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List of Acronyms and Abbreviations

AAF All Aboard Florida – Operations LLC

ACS American Community Survey ADA Americans with Disabilities Act

CBG census block group

CEQ President's Council on Environmental Quality

CFR Code of Federal Regulations
EIS Environmental Impact Statement

EO Executive Order

FECR Florida East Coast Railway, LLC

FLUCCS Florida Land Use and Cover Classification System

FRA Federal Railroad Administration
GIS Geographic Information System
LEP limited English proficiency

NEPA National Environmental Policy Act

ROW right-of-way

USCB United States Census Bureau
USDOT US Department of Transportation

USEPA United States Environmental Protection Agency

Terminology

This Environmental Justice Community Impact Assessment uses terms which are specific to this process and are defined herein according to the Federal Highway Administration, as well as the methods used in the development of data for the US Census Bureau 2000 and 2010 census findings.

Adverse Effects - the totality of individual human health or environmental effects, including interrelated social and economic effects, which may include, but are not limited to: bodily impairment, infirmity, illness or death; air, noise, and water pollution and soil contamination; destruction or disruption of man-made or natural resources; destruction or diminution of aesthetic values; destruction or disruption of community cohesion or a community's economic vitality; destruction or disruption of the availability of public and private facilities and services; vibration; adverse employment effects; displacement of persons, businesses, farms, or nonprofit organizations; and increased traffic congestion, isolation, exclusion or separation of minority or low-income individuals within a given community or from the broader community.

American Community Survey (ACS) - an ongoing survey that provides data (distributed for 1, 3, and 5-year time periods) which helps determine how federal and state funds are distributed each year. Data collected includes age, race, sex, family composition, income, health insurance, education, veteran status, disability status, housing and transportation etc.

Assessment Areas – the Corridor Assessment Area and the Station Assessment Areas, combined.

Census Tracts - small, relatively permanent statistical subdivisions of a county or statistically equivalent entity that are used to provide a stable set of geographic units for the presentation of census data. While tracts generally contain between 1,500 and 8,000 people, with an optimum size of 4,000 people, their spatial size can vary widely depending on the density of settlement

Census Block Groups (CBGs) - intermediate-level statistical subdivisions of census tracts that are used for the presentation of census data. Within each tract, they are aggregations of census blocks that have the same first digit of each four-digit identifying block number. Block groups generally contain between 600 and 3,000 persons, with an optimum size of 1,500 persons.

Corridor – the Miami to West Palm Beach rail corridor within the right-of-way utilized by Florida East Coast Railway, LLC.

Corridor Assessment Area – the Corridor, including a 1,000 foot buffer (500 feet on each side) to provide appropriate representation of populations without artificial dilution or inflation, consistent with federal guidance on environmental justice.

Disproportionately High and Adverse Effect on Minority and Low-Income Populations - an adverse effect which:

- Is predominately borne by a minority population and/or a low-income population; or
- Will be suffered by the minority population and/or low-income population and is appreciably more severe or greater in magnitude than the adverse effect that will be suffered by the nonminority population and/or non low-income population.

Elderly Persons - any individual who is 65 years and older.

Limited English Proficiency Individuals (LEP) - persons who have difficulty speaking or reading English and are thus unable to communicate effectively in English. Individuals with LEP are usually those whose primary language is not English and have not developed fluency in the English language.

Low-Income Persons - any individual or family groups with a total household income lower than the US Department of Health and Human Services poverty guideline thresholds as defined below:

Persons in Family/Household	Poverty Guideline (\$)
1	11,670
2	15,730
3	19,790
4	23,850
5	27,910
6	31,970
7	36,030
8	40,090

Source: US Department of Health and Human Services, 2014 Notes: For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,060 for each additional person.

Low-Income Population - any readily identifiable group of low-income persons who live in geographic proximity, and, if circumstances warrant, geographically dispersed/transient persons (such as migrant workers or Native Americans) who would be similarly affected by changes (e.g. physical, policy) in their community.

Meaningfully Greater Population – A demographic within a geographic area that, when compared to county demographics, is greater than the county demographic percentage of that population plus a flat 10%. In example, if a county population is 10% minority, than a minority population of 20% and above within a census tract or census block group is considered meaningfully greater. This determinant varies by county and demographic.

Minority Persons - anyone whose ethnicity and/or race can be identified as any or a combination of the following categories:

- American Indian and Alaska Native— persons whose origins relate to any of the original people of North America and who maintain cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition
- **Asian** persons are Asian alone and have origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent;
- Black—persons who are black or have origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa; and
- Hispanic persons of any race or combination of races who identify their ethnicity, culture, or origin as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or Latino origin.

Minority Population - group of minority persons who live in geographic proximity, and who are similarly affected by changes (e.g. physical, policy) in their community.

No-Build Alternative – as defined in the AAF EA.

Persons with Disabilities - individuals who have activity limitations and participation restrictions due to one or a combination of physical, cognitive, mental, sensory, emotional or developmental impairments. Accordingly an individual's disability is a reflection of the interaction between their body features and the society in which he or she lives. These disabilities may be present from birth, or occur during a person's lifetime.

Project – as defined in the AAF FONSI.

Station Assessment Areas – the construction footprint of the proposed stations, located in Miami, Fort Lauderdale, and West Palm Beach, including a 0.5 mile buffer from the proposed footprint to provide appropriate representation of populations without artificial dilution or inflation, consistent with federal guidance on environmental justice.

White Persons – persons who are white alone.

1.0 Introduction

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 [42 United States Code (USC) 4321 et seq], and Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) NEPA regulations [40 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) 1500-1508], the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) evaluated the potential environmental and related impacts of constructing and operating an intercity passenger rail service as proposed by All Aboard Florida – Operations LLC (AAF), and more particularly described in the Environmental Assessment and Section 4(f) Evaluation (AAF EA) published in October 2012 for the intercity passenger rail service between Miami and West Palm Beach, Florida (Proposed Action). FRA then issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (AAF FONSI)¹ for the AAF EA in January 2013. The FONSI identified commitments to be fulfilled prior to construction of the Project.

In the AAF FONSI, FRA concluded that the AAF EA presented a high-level quantitative analysis of demographics and Environmental Justice, and that "...the Selected Alternative would not displace any businesses or residences and would not adversely impact the demographics of the Project Area....the Selected Alternative will not result in a disproportionately high or adverse effect on those sensitive populations and Environmental Justice communities of concern considered under Executive Order 12898..." FRA also determined that further analysis would be required pursuant to the requirements of Executive Order (EO) 12898 (Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Population and Low-Income Populations, February 1994) and US Department of Transportation (USDOT) Environmental Justice Order 5601.2(a) (May 2, 2012). This Environmental Justice Community Impact Assessment (hereafter referred to as Environmental Justice Assessment) provides the required analysis.

1.1 Purpose

The overall objective of this study is to prepare an Environmental Justice Assessment pursuant to the FONSI. This assessment includes a detailed analysis of the communities and demographics along the Corridor, as well as the station locations in the cities of Miami, Fort Lauderdale, and West Palm Beach. The analysis will incorporate social characteristics including: demographic profile and special populations, mobility, safety, and community facilities and services; as well as economic characteristics including: labor force characteristics, major employers and industries, and land use and transportation facilities. This information will be compared to US Census Bureau (USCB) data for Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties to evaluate the potential for impacts on the community and its quality of life.

1.2 Regulatory Context

EO 12898 requires that federal agencies consider whether a proposed project would have a disproportionately high adverse effect on minority or low-income populations. Similarly, the DOT Order 5601.2, addresses minority and low-income populations. However, a community impact assessment, as defined by the USDOT², evaluates the effect transportation projects may have on the entire community and should include "all items of importance to people, such as mobility, safety, employment effects, relocation, isolation, and other community issues."

¹ US Department of Transportation Federal Railroad Administration. January 2013. Finding of No Significant Impact for the All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail Project, West Palm Beach to Miami, Florida.

