

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:

Rex Hardin

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REX HARDIN, MAYOR

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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

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

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:

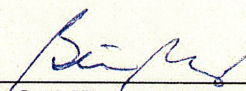
Section 1. The above referenced "Whereas" clauses are true and correct and made a part of this Resolution.

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.

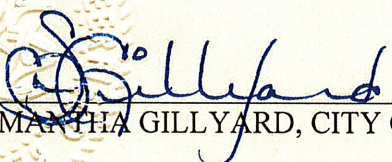
Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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



BILL GANZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:



SAMANTHA GILLYARD, CITY CLERK

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RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-029

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, 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 OAKLAND PARK COMMITMENT TO THE PROJECT TO ENHANCE MOBILITY IN THE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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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 Oakland Park; and,

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2 **WHEREAS**, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved
3 mobility, especially between cities and throughout Broward County and the Southeast
4 Florida Region; and
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6 **WHEREAS**, the reintroduction of passenger service along Florida's east coast by
7 Brightline has demonstrated a need and market for rail transportation through the
8 Southeast Florida region; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, the introduction of commuter rail service along Florida's east coast
11 would provide an increase in economic growth, business investment and support for
12 workforce housing; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, the reduction of Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and changes to the
15 distribution of trips by transportation mode would reduce fuel consumption and the
16 amounts of pollutants emitted in the Southeast Florida Region; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, the Broward MPO's "Route to 2050" identifies commuter rail along
19 the FEC Railway corridor as a transportation need.
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21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY**
22 **COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA THAT:**
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24 **SECTION 1.** The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are true and correct and hereby
25 ratified and confirmed by the City Commission. All exhibits attached hereto are hereby
26 incorporated herein.
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28 **SECTION 2.** Working with the Broward County, local governments, and other
29 appropriate public agencies, the City of Oakland Park supports Broward County's
30 adoption of a Locally Preferred Alternative with the proposed project limits and
31 preliminary station locations identified in this resolution.
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33 **SECTION 3.** The City of Oakland Park agrees with the proposed transit station
34 locations, to be refined through the next phase (Project Development and Environment
35 (PD&E) Study) of this project, particularly as they pertain to this jurisdiction, as
36 appropriate.
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38 **SECTION 4.** Working with Broward County and other appropriate agencies, the
39 City of Oakland Park agrees to support complementary land use policies, land
40 development regulations, and economic development activities consistent with the Federal
41 Transit Administration New Starts Project Development Process.
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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.

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

ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Oakland Park, Florida this 19th day of February, 2025.

CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA

MAYOR TIM LONERGAN

S. ARNST

YES

A. GORDON

ABSENT

L. NEWBOLD

YES

F. BUDHOO

YES

T. LONERGAN

YES

ATTEST:

RENEE M. SHROUT, CMC
CITY CLERK

City of Wilton Manors

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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

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.

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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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1 PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF
2 WILTON MANORS, FLORIDA, THIS 25th DAY OF MAY, 2021.
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4 CITY OF WILTON MANORS, FLORIDA

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7 By: 

8 SCOTT NEWTON, MAYOR
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10 ATTEST: 

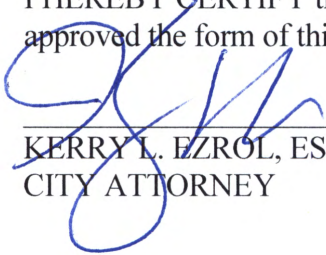
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RECORD OF COMMISSION VOTE

16 MAYOR NEWTON
17 VICE MAYOR ROLLI
18 COMMISSIONER BRACCHI
19 COMMISSIONER CAPUTO
20 COMMISSIONER RESNICK

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


KERRY L. EZROL, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY