Miami and Orlando, with additional stops at Ft. Lauderdale and West Palm Beach (provided herein as Exhibit B); and

WHEREAS, the DDA finds that this proposed service is consistent with and furthers the Downtown Miami Master Plan's expressed goals for such service; and

WHEREAS, the DDA wishes to encourage Florida East Coast Industries, Inc. to support a separate commuter rail service with stations at high density / high commercial intensity areas along the route in order to better connect Downtown Miami to other parts of the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Miami Downtown Development Authority of the City of Miami, Florida.

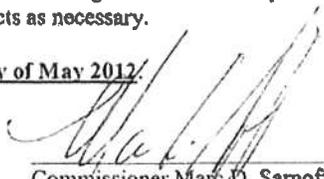
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Section 3. The DDA Board of Directors encourages Florida East Coast Industries, Inc. to support a separate commuter rail service with stations at high density / high commercial intensity areas along the route in order to better connect Downtown Miami to other parts of the region.

Section 4. The DDA Board of Directors urges the Florida Department of Transportation and other regulatory/funding agencies to support these projects as necessary.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of May 2012.

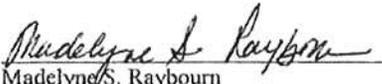


Commissioner Marc D. Sarnoff, Chairman



Alyce M. Robertson, Executive Director

ATTEST:

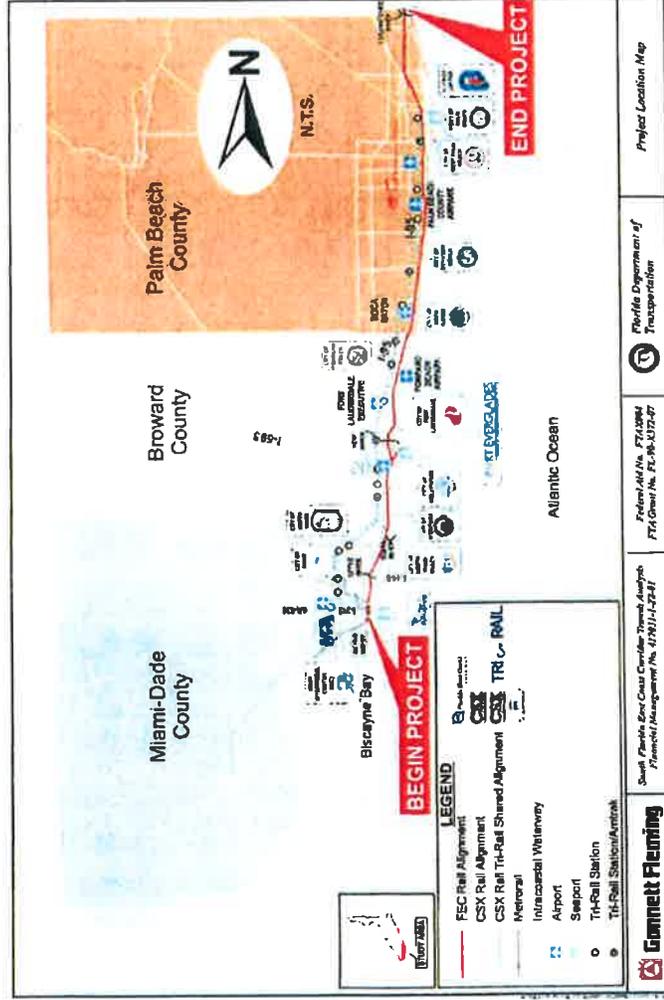


Madelyne S. Raybourn
Secretary to the Board of Directors

Exhibit A

5. Promote transit & regional connectivity

5.4 Promote **Regional Level/Commuter Transit** such as **SFEC Corridor, Tri-Rail and High-Speed Rail**



- Support and connect Downtown through commuter rail to other Florida East Coast cities along the FEC corridor.
- Designate and provide train stop locations within downtown to encourage transit utilization.
- Promote and advertise a direct connection from TriRail to Downtown Miami upon completion of the MIC-Eastington Heights Metrolink connection.
- Encourage subsidies to transit users for downtown employees.