² USDOT. 1996. Community Impact Assessment: A quick Reference for Transportation. http://www.ciatrans.net/CIA_Quick_Reference/Purpose.html

2.0 Socio-economic Assessment Methodology

2.1 Assessment Area

The Corridor Assessment Area includes 66.5 miles of the Corridor, which includes a 1,000 foot buffer (500 feet on each side of the rail). The Station Assessment Areas includes the three proposed station construction footprints and a 0.5 mile circumferential buffer extending beyond each footprint in Miami, Fort Lauderdale, and West Palm Beach. When used throughout the Environmental Justice Assessment, the term Assessment Area includes the Corridor Assessment Area and the Station Assessment Areas, combined. The proposed Miami Station is located between Dolphin Expressway and Eighth Street (Photo 1). The station platform footprint associated with this station is accommodated entirely on an elevated viaduct structure approximately 45 feet above grade, on property owned by AAF's affiliate. The proposed Fort Lauderdale Station is bounded by NW 4th Street to the north, FECR ROW to the east, Broward Boulevard to the south, and NW 4th Avenue to the west, with NW 2nd Avenue between the Corridor and the proposed station location (Photo 2). The proposed West Palm Beach Station is located roughly between Clematis Street and Fern Street (Figure 3). The two-story station building would be located to the west side of the FECR ROW on property fronting Evernia Street.



Source: AMEC, 2014

Proposed Fort Lauderdale Station Location Photo 2.

Source: Kimley-Horn, 2014



Source: AMEC, 2014

2.1.1 Demographic Profile and Special Populations (Environmental Justice)

EO 12898 requires that federal agencies consider whether a proposed project would have a disproportionately high adverse effect on minority or low-income persons. In the memorandum that accompanied the EO, each federal agency is directed to include an analysis of the effects of federal actions on minority persons and low-income persons, when an analysis under NEPA was completed.

The CEQ oversees the federal government's compliance with NEPA, including EO 12898. The CEQ, with input from the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and other affected agencies, developed Environmental Justice: Guidance Under the National Environmental Policy Act (1997). The guidance indicates that the analysis should identify low-income and minority populations that may be affected by the Proposed Action; seek input from these populations during the NEPA process; identify a geographic scale for the collection/review of demographic information (typically obtained from the USCB); and identify if a disproportionately high adverse human health or environmental effect occurs on low-income and minority populations. In addition, the guidance document indicates that "minority populations should be identified where either: (a) the minority population of the affected area exceeds 50 percent or (b) the minority population percentage of the affected area is meaningfully greater than the minority population percentage in the general population or other appropriate unit of geographic analysis...." A minority population also exists if there is more than one minority group present and the minority percentage, as calculated by aggregating all minority persons, meets one of the above-state thresholds". USDOT Environmental Justice Order 5601.2(a) expands on environmental justice populations in CEQ guidance to include the elderly and disabled. In addition, to describe the communities found within the Assessment Areas and adequately determine impacts, community facilities and services, access and mobility, public health and safety, labor force characteristics, and land use are included in this assessment.

To determine if the Proposed Action will have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on environmental justice populations, US census demographic information was obtained for the State of Florida, for Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties, and for census tracts within the Assessment Areas from the USCB and the American Community Survey (ACS). The USCB is a principal agency of the US Federal Statistical System, responsible for producing data about the American people and economy; and the ACS is an ongoing statistical survey that samples a small percentage of the population every year. This provides communities current information for planning investments and services. Information from the survey generates data that help determine how federal and state funds are distributed each year.

Data on State and County demographics (totals and percentages) were used to compare with conditions identified within the Assessment Area affected census tracts. The following demographic information was retrieved and reviewed:

- Total Population.
- Race considered any individual who reported their ethnicity and/or race as something other than 'White' (White alone), including American Indians or Alaskan Natives, Asians and Pacific Islanders, Black persons, and Hispanic persons. This environmental justice analysis also considers minority populations to include persons who identified themselves as being either "some other race" or "two or more races" in the Census 2010. The 'Non-White' population was calculated by subtracting the 'White' population from the total population. The percent 'Non-White' was calculated by dividing the 'Non-White' population by the total population.
- Low-income Poverty was calculated using the USCB 2010 Census Block Groups (CBGs) for the State of Florida with selected fields from the 2007-2011 ACS. There is a portion of the population whose poverty status cannot be determined, and thus was not included herein; this includes individuals under age 15 that do not live with a family member (i.e. foster children) and people in college dormitories, military barracks, and institutional quarters, such as prisons or nursing homes. The percentage of the population below the poverty level was calculated based on the population for which poverty status has been determined, rather than the total population

in a given area. The USCB uses a set of money income thresholds that vary by family size and composition to determine who is in poverty. If a family's total income is less than the family's threshold, then that family and every individual in it is considered in poverty. The official poverty thresholds do not vary geographically, but they are updated for inflation using Consumer Price Index. The official poverty definition uses money income before taxes and does not include capital gains or noncash benefits (such as public housing, Medicaid, and food stamps).

Weighted Average Median Household income by county and Assessment Area was calculated using the following equation:

Eq. 1:

SUM (# of household that receive public assistance+# of household that don't receive Public assistance) *Median HH income

Total # of household

- Elderly Persons Persons age 65 and older as of August 2, 2010 (Census Day).
- Persons with Disabilities The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 (PL 110-325), as amended, provides for equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities to access public and private facilities. Disabilities include those in communicative, physical, and mental domains, as defined by the USCB. Demographic information from the USCB regarding persons with disabilities was used to characterize this population.
- Limited English Proficiency (LEP) According to EO 13166 (Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency (August 11, 2000)), federal and state agencies are directed to "take reasonable steps to ensure 'meaningful' access to information and services". Where a significant percentage of the population is non-English speaking, information should be presented in a language other than English and/or at a reading level reflective of a certain level of literacy. USCB demographic groups that do not consider English as a first language were used to identify locations within the Assessment Areas where mitigation measures, including translated materials and interpreters, may be used for public outreach. Data includes those in the population 5 years and older whose main language at home is not English and who identify themselves as speaking English "less than very well".

Anticipated impacts as a result of the Proposed Action that would disproportionately affect environmental justice populations within the Assessment Areas, based on the comparison of state, county, and Assessment Area demographics, were assessed (Section 4.0).

2.1.2 Community Facilities and Services

Community facilities and services (e.g. schools, recreational facilities, supermarkets, etc.) within the Assessment Areas were defined through review of Department of Revenue Land Use Codes, City websites, and local chambers of commerce. These resources provide basic needs and services to communities and neighborhoods in the area. This inventory was evaluated to determine impacts (either increasing or decreasing access) to these public facilities.

2.1.3 Mobility

Transportation and transit data was analyzed to describe transportation trends and mobility (the ability to move about a community through varied means of accessible transportation) within the counties and Assessment Areas. Sources of information for this characterization included USCB data describing modes of transportation used for work; and for the Station Assessment Areas, mapped existing transportation infrastructure from the Bureau of Transportation Intermodal Passenger Connectivity Database, pedestrian and bicycle trails from the Florida Trails Network, and rental car company locations. Anticipated impacts to mobility as a result of the Proposed Action were evaluated.

2.1.4 Public Health and Safety

Health and safety features of the Proposed Action were reviewed to identify potentially disproportionate impacts to the environmental justice populations listed above. The impact analysis on public health evaluated the extent that the proposed alternatives will affect public safety, if at all.

2.1.5 Labor Force Characteristics and Major Employers and Industries

This dataset contains the USCB 2010 Census Tracts for the State of Florida with selected fields from the 2010 Redistricting Summary File and Summary File. The data is divided by county and includes the percent of population in labor force by industry as follows:

- Educational services, and health care and social assistance:
- Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services;
- Retail Trade; and
- Arts, Entertainment and Recreation, Accommodation and Food Services.

Employment numbers by industry of state, county, and Assessment Area demographics were compared to evaluate potential impacts on the labor force and major employers and industries resulting from the Proposed Action.

In addition, information collected from the Bureau of Economic and Business Research, county websites (Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties) and selected municipal websites (Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach) were reviewed and incorporated, as appropriate, to describe the labor force and employment sectors within the Assessment Areas. Employment forecasts were summarized and compared to the effect the Proposed Action is anticipated to have on new jobs and economic growth within the Assessment Areas.

