



## Memorandum

**Memorandum No: 25-038**

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*

**DATE:** April 18, 2025

**SUBJECT: New River Crossing – Broward County Letter and Pending Designation of a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) on April 22, 2025**

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On April 16, 2025, Broward County Mayor Beam Furr sent a letter to Mayor Dean Trantalis regarding the New River Crossing and Broward Commuter Rail-North. The letter, attached below, acknowledges that the City Commission approved Resolution No. 25-71 on April 15, 2025, and notes his intention to bring forward a resolution at the Board of County Commissioners meeting on April 22, 2025.

Upon review of the Broward County Board of County Commissioners April 22, 2025, agenda, staff became aware of an agenda item that includes two actions related to the Broward Commuter Rail-North project.

25-338 (Item 61) A. MOTION TO ADOPT Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Broward County, Florida approving the designation of Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) to certain proposed elements of the Broward Commuter Rail-North Public Transit Project (BCR-North) located on the Florida East Coast Railway Corridor; confirming independent utility and logical termini of the project, authorizing a maximum amount not to exceed \$20,000,000 for Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) activities costs; and authorizing the County Administrator to take the necessary administrative and budgetary actions, including the procurement of vendor(s) to perform the required PD&E study.

B. MOTION TO ADOPT Budget Resolution within the Transportation Surtax Fund to transfer \$20,000,000 to the Broward Commuter Rail-North project for the purposes of engineering, design, project development, and environmental study tasks consistent with state and federal funding requirements.

The letter from Mayor Furr and Item 61 documents are attached for your reference. Please contact Ben Rogers, Acting Assistant City Manager, at 954-828-3781 or [Brogers@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:Brogers@fortlauderdale.gov) with any questions or concerns.

Attachments:

April 16, 2025, Letter from Mayor Furr to Mayor Trantalis

April 22, 2025, Broward County Board of County Commissioners Agenda Item 61 Documents

c: D'Wayne M. Spence, Interim City Attorney  
David R. Soloman, City Clerk  
Patrick Reilly, City Auditor  
City Manager's Office  
Department Directors



**BEAM FURR, Mayor**

Board of County Commissioners District 6  
115 S. Andrews Avenue • Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301  
(954) 357-7006

April 16, 2025

The Honorable Dean Trantalis  
City of Fort Lauderdale  
100 N Andrews Ave # 8,  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Dear Mayor Trantalis,

First, I want to thank the City of Fort Lauderdale staff for continue to work with Broward County staff to address options for crossing the New River as part of the Broward County Rail-North Commuter Rail (BCR-North) project. As stated in my letter of March 3, 2025, the County remains open to considering a viable tunnel proposal presented by the City on or about October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, provided that the items set forth in my letter were included, specifically as it relates to a providing a “viable and feasible public-private partnership tunnel development proposal” which was noted the resolution the City Commission adopted on April, 15, 2025.

The County will continue to collaborate with the City regarding the New River crossing component to BCR-North, while also remaining committed to delivering BCR-North service to all cities north of the New River. As I believe you are aware, many of the cities to the north are anxious to have commuter rail service and many have based their economic or redevelopment plans on this service coming to their central business districts. As you are also aware, without crossing the New River, we will not be able to make commuter rail a regional transportation option for Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties. As a regional government, the County is committed to addressing mobility challenges countywide, supporting the regional advancement of viable transportation alternatives, and assisting cities as they work to expand economic development opportunities within their boundaries.

To that end, I plan to bring a resolution forward on April 22, 2025, that will designate BCR-North as the Locally Preferred Alternative and to instruct County Administration to proceed with Project Development and Environmental actions to advance this project. Notwithstanding the fact that the City Commission resolution adopted last evening did not specifically include agreement with the proposal in my March 3, 2025, letter, and removed the mere acknowledgment that the County may proceed with a bridge crossing (without City support) if no viable tunnel alternative were presented, the proposed County resolution will remain silent on the preferred crossing technology at this time.



**BEAM FURR, Mayor**

Board of County Commissioners District 6  
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Between now and October 1, 2025, I hope that City and County staff will continue their collaborative activities and the City will be able to present a viable tunnel proposal that is materially consistent with my March 3, 2025, letter. Should the City not present such a proposal for County consideration by that time, the County Commission, as the project sponsor, may move forward with designating the New River Crossing as a bridge during a future Broward County Commission meeting.