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Florida East Coast Industries, Inc. Announces Plans for Private Passenger Rail Service in Florida

*Nation's First-of-its-Kind Privately Owned and Operated System
Will Connect Florida's Largest Cities*

MIAMI (March 22, 2012) — Florida East Coast Industries, Inc. (FECI), the owner of Florida's premier passenger rail corridor, is developing a privately owned, operated and maintained passenger rail service to connect South Florida and Orlando, which will be operational in 2014. By connecting the most visited city in the United States with South Florida's business and vacation destinations, the passenger rail project, called *All Aboard Florida*, is designed to serve Florida's growing number of business travelers, as well as families and tourists traveling for pleasure.

The *All Aboard Florida* passenger rail project will connect South Florida to Orlando through a 240-mile route combining 200 miles of existing tracks between Miami and Cocoa and the creation of 40 miles of new track to complete the route to Orlando. Eventually the system could be expanded with connections to Tampa and Jacksonville.

More than fifty million people travel between South and Central Florida annually, largely over highly congested highways. *All Aboard Florida* is envisioned to transform the way people travel throughout the state, offering a faster, safer, and more enjoyable mode of transportation between Florida's two largest metropolitan areas.

Targeted to begin service in 2014, the approximately \$1 billion project will operate on a regular schedule throughout the day transporting business and leisure passengers between South Florida and Orlando in approximately three hours. This new, convenient, affordable, fast and environmentally friendly intercity passenger rail service is expected to:

- (1) **CREATE JOBS AND GROW FLORIDA'S ECONOMY**—approximately 6,000 direct jobs will be needed to construct the system and over 1,000 more jobs to operate and maintain it; new economic development opportunities also will be created for communities along the route;
- (2) **PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT**—the service will take millions of vehicles off Florida's roadways, resulting in a reduction in auto emissions and allowing for a far more fuel-efficient alternative to the automobile at this time of escalating gas prices;
- (3) **ENSURE SPEED AND RELIABILITY**—travel time between regions will be approximately three hours and train service will be frequent throughout the day;

(4) PROTECT EXISTING FREIGHT CAPACITY—the new passenger service will not affect freight capacity in the rail corridor, thereby supporting Florida’s role in international commerce and allowing more intermodal freight movements.

By adding an entirely new travel choice, the *All Aboard Florida* passenger rail service will provide a high-quality experience for travelers. The system will include business- and coach-class service with advance purchase reserved seating, gourmet meals, Wi-Fi, and the ability to work productively throughout the entire trip. In addition, stations in Miami, Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach and Orlando mean convenient transfers to Metrorail, Metromover or SunRail, allowing passengers to reach their final destination.

FECI began a feasibility analysis for the project several months ago. Additionally, an investment grade ridership study and engineering work to design the system are underway. Today’s announcement marks the beginning of working in depth with local, state and federal officials, as well as the communities along the route.

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Florida East Coast Industries, Inc. (FECI), through its subsidiaries and affiliates, is a major owner and developer of real estate and transportation-related businesses within the State of Florida. Headquartered in Coral Gables, FL, FECI has a rich history dating back over a century when Henry Flagler first established the company and became a pioneer in the development of Florida’s eastern coast. Today, the company owns, manages, develops and leases commercial real estate properties, and its affiliate, the Florida East Coast Railway, L.L.C., owns the railroad over which freight is transported.

All Aboard Florida is an intercity passenger rail project that will connect South Florida to Orlando with intermediate stations in Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach. This rail service will give Floridians and visitors a viable transportation alternative to congested highways and airport terminals. *All Aboard Florida* will provide a high-quality experience for passengers and will be the first privately owned, operated, and maintained passenger rail system in the United States.



FLORIDA

State Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

July 23, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

The Florida State Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Florida's leading Hispanic economic development organization is an ardent supporter of the All Aboard Florida project. Furthermore, we are excited at the prospect All Aboard Florida presents to enhance and ignite the economic ties between Florida's largest marketplaces and the robust, influential Hispanic business communities that thrive there. As a traveler, All Aboard Florida will be a welcome option to enjoy when visiting our state. As a business leader, All Aboard Florida holds great promise to strengthen workforce, consumer and business initiatives in various sectors that will ultimately benefit all Floridians."

Very truly yours,



Julio Fuentes
President & CEO

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ("MOU") is made and entered into this 23rd day of July, 2012 by and between **THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH**, a Florida municipal corporation, with an address of 401 Clematis Street, West Palm Beach, FL 33401 (the "City") and **FLORIDA EAST COAST INDUSTRIES, INC.**, a Florida corporation, with offices at 2855 LeJeune Road, 4th Floor, Coral Gables, FL 33134, ("FECI") for purposes of memorializing the City's support for the All Aboard Florida Project, as described below, and setting forth a framework under which the City and FECI will work together to identify potential sites in downtown West Palm Beach for the location of a station for a downtown stop.

1. **Objective.** The objective of the City and FECI (collectively, the "Parties" and, individually, each shall be referenced as a "Party") is to advance intrastate passenger rail service that will include a stop in downtown West Palm Beach, which will increase transportation options for passengers in, and visitors to, Florida. Specifically, FECI is seeking to develop a privately-owned, operated and maintained passenger rail service in Florida. This passenger rail project, called *All Aboard Florida*, is a private initiative that, among other things, is being planned to transport individuals between major metropolitan areas in Florida which will include a stop in West Palm Beach (the "Project"). The current plan is to have the service operational by the end of 2014. In order to meet this timeline, it is critical to develop plans for the station to be located in West Palm Beach (the "Station"). FECI currently does not own any land in downtown West Palm Beach, but the City owns properties which may be candidates for the Station. As such, the Parties plan to work together collaboratively in an effort to analyze options for locating the Station in an area that will effectively and efficiently connect passengers of the Project to other modes of transportation, including, for example, the existing trolley system, Palm Tran, and other modes of transportation present in the area. To achieve this objective, the City and FECI shall cooperate in exploring various alternatives, including, without limitation, consideration of possible street closures, granting of air rights for development over public right-of-ways and the identification of opportunities that may be available in order for the parties to maximize benefits for the Project.
2. **Concept.** Once a location is selected, (the "Selected Site") the Parties would then work together in an effort to establish the framework by which FECI would bring passenger rail service to the Selected Site in a manner beneficial to the City. The Station at the Selected Site may initially include support facilities that FECI determines to be reasonably necessary for its development. FECI and the City would also work together to establish a framework by which to expand the Station to include other components, including transit-oriented development. The parties understand and agree, however, that nothing in this MOU would require either party to make commitments that would violate any existing agreements with third parties. Notwithstanding anything in this MOU to the contrary, the Parties acknowledge that to the extent that the Selected Site is owned by the City, all dispositions of City owned property, by lease or conveyance, are subject to the City's disposition process and approval by the City Commission.

9. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterpart and, when all counterpart documents are executed, the counterparts shall constitute a single binding instrument. In addition, any execution transmitted by facsimile or by electronic mail shall be deemed to constitute an original signature of a Party for purposes of enforcing this Agreement.
10. Assignment. FECI may assign, or partially assign, this Agreement to any of its affiliates, including any person or entity which (either directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries) controls, is in common control with or is controlled by FECI or its principals.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH

ATTEST: 
Patricia W. Burch
City Clerk

By: 
Printed Name: Geraldine Muiro
Date: July 23, 2012

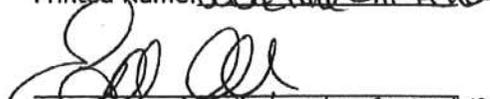
Office of the City Attorney
Approved as to form and legality

By: 
Date: 7/19/12

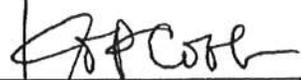
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Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:


Printed Name: Makeline Gil-Reader


Printed Name: Estrella Manso

FLORIDA EAST COAST INDUSTRIES, INC., a Florida corporation

By: 
Printed Name: Kollleen Cobb
Title: Executive Vice President
Date: 7/26/12

South
Florida
Regional
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July 24, 2012

Mr. David Valenstein
Supervisor Environmental Protection Specialist
Federal Railroad Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Valenstein:

I am writing in support of the *All Aboard Florida* project which will bring a much needed alternative transportation mode to Florida. For more than two decades, passenger service in the Florida East Coast (FEC) Corridor has been discussed by the community and several hundred public meetings have taken place to date. Passenger service in the corridor has been part of medium- and long-term transportation plans in South Florida.

All Aboard Florida contemplates three stations in South Florida—downtown Miami, downtown Fort Lauderdale, and downtown West Palm Beach. Each of these stations would increase the livability qualities of the urban core by taking automobiles off the road and providing a much needed transportation alternative that does not exist today. Environmental benefits would also be significant. Emissions in the region would be reduced by introducing environmentally friendly train sets and the downtown locations would encourage more bus, pedestrian and bike travel.

The intercity passenger rail system would also serve as a link into other transportation systems in South Florida, specifically MetroRail and the Miami People Mover in Miami Dade County, The Wave trolley in Fort Lauderdale, and local bus transit systems. Providing a more seamless mode of travel for the public will help encourage the non-highway mindset that is much needed in South Florida.

Introduction of intercity passenger service in the FEC corridor is consistent with the goals and purposes of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development funding for the development of a sustainable region planning process (www.Seven50.org) in Southeast Florida.

We support the *All Aboard Florida* initiative and hope you recognize the net positive environmental benefits of this project.

Sincerely,


James F. Murley
Executive Director
South Florida Regional Planning Council

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Chamber of Commerce & Industries

July 24, 2012

Mr. David Valenstein
Supervisor Environmental Protection Specialist
Federal Railroad Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast
Washington, DC 20590

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Sincerely

Mandy Llanes
Chairman
HCCI

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July 24, 2012

Mr. David Valenstein
Supervisor Environmental Protection Specialist
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U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast
Washington, DC 20590

RE: *All Aboard Florida*

Dear Mr. Valenstein:

As President and CEO of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, Broward County's public/private partnership for economic development, I am writing in support of the *All Aboard Florida* project which will bring a much needed alternative transportation mode to Florida. For more than two decades, passenger service in the Florida East Coast (FEC) Corridor has been discussed by the community and several hundred public meetings have taken place to date. Passenger service in the corridor has been part of medium- and long-term transportation plans in South Florida.

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We support the *All Aboard Florida* initiative and hope you recognize the net positive environmental benefits of this project.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob Swindell".

Bob Swindell
President and CEO

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Broward County's Official Economic Development Partnership
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July 25, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

The Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce, one of the premier business development organizations in our community, strongly supports the *All Aboard Florida* project.

Understanding that the intercity passenger rail service will give business and leisure passengers a new, convenient and environmentally friendly way to travel between south Florida and Orlando – and eventually Tampa and Jacksonville – the *All Aboard Florida* project is a valuable resource for all Floridians.

Furthermore, we are excited at the opportunity *All Aboard Florida* offers to enhance and ignite the economic ties between Florida's largest marketplaces and the robust, influential business centers that currently thrive there. In addition, the project is expected to create nearly 6,000 direct construction jobs and another 1000 jobs for permanent rail operations. There is no doubt that this facet of the project comes at an important time for those seeking employment opportunities in our state.

Finally, as a traveler, *All Aboard Florida* will be a welcome option to enjoy when visiting our state and a game changer in the hospitality business. As a business leader, *All Aboard Florida* holds great promise to strengthen workforce, consumer and business initiatives in various sectors that will ultimately create greater opportunities for all Floridians. The benefits are real and the impacts even more significant and longterm.