2.1.6 Land Use

The impact analysis for land use was prepared in accordance with the regulations set forth to implement NEPA (40 CFR § 1502.16(c) and §1508.8(b)). Existing land use (including land cover) within the Assessment Areas was defined and analyzed for impacts. The land use data included mapping of the Florida Land Use, Cover and Forms Classification System (FLUCCS) category designation (with description), acreage, and areal cover (by percent) of each mapped land use polygon within the Assessment Areas.

The FLUCCS Geographical Information System (GIS) data reported for Miami Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties were based on the South Florida Water Management District Land Cover Land Use Dataset.

2.2 Impact Assessment

This assessment evaluated potential impacts on the socio-economic environment and comprehensive regional planning as well as on development within the affected environment. The potential for site consequences were evaluated pursuant to the general considerations described in the CEQ regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR § 1502.16 - Environmental Consequences). Potential impacts include:

- Direct impacts Impacts that are caused by the action and occur at the same time and place.
 This could include clearing land and/or converting land from one designated use to another. The
 analysis will include consideration as to whether conversion would be consistent with local land
 use plans and ordinances; and
- Secondary impacts Impacts that are caused by the action and are later in time and farther removed in distance. This could include potential for use of surrounding land to change, with associated potential change in land value.

2.2.1 Evaluation Criteria

The project's potential impacts were evaluated for overall effects to determine whether any potential adverse impacts on the community would be significant and disproportionately high. Pursuant to EO12898, if disproportionate impacts are identified; mitigation measures for these impacts will be described. Any issues coinciding with the definitions provided in Section 2.2 for direct or secondary impacts are provided throughout this report in the various sections.

3.0 Affected Environment

The community profile provides a summary of the baseline conditions within the community surrounding the Assessment Areas or "affected environment" and was developed to provide information on the social and economical environments of the community prior to implementation of the Proposed Action. Having this baseline provides the means to determine the effects the Proposed Action will have on the community.

The social profile of a community provides a picture of the population distribution and their accessibility or ability to benefit from the facilities their community can provide. Social characteristics necessary to build a community profile include:

- Demographics such as total population in the area of interest, and distribution of racial/ethnic groups, individuals with income below the poverty line, and individuals above 65 years, with disabilities, and/or with low English proficiency within that population; and
- Facilities available for the community (health and emergency services, parks and recreation, libraries and education, etc.) and current accessibility to these facilities.

Characterization of the social environment of each respective county compared with the Corridor Assessment Area is described in Section 3.1; and the Station Assessment Areas in Section 3.2. Characterization of the economic environment of both Assessment Areas is described in Section 3.3.

3.1 Social Environment of the Corridor Assessment Area

The Corridor crosses through urban and rural settings, predominately within an existing rail transportation corridor. A total of 132 census tracts within the following counties were identified within the Corridor Assessment Area: Miami-Dade (39), Broward (52), and Palm Beach (41). Based on information obtained from the USCB, the total populations (2010) for each of the counties and the State of Florida, as well as the total populations within the Corridor Assessment Area (by county) are listed in Table 3.1³. GIS analysis indicates 6% to 13% of each county population is within the Corridor Assessment Area for the Proposed Action, and thus could be positively or negatively affected by the Proposed Action (Table 3-1).

Table 3-1. Total Populations at the State, County and Census Tract Level within the Corridor Assessment Area

Region	Total Population	Population within the Corridor Assessment Area	Percent of Population within the Corridor Assessment Area
Florida	18,801,310	534,530	2.8
Tri-County Area	5,564,635	534,530	9.6
Miami-Dade	2,496,435	156,348	6.3
Broward	1,748,066	220,308	12.6
Palm Beach	1,320,134	157,874	12.0

The Corridor Assessment Area contains a concentrated population in relation to land area. While 9.6% of the population in the tri-county area inhabits the Corridor Assessment Area, only 0.46% of the total area of the county is found here. Especially in Miami-Dade, there is a large population contained within a small area (Table 3-2).

³ United States Census Bureau (USCB); 2010 US Census Tracts in Florida (with Selected Fields from 2010 Redistricting Summary File and Summary File 1); dated March 17, 2011; obtained online at http://www.census.gov, March 2013.

Table 3-2. Land Area of the Corridor Assessment Area in Relation to State and Tri-County Total Land Area

Region	Total Area (square miles)	Percent of State Area	Percent of County Area
Florida	56,778.22	NA	
Tri-County Area	5,421.97	9.55%	NA
Miami-Dade	1,984.49	3.50%	NA
Broward	1,219.28	2.15%	NA
Palm Beach	2,218.20	3.91%	NA
Corridor Assessment Area	24.92	0.04%	0.46%
Miami-Dade	5.36	0.01%	0.27%
Broward	9.49	0.02%	0.78%
Palm Beach	10.08	0.02%	0.45%

3.1.1 Environmental Justice Population

Ethnicity and/or Race

Minority populations which report their ethnicity or race to be something other than white alone are summarized in Table 3-3.

Table 3-3. Summary of Minority/'Non-White' Population at the State, County and Census Block Group Level within the Corridor Assessment Area

Minority/		Ameri	can	an						
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	Population		Population		Population		Population		Population	
Region	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Florida	7,749,947	41.0	71,458	0.4	454,821	2.4	2,999,862	16.0	4,223,806	22.47
Tri-County Area	3,623,786	65.1	16,108	0.3	125,564	2.3	1,169,185	21.0	2,312,929	41.6
Miami-Dade	2,139,504	85.7	5,000	0.2	37,669	1.5	472,976	19.0	1,623,859	65.1
Broward	967,626	55.4	5,065	0.3	56,795	3.3	467,519	26.7	438,247	25.1
Palm Beach	516,656	39.1	6,043	0.5	31,100	2.4	228,690	17.3	250,823	19.0
Corridor Assessment Area	311,588	59.0	3,626	0.7	8,605	1.6	160,933	30.1	138,424	25.9
Miami-Dade	116,258	74.4	577	0.4	3,193	2.0	56,223	36.0	56,265	36.0
Broward	118,653	53.9	693	0.3	3,266	1.5	68,986	31.3	45,708	20.7
Palm Beach	76,677	48.6	2,356	1.5	2,146	1.4	35,724	22.6	36,451	23.1

Source: USCB, 2010

Data shows approximately 65% of the total population in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach combined (tri-county area) is minority. The Corridor Assessment Area (132 census tracts) has a minority population of 59%. The highest concentration of minority populations in the Corridor Assessment Area occurs within Miami-Dade County (74.4%). Of the 132 census tracts within the Corridor Assessment Area, approximately 89% (39 tracts in Miami-Dade, 45 in Broward, and 33 in Palm Beach counties) have minority populations greater than 50%. Census tracts with meaningfully greater minority populations when compared to county demographics are depicted by county in Figures 3-1 through 3-3.

