

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-R01

A RESOLUTION OF THE TREASURE COAST REGIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THAT THE STATE OF FLORIDA FUND THE COST OF QUIET ZONES AT THE MUNICIPAL RAILROAD CROSSINGS LOCATED WITHIN THE ALL ABOARD FLORIDA PROJECT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities acknowledges the efforts of All Aboard Florida to construct a high speed passenger rail system from Miami to Orlando along the FEC tracks (the "All Aboard Florida Project"); and

WHEREAS, there are ninety (90) railroad crossings along the FEC tracks within the St. Lucie, Indian River, and Martin counties; and

WHEREAS, the All Aboard Florida Project will increase railroad traffic and railroad noise within those counties; and

WHEREAS, there are thousands of people in those counties who reside or work in very close proximity to these crossings and who would be significantly affected in their daily lives by the noise of the trains blowing their horns at the ninety (90) FEC crossings if there is no quiet zone designation for those areas; and

WHEREAS, quiet zones are needed at all affected municipal railroad crossings in order to mitigate the impacts of increased railroad traffic and railroad noise and to protect the health, safety and welfare of the counties residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has expressed its commitment to the success of the All Aboard Florida Project; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the cost of upgrading the infrastructure at the crossings so that they meet federal quiet zone standards could be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars for each crossing, resulting in a potential total cost in excess of several million dollars to the counties; and

WHEREAS, the counties needs the financial assistance of the State of Florida to pay for quiet zones at its municipal railroad crossings within the counties of All Aboard Florida Project

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the League for the Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. The League for the Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities hereby formally request that the State of Florida fund the cost of quiet zones at all municipal railroad crossings within the counties.

Section 2. A copy of this resolution shall be transmitted by the President to Governor Rick Scott, Chief Financial Officer Jeffrey Atwater, Florida Department of Transportation Secretary, Ananth Prasad, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, and Florida League of Cities.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 15 day of January, 2014.

TREASURE COAST REGIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES

By 

Mayor JoAnn M. Faiella, City of Port St. Lucie  
President

ATTEST:



Bonnie R. Cruz, Secretary