We appreciate the opportunity to offer our support to such a worthy project.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Trowbridge
President & CEO



TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

INDIAN RIVER - ST. LUCIE - MARTIN - PALM BEACH

July 25, 2012

Mr. David Valenstein
Supervisor Environmental Protection Specialist
Federal Railroad Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Letter of Support for the "All Aboard Florida" Project

Dear Mr. Valenstein:

The restoration of passenger rail service on the Florida East Coast (FEC) rail corridor has been a top priority of the Treasure Coast Region for decades. The original FEC rail line and its stations are the key organizing element for Florida's historic development pattern along its east coast. Each of the historic stations became a town center for the dozens of small and large cities that evolved along the corridor. Since passenger rail service was disbanded in 1968, automobiles and an expanding roadway network has characterized the coast, contributing to inefficient, sprawling development patterns in the absence of multi-modal alternatives. The "All Aboard Florida" project, recently proposed by Florida East Coast Industries (FECI), presents a much needed alternative for today's transportation network.

The "All Aboard Florida" project proposes three stations in Southeast Florida—downtown Miami, downtown Fort Lauderdale, and downtown West Palm Beach. Each of stations would be embedded in ongoing redevelopment efforts within these communities, enabling transit-oriented development and improved land use/transportation relationships. In addition to servicing central business districts, each of these potential station areas also has a strong track record for infill housing in the past several decades, resulting in a mix of uses that corresponds well to transit use. Accordingly, expanded transit service, such as "All Aboard Florida," can promote trip capture and remove cars from the roadway network, thereby increasing efficiency and reducing carbon emissions.

It is also important to emphasize the importance of FECI's "All Aboard Florida" project in the context of the multi-modal transportation system for Southeast Florida. This critical north/south link will include immediate connections into the local transit systems in each county as well as other local premium transit, including MetroRail, MetroMover, the West Palm Beach downtown trolley, and pending Fort Lauderdale "Wave" streetcar.

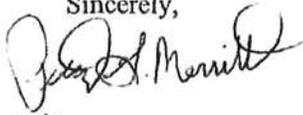
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Mr. David Valenstein
July 25, 2012
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The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council strongly supports the expansion of passenger rail in the Region, and the "All Aboard Florida" project represents a tremendous opportunity to enhance the sustainability of the Region with premium transit service.

Sincerely,



for Michael J. Busha, AICP
Executive Director

MJB/KD:kd



BERTHA W. HENRY, County Administrator
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July 31, 2012

Rafael Rodon
Executive Vice President
Florida East Coast Industries, Inc.
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Coral Gables, FL 33134

Re: All Aboard Florida

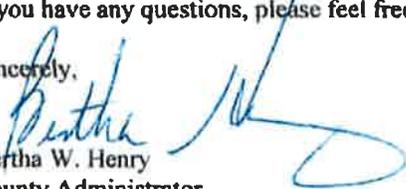
Dear Rafael:

Please allow this letter to serve as notification of Broward County's continued interest in participating with Florida East Coast Industries, Inc. (FECI) on the "All Aboard Florida" passenger rail project. There is clearly excitement in our community about the prospect of serving commuters, in and around our downtown core. Recently, we were notified of a potential federal grant in the amount of \$18 Million for the WAVE light rail project, which links portions of downtown, judicial complex, hospital complex and other areas of interest in Fort Lauderdale. Additionally, after years of study, the Florida Department of Transportation, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority and Broward's Metropolitan Planning Agency (MPO) are prepared to unveil their proposed alignment for the Central Broward East-West project, which also has a rail component.