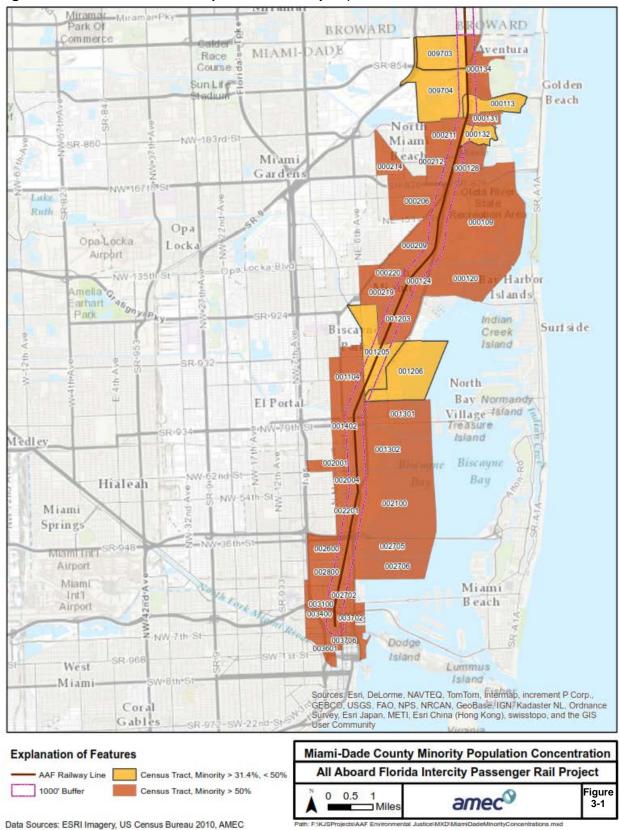


Figure 3-1. Miami-Dade County Corridor Minority Population Concentration

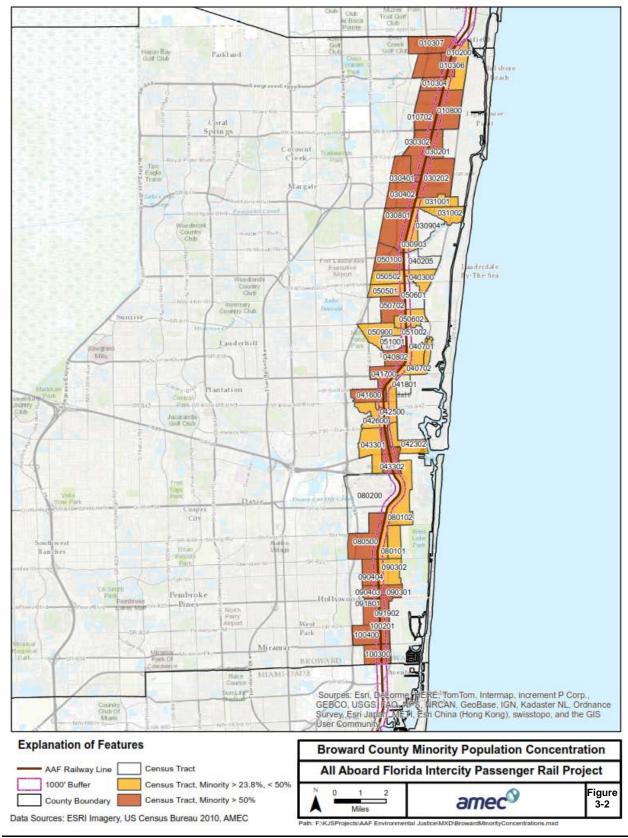


Figure 3-2. Broward County Corridor Minority Population Concentration

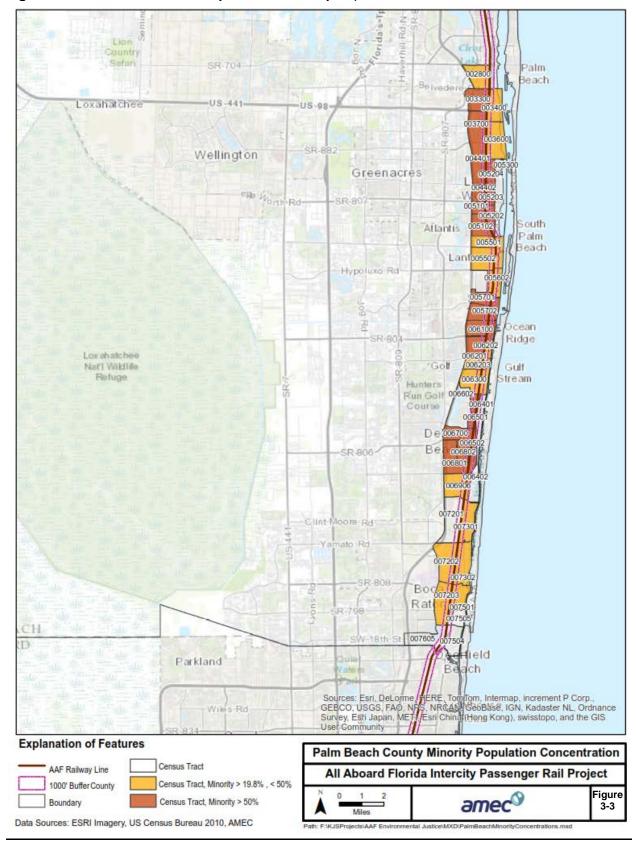


Figure 3-3. Palm Beach County Corridor Minority Population Concentration

Low-income Persons

The percentage of the population below the poverty level is based on the population for which poverty status has been determined, rather than the total population in a given area. Populations below the poverty level are summarized in Table 3-4.

Table 3-4. Summary of Poverty Data (2006-2010 ACS 5-year estimates) at the State, County and Census Block Group Level within the Corridor Assessment Area

Region	Total Population Assessed	Population Below Poverty	Percent Below Poverty	Weighted Average of Median Housheold Income	Median Household Income (Total State/County)
Florida	7,140,096	964,008	13.5	NA	\$47,309
Tri-County Area	2,013,933	297,300	14.8	NA	NA
Miami-Dade	825,337	153,549	18.6	\$60,612	\$50,638
Broward	665,037	82,392	12.4	\$57,772	\$41,426
Palm Beach	523,559	61,359	11.7	\$51,617	\$40,753
Corridor Assessment Area	145,969	28,897	19.8	NA	NA
Miami-Dade	36,150	8,190	22.7	\$40,753	\$50,638
Broward	57,760	11,322	19.6	\$41,426	\$41,426
Palm Beach	52,059	9,385	18.3	\$40,753	\$40,753

Notes: NA = not available Source: USCB, 2010

Based on these data, approximately 15% of the population in the tri-county area has been below the poverty level within the last 12 months; this percentage of the population is equivalent to 297,300 individuals, of which approximately 10% are concentrated in the Corridor Assessment Area. Within the Corridor Assessment Area, approximately 20% of the population has been below the poverty level within the last 12 months.

Of the 283 CBGs within the Corridor Assessment Area, approximately 34% (95 CBGs) contain either a meaningfully greater population below poverty than respective county demographics (29%) (Figures 3-4 through 3-6), or have a population dominated (greater than 50%) by below-poverty status in the last 12 months (5%).



Figure 3-4. Miami-Dade County Corridor Poverty Concentration

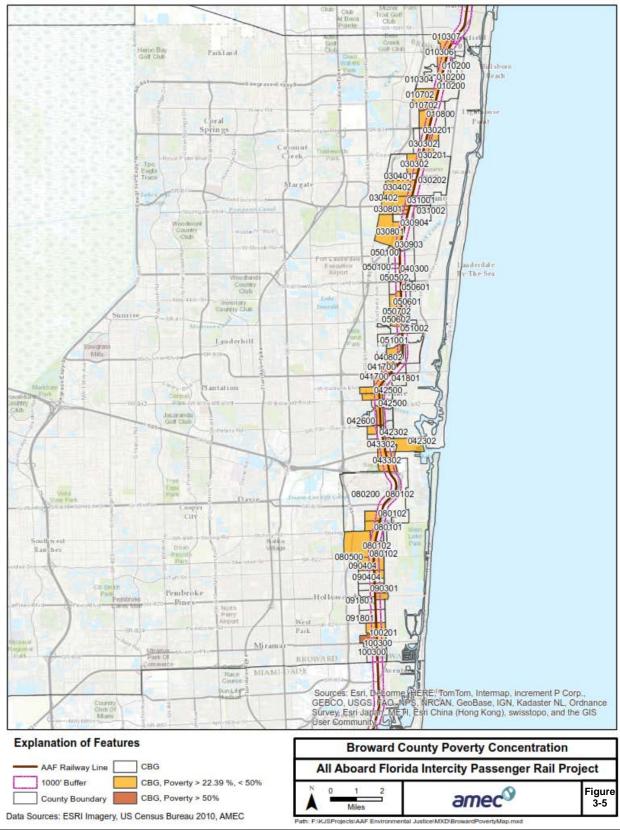


Figure 3-5. Broward County Corridor Poverty Concentration



Figure 3-6. Palm Beach County Corridor Poverty Concentration

Elderly Persons

The elderly/senior population (greater than 65 years old) within the counties intersected and the Corridor Assessment Area are described in Table 3-5.