While we appreciate the continuing collaboration between the County and City staff regarding this issue, I hope you can appreciate that the resolution adopted last evening falls short of what we hoped to achieve. However, I believe it does show progress and reinforces the momentum that has been established for BCR-North. I look forward to open, transparent, and authentic communication as we continue advancing this component to countywide transportation improvements that I know we all view as critical to our community's future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beam Furr".

cc: Broward County Board of County Commissioners  
Monica Cepero, County Administrator  
Dr. Kimm Campbell, Deputy County Administrator  
Kevin Kelleher, Assistant County Administrator  
Coree Cuff Lonergan, Director, Transportation Department  
Andrew Meyers, County Attorney  
Robert Melton, County Auditor

# Broward County



## Legislation Details

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**Sponsors:** TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

**Indexes:** Established Commission Goals

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**Attachments:** 1. Exhibit 1 - Budget Resolution, 2. Additional Material - Information, 3. Additional Material - Information

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Exhibit #1

**BUDGET RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Broward County Florida, that the Clerk of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to make the following budget amendments within the Surtax Special Revenue Fund Fund 11610 for fiscal year 2025, pursuant to Section 129.06(2), Florida Statutes.

**APPROPRIATIONS (0000781951)**

**MT-General Administration (50401010)**

**BRWD Commuter Rail - North PR (109062)**

Prof Svcs-Consult Planning (512080)

\$20,000,000

**ND-Rev Coll-Treasury-Cash Mgm (95101000)**

**Regional Transportation Parent (106896)**

Payments To Oga (580020)

(\$20,000,000)

**Total APPROPRIATIONS**

**\$0**

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Approved County Administrator

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Date

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Approved Office of Management and Budget

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Date

ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. 20 .

**Agenda # 25-338B**

# ITEM #61

- Resolution of Support from the City of Pompano Beach (R-2025-81 Broward County Commuter Rail North Project)
- Letter of Support and Resolution from City of Deerfield Beach (R-2022-055 Broward Commuter Rail North Project)
- Resolution of Support from the City of Oakland Park (R-2025-029-Broward County Commuter Rail North Project)
- Letter of Support and Resolution from the City of Wilton Manors (R-2021-040 Broward County Commuter Rail North Project)

# ADDITIONAL MATERIAL REGULAR MEETING

**APRIL 22, 2025**

**SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF  
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 81**

**CITY OF POMPANO BEACH  
Broward County, Florida**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR BROWARD COMMUTER RAIL NORTH PROJECT FROM THE PROPOSED SOUTH FORT LAUDERDALE STATION AS PART OF THE BROWARD COMMUTER RAIL SOUTH PROJECT TO THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LINE; ACKNOWLEDGING POTENTIAL STATION LOCATIONS IN DEERFIELD BEACH, POMPANO BEACH, OAKLAND PARK AND FORT LAUDERDALE; ACKNOWLEDGING THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH COMMITMENT TO THE PROJECT TO ENHANCE MOBILITY IN THE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the FEC Railway corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing the Southeast Florida Region; and

**WHEREAS**, cities along Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

**WHEREAS**, modern cities along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

**WHEREAS**, improved mobility is highly desired in Broward County, the Southeast Florida Region and throughout the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County has received a Record of Decision from the Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”) to proceed into design for a commuter rail project, the completion of which would allow a commuter rail project in Broward County to connect and become part of a strategic regional transportation initiative extending through Broward into downtown Miami-Dade; and

**WHEREAS**, Broward County has received a Finding of No Significant Impact from FTA to proceed into design for Broward Commuter Rail South which is the southern 11.5 miles of commuter rail in Broward County that would connect with Miami-Dade commuter rail project; and

**WHEREAS**, the integrated system of transit services to be provided through Broward County’s PREMO Program addresses existing and future travel markets, mobility and connectivity for residents and visitors in Broward County and the City of Pompano Beach; and

**WHEREAS**, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout Broward County and the Southeast Florida Region; and

**WHEREAS**, the reintroduction of passenger service along Florida's east coast by Brightline has demonstrated a need and market for rail transportation through the Southeast Florida region; and

**WHEREAS**, the introduction of commuter rail service along Florida's east coast would provide an increase in economic growth, business investment and support for workforce housing; and

**WHEREAS**, the reduction of Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and changes to the distribution of trips by transportation mode would reduce fuel consumption and the amounts of pollutants emitted in the Southeast Florida Region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Broward MPO’s “Route to 2050” identifies commuter rail along the FEC Railway corridor as a transportation need.

