CITY OF
FORT LAUDERDALE

Memorandum

Memorandum No: 22-097

Date: August 26, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Commissioners

From: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

Re: **Broward Quiet Zones**

This memorandum shall serve as an update to memorandum 22-081 regarding the Broward Quiet Zones. The Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) continues to facilitate the countywide response and is working closely with the Federal Rail Administration (FRA) regarding Florida East Coast Railway safety concerns. While FRA continues their review, the MPO is working with Broward County municipalities and Brightline to create an action plan to mitigate FRA concerns and improve at-grade rail crossings.

City staff attended a joint meeting with the MPO and FRA on August 9, 2022. Subsequently, the MPO hosted a meeting for local municipalities on Wednesday, August 17th which provided general information about their proposed action plan. Each municipality was asked to review their at-grade crossings to identify potential improvements such as installing medians, quadrant gates, creating grade separation, or closing existing crossings. Staff has already started the evaluation process and is scheduled to meet with the MPO and Brightline in early September to discuss short-term and long-term strategies.

There are 66 crossings in Broward County and 19 within the City of Fort Lauderdale. Seven crossings, none in Fort Lauderdale, have been identified as the most dangerous based on the number of incidents after the Quiet Zones were implemented.

The at-grade crossings within the City of Fort Lauderdale are:

NE 17th Court	West Broward Boulevard	SW Davie Boulevard
NE 13th Court	SW 2nd Street	SW 15th Street
Sunrise Boulevard	Riverwalk (Pedestrian Only)	SW 17th Street
NE 3rd Avenue	SW 5th Street	SW 22nd Street
North Andrews Avenue	SW 6th Street	SW State Road 84
NW 6th Street (Sistrunk)	SW 7th Street	--
NW 4th Street	SW 9th Street	--

For additional information, please contact Ben Rogers, Director of Transportation and Mobility, at BRogers@fortlauderdale.gov.

Attachment: Broward MPO August 17 Presentation

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