Table 3-5. Elderly/Senior Population Identified at the State, County and Census Tract Level within the Corridor Assessment Area

Region	Total Population Assessed	Total Elderly Population (>65)	Percent Elderly Population (>65)
Florida	18,801,310	3,259,602	17.3
Tri-County Area	5,564,635	886,592	15.9
Miami-Dade	2,496,435	352,013	14.1
Broward	1,748,066	249,424	14.3
Palm Beach	1,320,134	285,155	21.6
Corridor Assessment Area	534,530	70,611	13.2
Miami-Dade	156,348	19,228	12.3
Broward	220,308	27,250	12.4
Palm Beach	157,874	24,133	15.3

Source: USCB, 2010

Based on 2010 USCB data, approximately 16% of the population in the tri-county area is 65 years or older; this percentage of the population is equivalent to a total of 886,592 individuals, of which 10% are concentrated in the Corridor Assessment Area. Within the Corridor Assessment Area, approximately 13% of the population is 65 years or older.

Census tracts with relatively high concentrations of individuals above 65 years old are depicted by county in Figures 3-7 through 3-9. Of the 132 census tracts within the Corridor Assessment Area, none reported an elderly population greater than 50%, and only nine census tracts (7%) have meaningfully greater elderly populations than respective county demographics.



Figure 3-7. Miami-Dade County Corridor Elderly Population Concentration

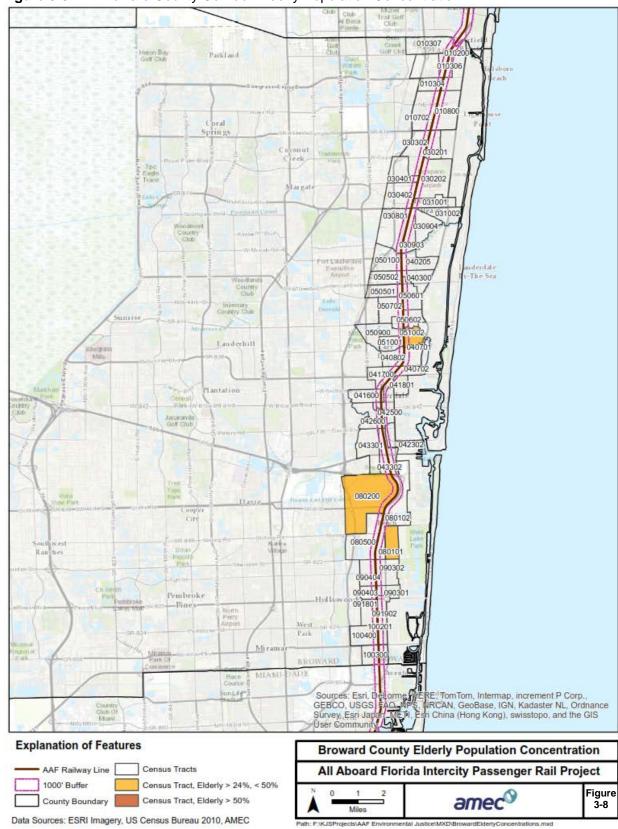


Figure 3-8. Broward County Corridor Elderly Population Concentration



Figure 3-9. Palm Beach County Corridor Elderly Population Concentration

Persons with Disabilities

A summary of the population between 16 and 64 years old identified with a disability, including sensory, physical, mental, self-care, go-outside-home or employment disability, is presented in Table 3-6. Such disabilities can include sensory, physical, mental, self-care, go-outside-home, and employment disability.

Table 3-6. Population with a Disability Identified at the State, County and CBG Level within the Corridor Assessment Area

Region	Population with Disability	Percent Population with Disability
Florida	2,060,447	21.2
Tri-County Area	646,307	20.9
Miami-Dade	324,062	22.6
Broward	194,881	19.3
Palm Beach	127,364	19.6
Corridor Assessment Area	68,258	16.0
Miami-Dade	19,047	16.9
Broward	28,857	16.5
Palm Beach	20,354	14.8

Source: USCB, 2010

Based on these data, approximately 21% of the population in the tri-county area has a disability; this percentage of the population is equivalent to a total of 646,307 individuals, of which approximately 11% are concentrated in the Corridor Assessment Area. Within the Corridor Assessment Area, 16% of the population has a disability.

CBGs with relatively high concentrations of individuals with a disability are depicted by county in Figures 3-10 through 3-12. Of the 283 CBGs within the Corridor Assessment Area, four CBGs (1%) report a disabled population greater than 50%, and 81 CBGs (29%) have a meaningfully greater disabled population when compared to respective county demographics.

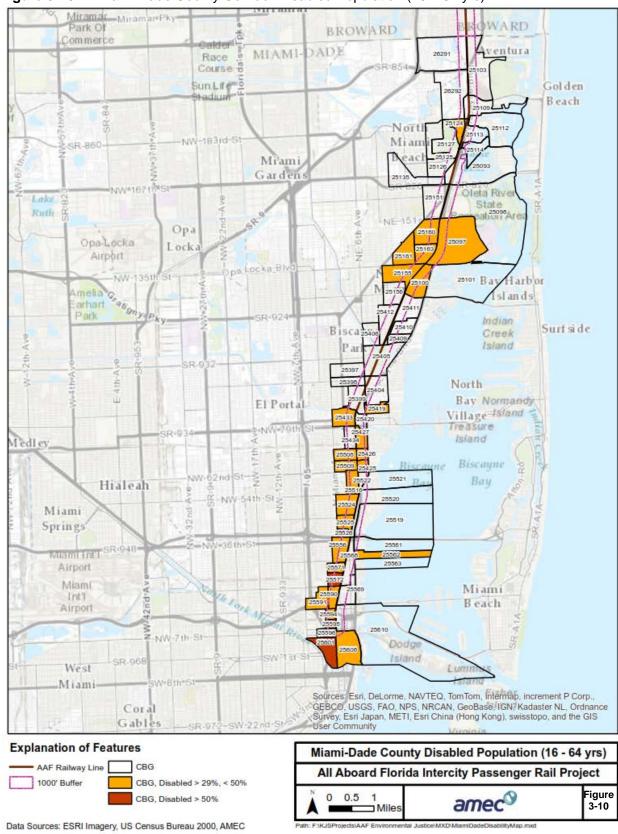


Figure 3-10. Miami-Dade County Corridor Disabled Population (16 – 64 yrs)

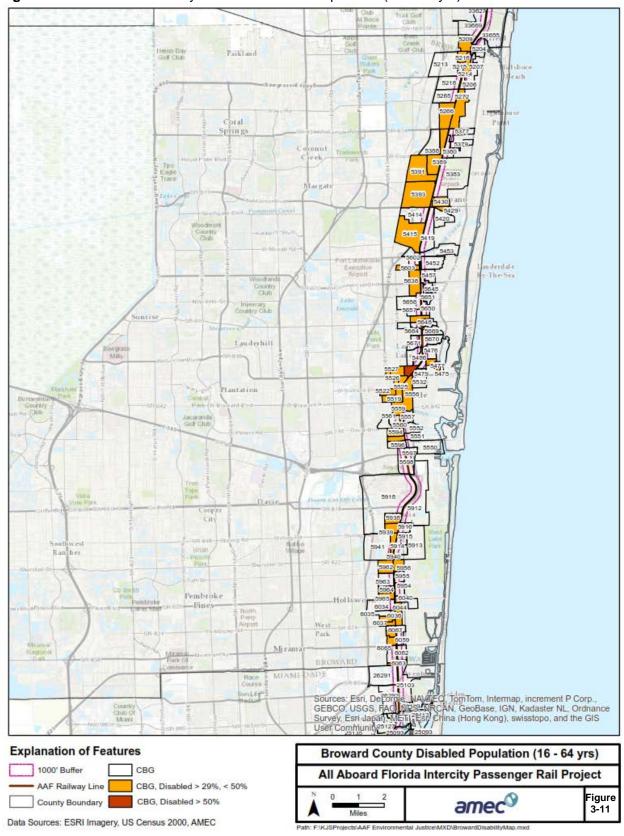


Figure 3-10. Broward County Corridor Disabled Population (16 – 64 yrs)

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Figure 3-10. Palm Beach County Corridor Disabled Population (16 – 64 yrs)

Persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP)

A summary of the population with limited English proficiency, as identified in 2011 ACS data, is presented in Table 3-7. "English Speakers" include English-only speaking populations as well as populations that speak English and another language. Other languages identified include Spanish, Indo-European, Asian and Pacific Islander, and "Other", as defined by the USCB⁴.