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

**SECTION 1.** The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are true and correct and hereby ratified and confirmed by the City Commission. All exhibits attached hereto are hereby incorporated herein.

**SECTION 2.** Working with Broward County, local governments, and other appropriate public agencies, the City of Pompano Beach supports Broward County’s adoption of a Locally Preferred Alternative with the proposed project limits and preliminary station locations identified in this resolution.

**SECTION 3.** The City of Pompano Beach agrees with the proposed transit station locations, to be refined through the next phase (Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study) of this project, particularly as they pertain to this jurisdiction, as appropriate.

**SECTION 4.** Working with Broward County and other appropriate agencies, the City of Pompano Beach agrees to support complementary land use policies, land development regulations, and economic development activities consistent with the Federal Transit Administration New Starts Project Development Process.

**SECTION 5.** The City Clerk is hereby authorized to forward a copy of this resolution to Broward County Board of County Commissioners and officials involved in regional transit planning.

**SECTION 6.** All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith, be and the same are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 7.** If any clause, section or other part of this Resolution shall be held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such unconstitutional or invalid part shall be considered eliminated and will in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this Resolution.

**SECTION 8.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 25th day of February, 2025.

Signed by:  
  
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**REX HARDIN, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**KERVIN ALFRED, CITY CLERK**

Signed by:  


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February 3, 2025

Coree Cuff Lonergan  
General Manager/Director, Transportation  
Broward County Transit (BCT)  
1 North University Drive-Suite 3100A  
Plantation, Florida 33324

Subject; Broward Commuter Rail North – PD&E Study

To whom it may concern:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Deerfield Beach to express our strong support for the Broward Commuter Rail North project. This vital initiative promotes sustainable mobility and improves the quality of life for our residents. In addition, the project will help manage roadway congestion and support economic growth by linking key employment, residential, and commercial centers with our city.

We believe that this project is vital for meeting the growing transportation needs of our community. It is essential that Broward County move forward with the Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) Study to continue with the development and implementation of this project and service. The City of Deerfield Beach previously passed a resolution of support for the project. A copy is enclosed.

The City of Deerfield Beach looks forward to continuing our collaboration with Broward County Transit for the successful implementation of the Broward Commuter Rail North project and others in the PREMO plan.

Thank you for your leadership with this transformative project.

Sincerely,



Rodney Brimlow  
City Manager

*More Than Just a Pretty Beach*

Honorable Mayor  
Bill Ganz

District 1 Commissioner  
Michael Hudak

District 2 Commissioner  
Ben Preston

District 3 Commissioner  
Bernie Parness

District 4 Commissioner  
Todd Drosky

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022/055**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE BROWARD COMMUTER RAIL PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR EXECUTION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, the Broward Commuter Rail project (the “BCR Project”) is a 27-mile commuter rail transit project from Aventura in Miami-Dade County to Deerfield Beach in Broward County, which will connect to the proposed Miami-Dade County SMART Plan Northeast Corridor project, both of which utilize the existing Florida East Coast rail corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”) is anticipated to be a key funding partner for the BCR Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the BCR Project analysis is a joint effort between the Florida Department of Transportation (“FDOT”) and Broward County (the “County”); and

**WHEREAS**, one of the project components that FDOT and the County have been jointly addressing is passenger station locations; and

**WHEREAS**, the station refinement process for the entire tri-county area (Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade Counties) has evolved over 16 years, and the number of potential stations has been refined from nearly 100 station areas to 26 and later down to six based on various criteria; and

**WHEREAS**, the station locations will have a significant impact on the surrounding communities; and

**WHEREAS**, stations provide communities with mobility options, additional residential units, access to adjacent places of employment, economic development, increased property value, and tax revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has embraced Smart Growth principals that recognize the potential benefits of a commuter rail station, including the encouragement of walkable neighborhoods and commercial districts and support for multi-modal transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, communities that embrace these policies will assist the County in creating a stronger competitive FTA New/Small Starts federal funding application for the BCR Project; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the locations identified for a station is in the City of Deerfield Beach on privately owned property in the 400 to 500 block of South Dixie Highway in the Pioneer Grove District; and

