

September 18, 2014

To: MPO Board Members, TCC Members and City Managers:

Thank you for your continued support of the quiet zone process. As you were aware, the Broward and Palm Beach MPOs applied for a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant for \$22 Million of Supplemental Safety Measures (SSM) along the Florida East Coast (FEC) railroad corridor. Unfortunately, on Friday September 12, 2014 the MPOs learned that our TIGER Grant application was not awarded. We have been advised by the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) to reapply next year. The only TIGER Grant award in Florida was to the Tamiami Trail / Everglades Restoration project.

Fortunately, the MPOs can deliver the infrastructure necessary for a quiet zone because of our partnership with All Aboard Florida (AAF). AAF was crucial in this process as they offered both financial and technical assistance that otherwise would not have been possible. This partnership allows us to further enhance the corridor above and beyond what is needed for a county-wide quiet zone. The resulting efficient use of funds has allowed the MPO to expand the methodology used to determine which crossings will receive treatments.

As you may recall, our first step to establish a Quiet Zone was to account for street closures at crossings as recommended by a municipality. The only closure is at NW 2nd Street in Fort Lauderdale. We then factored in crossings where the municipalities preferred the placement of medians due to the cost effectiveness and benefits of this type of treatment. Lastly, we added four quadrant gates taking into account a geographic distribution of the crossings with the highest risk index to reach the quiet zone Risk Index with Horns (RIWH) threshold. The resulting quiet zone far exceeds the Risk Index with Horns (RIWH) threshold minimum standards.

In the coming weeks, the Broward MPO will be reaching out to our partner governments along the FEC corridor to set up a joint meeting regarding the construction of the railroad improvements including the quiet zone treatments. The Broward MPO also will join All Aboard Florida's engineering team to conduct field diagnostics of all crossings. We look forward to our continued coordination with all of our partners.

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Below, you will find the SSMs which will be installed barring any unforeseen engineering issues:

Closing

- N.W. 2ND ST.

Medians

- N.E. 26TH ST.
- S.W. 9TH ST.
- S.W. 12TH ST.
- S.W. 15TH ST. (Central County)

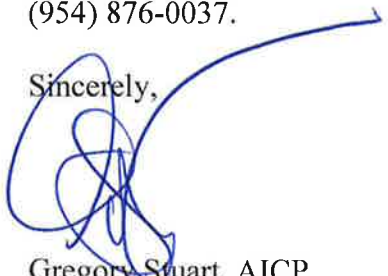
4 Quadrant Gates

- S.E.4TH ST.
- S.W.15TH ST. (North County)
- SAMPLE RD
- Atlantic Blvd
- COMMERCIAL BLVD
- N.E. 38TH ST.
- SUNRISE BLVD
- N.E. 3RD AVE
- N.ANDREWS AVE
- N.W. 6TH ST.
- S.W. 2ND ST.
- S.W. 24TH ST.
- S.W. 2ND ST.
- HOLLYWOOD BLVD
- HALLANDALE BLVD

	Total Crossings	Supplemental Safety Measures (SSM)			Total SSMs	% of Intersections with SSMs
		Closings	Medians	4-Quad Gates		
Deerfield Beach	6	-	-	3	3	50%
Pompano Beach	10	-	-	1	1	10%
Oakland Park	6	-	-	2	2	33%
Wilton Manors	2	-	1	-	1	50%
Fort Lauderdale	21	1	3	6	10	48%
Dania Beach	7	-	-	1	1	14%
Hollywood	9	-	-	1	1	11%
Hallandale Beach	4	-	-	1	1	25%
Total	65	1	4	15	20	

Again, thank you for your continued support of the Quiet Zone process. If you have any questions please contact me at (954) 876-0035 stuartg@browardmpo.org or Paul Calvaresi calvaresip@browardmpo.org (954) 876-0037.

Sincerely,



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