Table 3-7. Population with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) at the State, County and CBG Level within the Corridor Assessment Area

			LEP				
Region	Total Population Assessed	Percent of Population that Speaks English	Percent of Population that Speaks Spanish	Percent of Population that Reports Speaking Languages Other Than English or Spanish	Percent of Population that Reports LEP (total)		
Florida	18,801,310	73.2	19.8	7.0	26.8		
Tri-County Area	5,200,101	75.9	19.0	5.1	24.1		
Miami-Dade	2,323,557	64.2	31.9	3.9	35.8		
Broward	1,637,902	84.3	9.1	6.7	15.8		
Palm Beach	1,238,642	86.6	8.1	5.3	13.4		
Corridor Assessment Area	502,599	77.4	12.3	10.3	22.6		
Miami-Dade	136,585	69.8	16.1	14.0	30.2		
Broward	207,600	81.2	9.3	9.4	18.8		
Palm Beach	158,414	79.0	12.9	8.1	21.0		

Source: USCB, 2010

Based on the language information retrieved from the 2011 ACS, the majority of the population within the Corridor Assessment Area speaks English (69.8% to 81.2%) (Table 3-7). The remainder of the population, between 18.8% and 30.2%, is identified as LEP.

Census blocks groups with relatively high concentrations of individuals with LEP are depicted by County in Figures 3-13 through 3-15. Of the 283 CBGs within the Corridor Assessment Area, three CBGs (1%) reported a LEP population greater than 50%, and 23 CBGs (8%) have a meaningfully greater LEP population when compared to respective county demographics.

⁴ United States Census Bureau (USCB); 2010 Census Block Groups in Florida (with Selected Fields from the 2007-2011 American Community Survey); dated December 6, 2012; obtained online at http://www.census.gov, April, 2014.



Figure 3-13. Miami-Dade County Corridor Limited English Proficiency

Explanation of Features





Figure 3-14

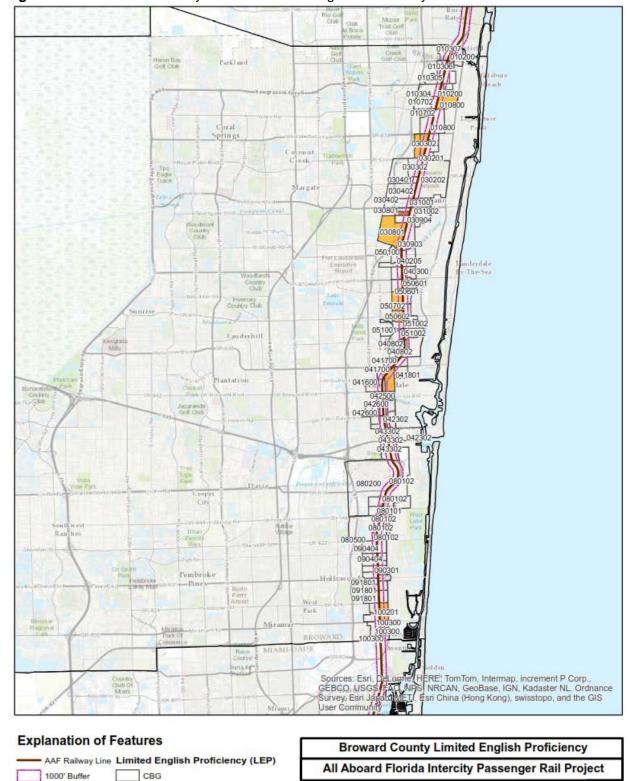


Figure 3-14. Broward County Corridor Limited English Proficiency

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CBG, LEP > 25%, < 50%

CBG, LEP > 50%

County Boundary

Data Sources: ESRI Imagery, US Census Bureau 2010, AMEC



Figure 3-15. Palm Beach County Corridor Limited English Proficiency

3.1.2 Community Facilities and Services Inventory

Community facilities and services within or along the Corridor Assessment Area were identified and divided into nine main categories as follows (Table 3-8):

- Clubs clubs, lodges, and union halls;
- **Grocery -** supermarkets;
- Education private and public schools and colleges;
- Medical and Healthcare convalescent and rest homes, private and public hospitals, and sanitariums;
- Burial grounds cemeteries and mortuaries;
- Religious centers- churches, mosques and synagogues;
- Recreation forests, parks, and recreational areas;
- Residential Institutions homes for the aged and orphanages; and
- Transportation airports, bus terminals, marinas, and piers.

Table 3-8. Summary of Community Facilities and Services at the County and Census Tract Level within the Corridor Assessment Area

Region	Clubs	Grocery	Education	Medical & Healthcare	Burial Grounds	Religious Centers	Recreation	Residential Institutions	Transportation
Tri-County Area	369	390	2,750	494	1,041	3,505	2,453	331	405
Miami-Dade	126	87	1,244	143	271	1,352	93	177	58
Broward	128	181	716	176	662	1,035	1,787	115	120
Palm Beach	115	122	790	175	108	1,118	573	39	227
Corridor Assessment Area	56	40	126	33	46	241	19	17	19
Miami-Dade	4	4	30	4	3	37	2	8	1
Broward	32	19	50	17	6	112	9	6	12
Palm Beach	20	17	40	9	37	89	8	3	6

Based on data summarized in Table 3-8, educational and religious centers are the most common types of facilities in the tri-county area and the Corridor Assessment Area. In the Corridor Assessment Area, Miami–Dade County contained a total of 30 educational and 37 religious centers; Broward County contained 50 and 112 centers, respectively; and Palm Beach County contained 40 and 89 centers, respectively.

Community facilities and services found within affected census tracts in each county are presented in Figures 3-16 through 3-18.

Community Facility Descriptions O Grocery Religious Centers Miami Residential Institution Shores Clubs Mall At 163rd 68 Miami **Explanation of Features** Miami-Dade Assessment Area Community Facilities - AAF South Project 1000' Buffer All Aboard Florida Intercity Passenger Rail Project N-S Corridor Extension Figure Feet 3-16 Path: F:KJSProjects\AAF Environmental Justice\MXD\Miam\DadeCommFac.mxd Data Sources: ESRI Imagery, US Census Bureau 2010, AMEC

Figure 3-16. Miami-Dade Corridor Assessment Area Community Facilities

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Figure 3-17. Broward Corridor Assessment Area Community Facilities

Data Sources: ESRI Imagery, US Census Bureau 2010, AMEC

1000' Buffer

Burial Grounds

Explanation of Features

N-S Corridor Extension

- AAF South Project

Clubs

Recreation

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Feet

Broward Assessment Area Community Facilities

All Aboard Florida Intercity Passenger Rail Project

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Figure 3-18. Palm Beach Corridor Assessment Area Community Facilities

3.1.3 Mobility

The preferred modes of transportation within the tri-county area and the Corridor Assessment Area are summarized in Table 3-9.

Table 3-9. Summary of Transportation Used to and from Work at the County and Census Tract Level within the Corridor Assessment Area

	Total	Prefe	Preferred Mode of Transportation to Work (percent)						
Region	Population Assessed	Car	Motorcycles and Bicycles	Public transport	Walk	Other			
Tri-County Area	2,503,554	88.4	0.8	3.6	1.8	1.1			
Miami-Dade	1,112,485	86.8	0.7	5.2	2.1	1.2			
Broward	825,581	89.7	0.8	2.9	1.3	1.0			
Palm Beach	565,488	89.6	0.9	1.5	1.7	1.1			
Corridor Assessment Area	175,056	84.5	1.3	6.1	3.1	1.1			
Miami-Dade	41,921	80.3	0.6	11.2	3.0	0.6			
Broward	69,156	84.5	1.9	6.1	3.5	1.2			
Palm Beach	63,979	87.8	1.2	2.7	2.7	1.2			

A majority (80% or more) of the population in the Corridor Assessment Area uses a car as the preferred mode of transportation. Public transportation is the second most used form of transportation, with as much of 11% (in Miami-Dade County) of the population within the Corridor Assessment Area relying on public transportation for access to work.