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**WHEREAS**, stations will be required to provide an estimated 500 parking spaces for commuter rail users; and

**WHEREAS**, since the Deerfield Beach site is privately owned, and will require structured parking to accommodate the station and an associated mix of uses to activate the project, the City supports the BCR Project with funding options that will allow for paid parking to offset the cost of a parking structure; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission desires to support the Broward Commuter Rail Project and a BCR station in the City of Deerfield Beach.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

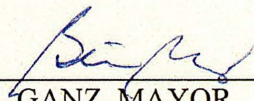
**Section 1.** The above referenced "Whereas" clauses are true and correct and made a part of this Resolution.

**Section 2.** The City Commission hereby supports the Broward Commuter Rail Project and a BCR passenger station located in the City. The City supports the BCR Project with funding options that will allow for paid parking to offset the cost of a parking structure at station locations.

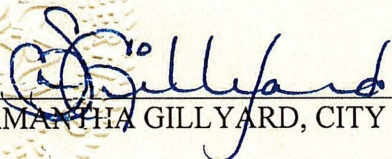
**Section 3.** The appropriate City officials are authorized to do all things necessary to carry out the aims of this Resolution.

**Section 4.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5TH DAY OF APRIL, 2022.

  
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BILL GANZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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SAMANTHA GILLYARD, CITY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-029

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3       **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF**  
4       **OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR**  
5       **BROWARD COMMUTER RAIL NORTH PROJECT FROM THE**  
6       **PROPOSED SOUTH FORT LAUDERDALE STATION AS PART OF**  
7       **THE BROWARD COMMUTER RAIL SOUTH PROJECT TO THE**  
8       **PALM BEACH COUNTY LINE; ACKNOWLEDGING POTENTIAL**  
9       **STATION LOCATIONS IN DEERFIELD BEACH, POMPANO**  
10       **BEACH, OAKLAND PARK AND FORT LAUDERDALE;**  
11       **ACKNOWLEDGING THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK**  
12       **COMMITMENT TO THE PROJECT TO ENHANCE MOBILITY IN**  
13       **THE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGION; PROVIDING FOR**  
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40       **WHEREAS**, the integrated system of transit services to be provided through  
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43 Oakland Park; and,

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**WHEREAS**, the Broward MPO's "Route to 2050" identifies commuter rail along the FEC Railway corridor as a transportation need.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are true and correct and hereby ratified and confirmed by the City Commission. All exhibits attached hereto are hereby incorporated herein.

**SECTION 2.** Working with the Broward County, local governments, and other appropriate public agencies, the City of Oakland Park supports Broward County's adoption of a Locally Preferred Alternative with the proposed project limits and preliminary station locations identified in this resolution.

**SECTION 3.** The City of Oakland Park agrees with the proposed transit station locations, to be refined through the next phase (Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study) of this project, particularly as they pertain to this jurisdiction, as appropriate.

**SECTION 4.** Working with Broward County and other appropriate agencies, the City of Oakland Park agrees to support complementary land use policies, land development regulations, and economic development activities consistent with the Federal Transit Administration New Starts Project Development Process.

1           **SECTION 5.** The City Clerk is hereby authorized to forward a copy of this  
2 resolution to Broward County Board of County Commissioners and officials involved in  
3 regional transit planning.

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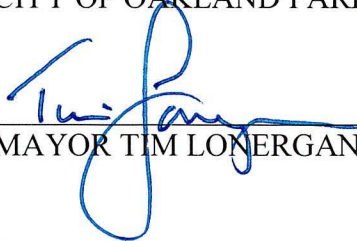
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8           **SECTION 7.** If any clause, section or other part of this Resolution shall be held  
9 by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such  
10 unconstitutional or invalid part shall be considered eliminated and will in no way affect  
11 the validity of the other provisions of this Resolution.

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13           **SECTION 8.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its  
14 passage and adoption.

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16           **ADOPTED** by the City Commission of the City of Oakland Park, Florida this 19<sup>th</sup>  
17 day of February, 2025.

