

Fort Lauderdale City Commission Recognizes Concerns of the Marine Industry

RESOLUTION NO. 14-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE CONCERNS OF THE MARINE INDUSTRY RELATING TO THE FLORIDA EAST COAST ("FEC") ALL ABOARD FLORIDA ("AAF") PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the All Aboard Florida project is proposing to include thirty-two (32) trains as part of the new service, which will involve closure of the New River Bridge; and

WHEREAS, the additional railroad closures of the New River Bridge may affect the City's Marine industry; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to mitigate the effect of the New River Bridge closing, AAF representatives have committed to coordinate simultaneous train crossings at the New River that would require only 16 bridge closures and possibly add a bridge tender;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale hereby urges strong support for the coordinated train crossing at the New River as a mitigation measure to reduce the number of bridge closures.

SECTION 2. That a study should be done that shows how the new AAF service (including freight) on the FEC and CSX Railroad Line (CSX) tracks will impact businesses, residents, and the community including marine (vessel) and vehicle traffic.

SECTION 3. That City desires predictable and guaranteed minimum number of minutes that the bridge will be open per hour for boat traffic with specific times, with a preference of 40 minutes per hour.

SECTION 4. That the City Commission urges inclusion of the freight component within the EIS.

SECTION 5. That the City Commission desires to have an FEC bridge tender with operational authority and radio contact with the boating community similar to the current CSX operation. CSX must continue to maintain tender as well.

SECTION 6. The City Commission urges that default position of the bridge to be in the open position.

SECTION 7. The City Commission desires to have a bridge operation plan to include addressing hurricane flotilla plan, boat show set-up and boat parades.

SECTION 8. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon and after its final passage.