We would be happy to work with FECI to establish a framework by which FECI would bring passenger rail service to a site or station in a manner beneficial to the County and FECI. As such, we would like to work with FECI in an effort to analyze options for locating the FECI project in an area that will effectively and efficiently connect passengers of the FECI project to other modes of transportation, including, for example, The Wave light rail project referenced above and the Broward County bus terminal, along with other modes of transportation present in the area. To achieve this objective, the County will cooperate with FECI in exploring various alternatives. We will provide information available to the County regarding the various projects described above and explore different approaches to accelerate access by such other modes of transportation to the FECI project. We also agree to cooperate with FECI in its efforts to generate interest and cooperation from other possible stakeholders, including other governmental entities. The synergy amongst these projects makes it critical that there be as much coordination as possible and we look forward to our continued discussions.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,


Bertha W. Henry
County Administrator

C: Joni Armstrong Coffey, County Attorney
Evan Lukic, County Auditor

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (“MOU”) is made and entered into this 31st day of July, 2012 by and between **CITY OF MIAMI**, a Florida municipal corporation, with an address of 3500 Pan American Drive, Miami, FL 33401 (the “City”) and **FLORIDA EAST COAST INDUSTRIES, INC.**, a Florida corporation, with offices at 2855 LeJeune Road, 4th Floor, Coral Gables, FL 33134, (“FECI”) for purposes of memorializing the City’s support for the All Aboard Florida Project, as described below, and setting forth a framework under which the City and FECI will work together to allow the development of a station for a downtown stop at the property owned by FECI in downtown Miami (the “Station”).

1. Objective. The objective of the City and FECI (collectively, the “Parties” and, individually, each shall be referenced as a “Party”) is to advance intrastate passenger rail service that will include a stop in downtown Miami at the Station, which will increase transportation options for passengers in, and visitors to, Florida. Specifically, FECI is seeking to develop a privately-owned, operated and maintained passenger rail service in Florida. This passenger rail project, called *All Aboard Florida*, is a private initiative that, among other things, is being planned to transport individuals between major metropolitan areas in Florida which will include a stop in Miami at the Station (the “Project”). The current plan is to have the service operational by the end of 2014. In order to meet this timeline, it is critical to develop plans for the Station which effectively and efficiently connects passengers of the Project to other modes of transportation, including, for example, the existing MetroRail, MetroMover and other modes of transportation present in the area. To achieve this objective, the City and FECI shall cooperate in exploring various alternatives, including, without limitation, consideration of possible street closures, grade crossings, grade separation (aerial) crossings, granting of air rights for development over public right-of-ways, easements for access and the identification of opportunities that may be available in order for the Parties to maximize benefits for the Project, such as funding opportunities.
2. Concept. The Parties shall work together in an effort to establish the framework by which FECI would bring passenger rail service to the Station in a manner beneficial to the City. The Station may initially include support facilities that FECI determines to be reasonably necessary for its development. FECI and the City would also work together to establish a framework by which to expand the Station to include other components, including transit-oriented development. The Parties understand and agree, however, that nothing in this MOU would require either Party to make commitments that would violate any existing agreements with third parties.
3. Cooperation. The City and FECI shall cooperate in exploring various alternatives in order for the Parties to maximize benefits for the Project, including helping to identify possible funding opportunities. Further, to expedite FECI’s application process, the City shall work together with FECI regarding platting and zoning issues. This MOU shall not be used to circumvent the platting process (Chapter 55 of the Code).

intermediaries) controls, is in common control with or is controlled by FECl or its principals.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

CITY OF MIAMI

ATTEST: Quinnell Thompson, CMC
City Clerk 8-1-12

By: [Signature]
Printed Name: Johnny Martinez
Date: 8-1-12

Approved as to Form and Legality
On this ___ day of ___, 2012

By: [Signature]
Printed Name: Julie Brui
Date: 8/1/2012

FLORIDA EAST COAST INDUSTRIES, INC., a Florida corporation

[Signature]
Printed Name: Michelle Gill-Powder
[Signature]
Printed Name: Estrella NANSU

By: [Signature]
Kellen Cobb, Executive Vice President
Date: July 31, 2012



July 31, 2012

Mr. David Valenstein
Supervisor Environmental Protection Specialist
Federal Railroad Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Valenstein:

I am writing in support of the *All Aboard Florida* project which will bring a much needed alternative transportation mode to Florida. For more than two decades, passenger service in the Florida East Coast (FEC) Corridor has been discussed by the community and several hundred public meetings have taken place to date. Passenger service in the corridor has been part of medium- and long-term transportation plans in South Florida.

Because travel by rail is safe, energy efficient, cost effective, and convenient, the state's long term intermodal system plan proposes investing in all transportation modes and acknowledges the need for adding new capital investments and expanding transit and rail options. Passenger rail offers great potential for meeting future travel needs, given current and future transportation challenges.

The state of Florida is the third-largest consumer of energy in the nation, and our demand for energy will increase by as much as 76 percent between now and 2030. The transportation sector accounts for nearly a third of U.S. energy consumption. Cars and light trucks account for 60% of U.S. energy consumption, domestic air carriers 7%, Class I freight railroads 2%, and commuter and intercity rail 0.2%. On the basis on energy consumed per passenger mile, passenger rail is estimated to use at least 15% less energy than the airlines and 21% less than the automobile.

All Aboard Florida contemplates three stations in South Florida—downtown Miami, downtown Fort Lauderdale, and downtown West Palm Beach. Each of these stations would increase the livability qualities of the urban core by taking automobiles off the road and providing a much needed transportation alternative that does not exist today. Environmental benefits would also be significant. Emissions in the region would be reduced by introducing environmentally friendly train sets and the downtown locations would encourage more pedestrian and bike travel.



The intercity passenger rail system would also serve as a link into other transportation systems in South Florida, specifically MetroRail, The Miami People Mover, The Wave, and local bus transit systems. Providing a more seamless mode of travel for the public will help encourage the non-highway mindset that is much needed in South Florida.

We support the *All Aboard Florida* initiative and recognize the net positive environmental benefits of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David A. Hart".

David A. Hart

Executive Vice President , Florida Chamber of Commerce

CC: Mark Wilson, President & CEO

Anthony Connelly, Chair, Florida Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

THE MIAMI-DADE BEACON COUNCIL



RESOLUTION OF THE BEACON COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED "ALL ABOARD FLORIDA" PRIVATELY OWNED, OPERATED AND MAINTAINED PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE BETWEEN DOWNTOWN MIAMI AND ORLANDO BEING DEVELOPED BY FLORIDA EAST COAST INDUSTRIES, INC.; FURTHER ENCOURAGING FLORIDA EAST COAST INDUSTRIES INC. TO SUPPORT A SEPARATE COMMUTER RAIL SERVICE WITH STATIONS AT HIGH DENSITY / HIGH COMMERCIAL INTENSITY AREAS ALONG THE ROUTE IN ORDER TO BETTER CONNECT DOWNTOWN MIAMI TO OTHER PARTS OF THE REGION; AND FURTHER URGING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER REGULATORY/FUNDING AGENCIES TO SUPPORT THESE PROJECTS AS NECESSARY.

August 13, 2012

WHEREAS, South Florida has underutilized transit-oriented neighborhoods that feature the State's largest employment center, a growing high-density residential community, major cultural and entertainment destinations, and an existing premium transit infrastructure that includes three Metrorail stations, Metromover loops, and two major Metrobus terminals; and

WHEREAS, despite these facts, South Florida is not currently served directly by regional or intra-state passenger rail; and

WHEREAS, More than fifty million people travel between South and Central Florida annually, largely over highly congested highways; and

WHEREAS, Florida East Coast Industries, Inc. owners of the FEC corridor, has announced plans to develop privately owned, operated and maintained passenger rail service between Downtown Miami and Orlando, with additional stops at Ft. Lauderdale and West Palm Beach; and

WHEREAS, Florida East Coast Industries, Inc. has announced that approximately 6,000 direct jobs will be needed to construct the system and over 1,000 more jobs to operate and maintain it; new economic development opportunities also will be created for communities along the route; and