3.1.4 Public Health and Safety

Public safety facilities within the Corridor Assessment Area are summarized in Table 3-10.

Table 3-10. Summary of Public Safety Facilities within the Corridor Assessment Area

	Facility Type						
Region	Fire Rescue Stations, Fire Departments, and Emergency Medical Response	Law Enforcement					
Corridor Assessment Area	15	9					
Miami-Dade	4	2					
Broward	4	4					
Palm Beach	7	3					

Source: USCB, 2010

Social Environment of the Station Assessment Areas 3.2

Proposed station locations are in urban areas in Miami, Fort Lauderdale, and West Palm Beach, Florida, A total of 24 census tracts within the following counties were identified within the Station Assessment Areas: Miami-Dade (12), Broward (5), and Palm Beach (7). Based on information obtained from the USCB, the total populations (2010) for each of the counties and the State of Florida, as well as the total populations within the Station Assessment Areas (by county) are listed in Table 3-11⁵. GIS analysis indicates just over 1 percent of each county population is within the Station Assessment Areas for the Proposed Action, and thus could be positively or negatively affected by the Proposed Action (Table 3-11).

⁵ United States Census Bureau (USCB); 2010 US Census Tracts in Florida (with Selected Fields from 2010 Redistricting Summary File and Summary File 1); dated March 17, 2011; obtained online at http://www.census.gov, March 2013.

Table 3-11. Total Populations at the State, County and Census Tract Level within the Station Assessment Areas

		Population within the	Percent of Population within the
Region	Total Population	Assessment Area	Assessment Area
Florida	18,801,310	76,426	0.4
Tri-County Area	5,564,635	76,426	1.4
Miami	2,496,435	29,925	1.2
Fort Lauderdale	1,748,066	24,789	1.4
West Palm Beach	1,320,134	21,712	1.6

The Station Assessment Areas contains a concentrated population in relation to land area. While 1.4% of the population in the tri-county area inhabits the Station Assessment Areas, only a millionth of a percent of the total area of the county is found there. Especially in West Palm Beach, there is a large population contained within a small area (Table 3.12).

Table 3-12. Area of the Station Assessment Areas in Relation to State and Tri-County Total Area

Region	Total Area (square miles)	Percent of State Area	Percent of County Area
Florida	56778.22	NA	NA
Tri-County Area	5421.97	9.55%	NA
Miami-Dade	1984.49	3.50%	NA
Broward	1219.28	2.15%	NA
Palm Beach	2218.20	3.91%	NA
Station Assessment Areas	0.03	0.00006%	0.00062%
Miami	0.01	0.00002%	0.00053%
Fort Lauderdale	0.01	0.00003%	0.00120%
West Palm Beach	0.01	0.00001%	0.00037%

Source: AMEC, 2014

3.2.1 Environmental Justice Population

Ethnicity and/or Race

Minority populations which report their ethnicity or race to be something other than white alone are summarized in Table 3-13.

Table 3.13. Summary of Minority/'Non-White' Populations at the State, County and Census Tract Level within the Station Assessment Area

	Minorit 'Non-Wh	nite'	American Indian		Asian		Black		Hispanic	
	Populat	ion	Popula	ation	Popula	tion	Populat	ion	Population	
Region	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Florida	7,749,947	41.0	71,458	0.4	454,821	2.4	2,999,862	16.0	4,223,806	22.47
Tri-County Area	3,623,786	65.1	16,108	0.3	125,564	2.3	1,169,185	21.0	2,312,929	41.6
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Palm Beach	516,656	39.1	6,043	0.5	31,100	2.4	228,690	17.3	250,823	19.0
Station Assessment Areas	53,913	70.5	616	0.8	984	1.3	31,218	40.8	21,426	28.0
Miami	26,399	88.2	481	0.5	417	1.4	9,639	32.2	16,193	54.1
Fort Lauderdale	15,595	62.9	54	0.2	253	1.0	13,263	53.5	2,025	8.2
West Palm Beach	11,919	54.9	81	0.4	314	1.5	8,316	38.3	3,208	14.8

Data shows approximately 65% of the total population in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach combined (tri-county area) is minority. The Station Assessment Areas (24 tracts) have a minority population of approximately 71%. The highest concentration of minority populations in the Station Assessment Areas occurs within Miami-Dade County (88%). Of the 24 census tracts within the

Station Assessment Areas, approximately 75% (11 tracts in Miami-Dade, 3 in Broward, and 4 in Palm Beach counties) have minority populations greater than 50 percent. Census tracts with meaningfully greater minority populations when compared to county demographics are depicted by county in Figures 3-19 through 3-21.

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Figure 3-19. Miami-Dade Station Minority Population Concentration

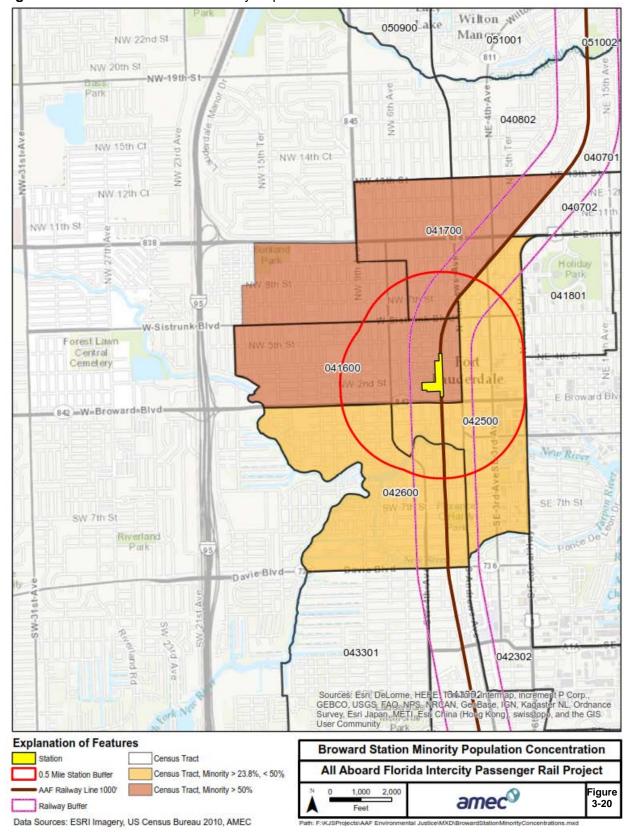


Figure 3-20. Broward Station Minority Population Concentration

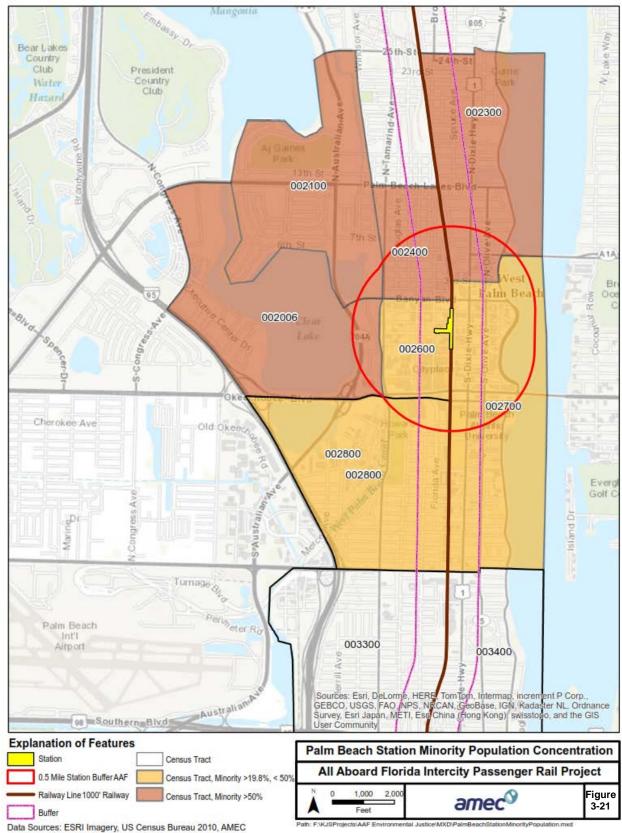


Figure 3-21. Palm Beach Station Minority Population Concentration

Low-income Persons

The percentage of the population below the poverty level is based on the population for which poverty status has been determined, rather than the total population in a given area. Populations below the poverty level within the Station Assessment Areas are summarized in Table 3-14.

