

WHEREAS, the FEC rail corridor is a linear rail corridor connecting historic mixed-use downtowns along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, rail/roadway grade crossings occur throughout the historic downtowns along Florida's east coast;

WHEREAS, railroads are vital for commerce, but they can also create high noise levels from passing train horns; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of intermodal facilities such as *Port Miami*, *Port Everglades* and the *Port of Palm Beach* will enhance the ability to increase and process freight, expanding economic activity in South Florida; and

WHEREAS, these freight improvements are projected to increase the intensity of freight trains traversing the FEC corridor, both in number and size; and

WHEREAS, the installation of additional safety infrastructure and multi-modal connectivity at grade crossings will reduce neighborhood impacts from freight and improve the economic vitality of historic mixed-use downtowns;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

[Click **here** and type agency name] supports the [Click **here** and type MPO name] efforts to secure Federal funding in the form of a Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant for quiet zone improvements to provide a safe area where train horns are not routinely sounded.