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CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA

  
MAYOR TIM LONERGAN

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| S. ARNST    | <u>YES</u>    |
| A. GORDON   | <u>ABSENT</u> |
| L. NEWBOLD  | <u>YES</u>    |
| F. BUDHOO   | <u>YES</u>    |
| T. LONERGAN | <u>YES</u>    |

37 ATTEST:

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41 RENEE M. SHROUT, CMC  
42 CITY CLERK

# City of Wilton Manors

2020 Wilton Drive • Wilton Manors, Florida 33305 • (954) 390-2120 • FAX (954) 390-2199



*Life's Just Better Here*

March 6, 2025

Coree Cuff Lonergan  
General Manager/Director, Transportation  
Broward County Transit (BCT)  
1 North University Drive-Suite 3100A  
Plantation, Florida 33324

Subject: Broward Commuter Rail North – PD&E Study

**Scott Newton**  
Mayor

**Mike Bracchi**  
Vice Mayor

**Chris Caputo**  
Commissioner

**Don D'Arminio**  
Commissioner

**Paul Rolli**  
Commissioner

**Leigh Ann Henderson**  
City Manager

**Kerry Ezrol**  
City Attorney

Dear Ms. Lonergan:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Wilton Manors to express our strong support for the Broward Commuter Rail North project. This vital initiative promotes sustainable mobility and improves the quality of life for our residents. In addition, the project will help manage roadway congestion and support economic growth by linking key employment, residential, and commercial centers with our city.

We believe that this project is vital for meeting the growing transportation needs of our community. It is essential that Broward County move forward with the Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) Study to continue with the development and implementation of this project and service. The City of Wilton Manors previously passed a resolution of support for the project. A copy is enclosed.

The City of Wilton Manors looks forward to continuing our collaboration with Broward County Transit for the successful implementation of the Broward Commuter Rail North project and others in the PREMO plan.

Thank you for your leadership with this transformative project.

Sincerely,

Leigh Ann Henderson  
City Manager

Attachment: Resolution No. 2021-040



1           **WHEREAS**, in 2019, the City of Wilton Manors engaged the services of the  
2           Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council to create a vision for a station area as well as  
3           the City Hall property; resulting in a Wilton Manors Station Area Master Plan which  
4           includes the creation of a physical master plan for the anticipated station, development of  
5           transit oriented design concepts, development of market overview, coordination with other  
6           agencies, a review of land use, recommendations to implement transit oriented  
7           development, improve walkability and connectivity, and desired economic development;  
8           and

9           **WHEREAS**, the City of Wilton Manors engaged Calvin Giordano & Associates,  
10          Inc. (CGA) to perform the Urban Form and Density Study. On November 26, 2019, the  
11          City Commission accepted the Urban Form and Density Study detailing eight (8)  
12          recommendations which include, expanding the existing Transit Oriented Corridor Land  
13          Use Category’s boundaries, reconciling the future land use and zoning maps for the Transit  
14          Oriented Corridor Land Use Category; buffering single family homes from abutting  
15          development; creating great places for people; re-evaluating existing parking study  
16          regulations; increasing sustainability and resilience; and connecting people to places; and

17          **WHEREAS**, the City of Wilton Manors, based on the recommendations of the  
18          Urban Form and Density Study, the City’s vision, and the findings of the Station Area  
19          Master Plan from Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, entered into an agreement  
20          with CGA to increase density in the Transit Oriented Corridor Land Use Categories, to  
21          expand the boundaries of the Transit Oriented Corridor land use category, and to draft  
22          amendments to the City’s Urban Center Mixed-Use Zoning Districts, referred to as Article  
23          030 of the City’s Unified Land Development Regulation; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the City of Wilton Manors supports the location of a commuter rail  
2 station within the City.

3           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION**  
4 **OF THE CITY OF WILTON MANORS, FLORIDA, THAT:**

5           **Section 1.**     The aforementioned “WHEREAS” clauses are hereby ratified and  
6 confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

7           **Section 2.**     The City Commission of the City of Wilton Manors expresses its  
8 support for a commuter rail station within the City of Wilton Manors, south of NE 26  
9 Street adjacent to the F.E.C. rail road tracks.

10          **Section 3.**     The City Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the  
11 Florida Department of Transportation, Broward County, the Broward Metropolitan  
12 Planning Organization, the South Florida Regional Transit Authority, and Brightline.