WHEREAS, The Beacon Council finds that this proposed service is consistent with the Beacon Council's mission to encourage economic development through the creation of jobs and new opportunities to diversify and grow the economy in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, The Beacon Council wishes to encourage Florida East Coast Industries, Inc. to support a separate commuter rail service with stations at high density / high commercial intensity areas along the route in order to better connect Downtown Miami to other parts of the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BEACON COUNCIL, that:

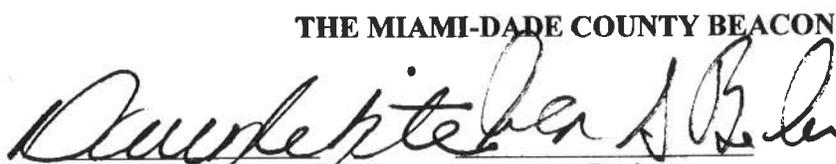
Section 1. The Beacon Council supports the proposed "All Aboard Florida" privately owned, operated and maintained passenger rail service between Downtown Miami and Orlando being developed by Florida East Coast Industries, Inc.

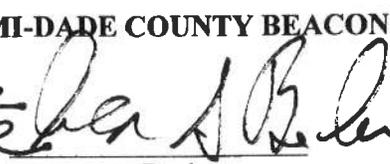
Section 2. The Beacon Council encourages Florida East Coast Industries, Inc. to support a separate rail service with stations at high density / high commercial intensity areas along the route in order to better connect Downtown Miami to other parts of the region.

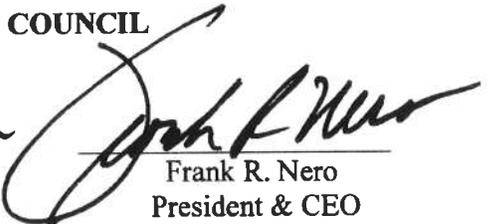
Section 3. The Beacon Council urges the Florida Department of Transportation and other regulatory / funding agencies to support these projects as necessary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The undersigned have executed this Resolution effective as of August 17, 2012.

THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BEACON COUNCIL


Dawn White
Secretary


Alan Becker
Chair


Frank R. Nero
President & CEO

Colin Henderson

From: Milligan, Lauren [Lauren.Milligan@dep.state.fl.us]
Sent: Thursday, August 30, 2012 11:50 AM
To: Colin Henderson
Subject: RE: All Aboard Florida - CZMA

Dear Colin:

That is correct. Since there are no substantive changes to the actual project footprint or conditions and no relevant changes in the CZMA or FCMP criteria, further review of this proposal by the Florida State Clearinghouse is not necessary. Our comments still stand and the project is still considered consistent with the FCMP.

Thank you,

Lauren

Lauren P. Milligan, Environmental Manager
Florida State Clearinghouse
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
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Please take a few minutes to share your comments on the service you received from the department by clicking on this link. [DEP Customer Survey](#).

From: Colin Henderson [<mailto:colin.henderson@tylin.com>]
Sent: Thursday, August 30, 2012 10:40 AM
To: Milligan, Lauren
Subject: All Aboard Florida - CZMA

Hi Lauren – Thanks again for returning my call regarding the Coastal Zone Consistency review. Based on our discussion, it is my understanding that the initial consistency determination by the State Clearinghouse for the South Florida East Coast Corridor Transit Analysis performed in November 2006 would still be valid for our current project along the same FEC rail corridor and that there has been no change in CZMA or FCMP criteria that would affect that determination. This would be especially true since it is an existing rail corridor and no modifications to the waterways or bridge crossings are proposed.

I also understand that if there are any environmental permits required as the project moves forward, that consistency with the FCMP will be reviewed once again at that time.

Please confirm that my understanding is correct and let me know if I missed anything.

Thanks for your help.

Colin Henderson
Vice President
Environmental