13          **Section 4.**     All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith, be and  
14 the same are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

15          **Section 5.**     If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is held  
16 to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding  
17 shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

18          **Section 6.**     This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its  
19 passage and adoption.

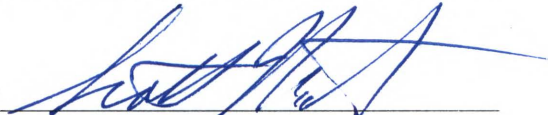
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**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF  
WILTON MANORS, FLORIDA, THIS 25<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2021.**

CITY OF WILTON MANORS, FLORIDA

By:   
SCOTT NEWTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

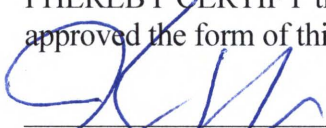
  
FAITH LOMBARDO  
CITY CLERK

RECORD OF COMMISSION VOTE

MAYOR NEWTON  
VICE MAYOR ROLLI  
COMMISSIONER BRACCHI  
COMMISSIONER CAPUTO  
COMMISSIONER RESNICK

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have  
approved the form of this Resolution.

  
KERRY L. EZROL, ESQ.  
CITY ATTORNEY

**ADDITIONAL MATERIAL  
REGULAR MEETING**

**APRIL 22, 2025**

**SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF  
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT**

**PROPOSED**

RESOLUTION NO.

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD  
2 COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE DESIGNATION OF “LOCALLY PREFERRED  
3 ALTERNATIVE” TO CERTAIN PROPOSED ELEMENTS OF A COMMUTER RAIL  
4 PUBLIC TRANSIT PROJECT LOCATED ON THE FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILWAY  
5 CORRIDOR FROM THE NORTHERNMOST STATION OF THE BROWARD  
6 COMMUTER RAIL SOUTH PROJECT TO A NORTHERN TERMINUS FOR A  
7 COMMUTER RAIL PROJECT IN NORTHERN BROWARD COUNTY (“BCR-NORTH”);  
8 CONFIRMING INDEPENDENT UTILITY AND LOGICAL TERMINI OF THE PROJECT;  
9 TRANSFERRING \$20,000,000 OF TRANSPORTATION SURTAX FUNDING FROM  
10 THE FY2025-26 CAPITAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION FOR REGIONAL  
11 TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUTER RAIL TO THE PROJECT FOR PROJECT  
12 DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY COSTS; DIRECTING THE COUNTY  
13 ADMINISTRATOR TO PURSUE STATE AND FEDERAL GRANT FUNDING FOR THE  
14 BCR-NORTH PROJECT; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE  
15 DATE.

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17 WHEREAS, there is a critical need to develop adequate transit services for the  
18 mobility needs of residents, businesses, and visitors in Broward County and the broader  
19 Southeast Florida region;

20 WHEREAS, in 1995 a collaboration of freight operators and the Florida  
21 Department of Transportation (“FDOT”) completed the “Rail Rationalization Study,”

22 recommending long-term planning for both the South Florida Rail Corridor (“SFRC”) and  
23 the Florida East Coast Railway (“FEC”) Corridor, including double tracking the SFRC,  
24 concurrent public investment in the FEC Corridor, and consideration of implementing  
25 passenger rail service within the FEC Corridor;

26 WHEREAS, the South Florida East Coast Corridor Study, later referred to as the  
27 Tri-Rail Coastal Link Study (initiated in 2004), explored the feasibility of an 85-mile  
28 Tri-County commuter rail transit system through Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach  
29 counties to provide traffic relief, increased mobility, and greater access to the State’s  
30 Strategic Intermodal System facilities;

31 WHEREAS, the provision of commuter rail service in Broward County is consistent  
32 with the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan from the Broward Metropolitan Planning  
33 Organization (“MPO”), which identifies a commuter rail project on the FEC Corridor as an  
34 element of a “Transit Needs” list;

35 WHEREAS, on January 28, 2021, Broward County and FDOT executed a  
36 Memorandum of Understanding, formalizing a partnership aimed at advancing commuter  
37 rail service on the FEC rail corridor in Broward County;

38 WHEREAS, on October 21, 2021, Miami-Dade County received approval from the  
39 Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”) to enter the project development phase for a  
40 project along the FEC rail corridor, the completion of which would allow a commuter rail  
41 project in Broward County to connect and become part of a strategic regional  
42 transportation initiative extending from Broward to downtown Miami;

43 WHEREAS, on August 22, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners of Broward  
44 County, Florida (“Board”), voted unanimously to proceed with advancing implementation  
45 of an 11.5-mile commuter rail service on the FEC rail corridor between the Aventura  
46 Station in Miami-Dade County (connecting to Miami-Dade’s proposed commuter rail  
47 project), and the north terminus near the Broward Health station (SW 15th/17th Street)  
48 (such portions located in Broward County referred to as “BCR-South”) as the Locally  
49 Preferred Alternative (“LPA”) for commuter rail in southern Broward County;

50 WHEREAS, the County, at the direction of the Board, in partnership with FDOT,  
51 completed the preliminary engineering and National Environmental Policy Act (“NEPA”)  
52 study in September 2024, and was accepted into the FTA New Starts grant program in  
53 December 2024;

54 WHEREAS, in connection with the potential for establishing commuter rail from the  
55 northernmost station of BCR-South to northern Broward County (“BCR-North”), the  
56 County completed a round of public outreach efforts between December 2024 and  
57 February 2025, including over twenty (20) stakeholder and community meetings and  
58 two (2) general public meetings, through which the County received overwhelming  
59 support from all five (5) Broward County municipalities along the proposed BCR-North  
60 project, from communities along the corridor, and from other stakeholders, to extend the  
61 commuter rail to the northern part of Broward County; and

62 WHEREAS, to begin the Project Development and Environmental (“PD&E”) study  
63 process for the potential BCR-North project, the Board must adopt an LPA to certain  
64 proposed elements of BCR-North, confirm independent utility and logical termini of the

65 proposed project, and provide funding for the required PD&E study for the project, NOW,  
66 THEREFORE,

67 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
68 BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

69 Section 1. Designation of LPA for Elements of BCR-North Project.

70 The implementation of commuter rail services along FEC Railway corridor from the  
71 planned Broward Health station near SW 17<sup>th</sup> Street in Fort Lauderdale, as part of the  
72 BCR-South project, to a northern terminus located near East Hillsboro Boulevard in  
73 Deerfield Beach, includes a total of four (4) proposed stations.

74 Mode: Commuter Rail Transit

75 Technology: Push-pull locomotive

76 Recommended Station Locations:

77 Downtown Fort Lauderdale station at or near Broward Boulevard

78 Oakland Park station at or near NE 36<sup>th</sup> Street

79 Pompano Beach station at or near MLK-Hammondville Road/NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street

80 Deerfield Beach station at or near SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street/Hillsboro Boulevard

81 Section 2. Utility and Logical Termini.

82 The Board finds that the BCR-North project has independent utility and logical  
83 termini. Service will extend approximately 15.5 miles between the south terminus  
84 proposed at the planned Broward Health station near SW 17<sup>th</sup> Street in Fort Lauderdale,  
85 as part of the BCR-South project on the FEC corridor, and the north terminus near East  
86 Hillsboro Boulevard in Deerfield Beach.

87           Section 3.    Authorized Appropriation and Disbursement.

88           The Board authorizes the transfer of a maximum amount not to exceed Twenty  
89 Million Dollars (\$20,000,000) from the Transportation Surtax Fund to be used for PD&E  
90 studies that are required in connection with the FTA New Starts grant application and  
91 project management-related activities. The Board further authorizes the County  
92 Administrator to take any necessary administrative actions to procure (subject to final  
93 Board approval of the contract or other agreement) vendor(s) to perform the PD&E  
94 studies.

95           Section 4.    Grant Funding.

96           The Board directs the County Administrator to pursue grant funding from federal  
97 and state government sources to support the BCR-North project and to coordinate with  
98 the Broward MPO and other organizations, as appropriate, in seeking such grant funding.

99           Section 5.    Severability.

100           If any portion of this Resolution is determined by any court to be invalid, the invalid  
101 portion will be stricken, and such striking will not affect the validity of the remainder of this  
102 Resolution. If any court determines that this Resolution, in whole or in part, cannot be  
103 legally applied to any individual, group, entity, property, or circumstance, such  
104 determination will not affect the applicability of this Resolution to any other individual,  
105 group, entity, property, or circumstance.