Table 3-14. Summary of Poverty Data (2006-2010 ACS 5-year estimates) at the State, County and CBG Level within the Station Assessment Areas

Region	Total Population Assessed	Population Below Poverty	Percent Below Poverty	Weighted Average of Median Household Income	Median Household Income (Total State/County)
Florida	7,140,096	964,008	13.5	NA	\$47,827
Tri-County Area	2,013,933	297,300	14.8	NA	NA
Miami-Dade	825,337	153,549	18.6	\$60,612	\$50,638
Broward	665,037	82,392	12.4	\$57,772	\$41,426
Palm Beach	523,559	61,359	11.7	\$51,617	\$40,753
Station Assessment Areas	21,130	5,241	24.8	NA	NA
Miami	8,461	2,951	34.9	\$29,579	\$29,579
Fort Lauderdale	6,260	1,237	19.8	\$55,344	\$55,344
West Palm Beach	6,409	1,053	16.4	\$44,789	\$44,789

Notes: NA = not available Source: USCB, 2010

Based on these data, approximately 15% of the population in the tri-county area has been below the poverty level within the last 12 months; this percentage of the population is equivalent to 297,300 individuals, of which 2% are concentrated in the Station Assessment Areas. Within the Station Assessment Areas, approximately 25% of the population has been below the poverty level within the last 12 months. This is 10% higher than the total percent of the population below poverty within the three counties (15%), and 11% higher than the percent below poverty for the entire state (14%). The percent of population below poverty in the last 12 months in the Station Assessment Areas in Miami is 16% higher than the percent of population below poverty for Miami-Dade, and 1% and 4% higher for and Broward and Palm Beach counties, respectively.

Of the 48 CBGs within the Station Assessment Areas, approximately 48% (23 CBGs) contain either a meaningfully greater population below poverty than respective county demographics (35%) (Figures 3-22 through 3-24), or have a population dominated (greater than 50%) by below-poverty status in the last 12 months (13%).

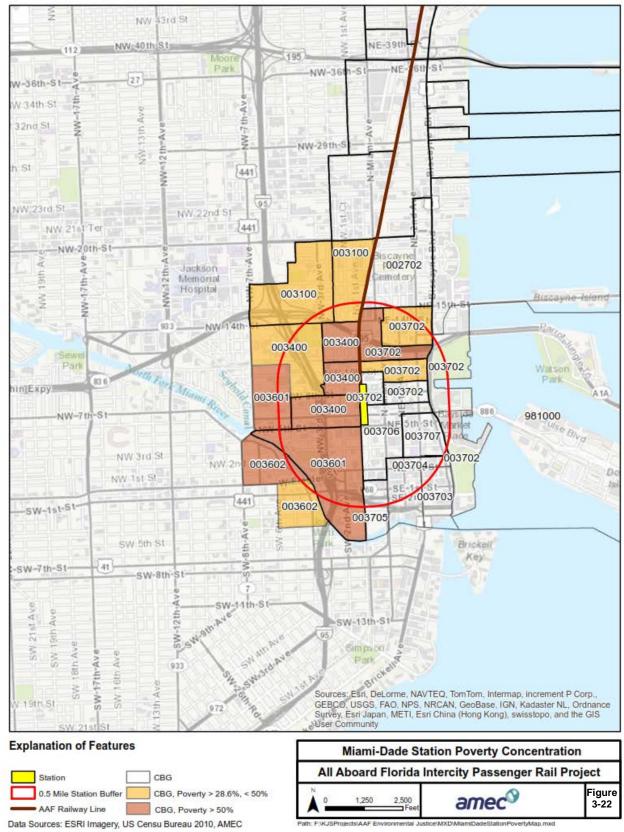


Figure 3-22. Miami-Dade Station Poverty Concentration

Data Sources: ESRI Imagery, US Census Bureau 2010, AMEC

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Figure 3-23. **Broward Station Poverty Concentration**

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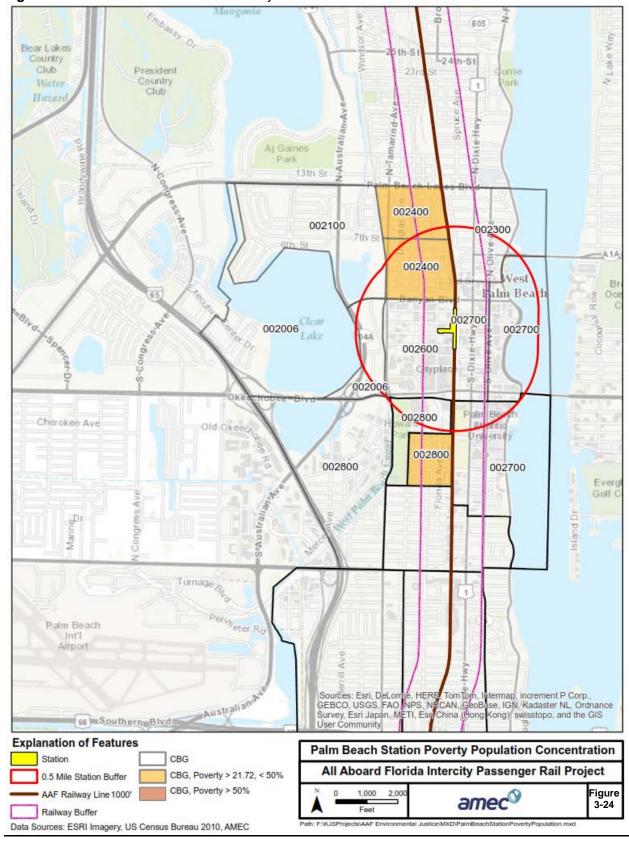


Figure 3-24. Palm Beach Station Poverty Concentration

Elderly Persons

The elderly/senior population (greater than 65 years old) within the counties intersected and the Station Assessment Areas are described in Table 3-15.

Table 3-15. Elderly/Senior Population Identified at the County and Census Tract Level within the Station Assessment Areas

Region	Total Population Assessed	Total Elderly Population (>65)	Percent Elderly Population (>65)
Florida	18,801,310	3,259,602	17.3
Tri-County Area	5,564,635	886,592	15.9
Miami-Dade	2,496,435	352,013	14.1
Broward	1,748,066	249,424	14.3
Palm Beach	1,320,134	285,155	21.6
Station Assessment Areas	76,426	8,918	11.7
Miami	29,925	3,175	10.6
Fort Lauderdale	24,789	1,956	7.9
West Palm Beach	21,712	3,787	17.4

Source: USCB, 2010

Based on 2010 USCB data, approximately 16% of the population in the tri-county area is 65 years or older; this percentage of the population is equivalent to a total of 886,592 individuals, of which 1% are concentrated in the Station Assessment Areas. Within the Station Assessment Areas, approximately 12% of the population is 65 years or older. This is 5% lower than the state elderly population (17%), and 4% lower than the tri-county total elderly population (16%).

Of the 24 census tracts within the Station Assessment Areas, none have meaningfully greater elderly populations than respective county demographics.

Persons with Disabilities

A summary of the population between 16 and 64 years old identified with any disability, including sensory, physical, mental, self-care, go-outside-home or employment disability, is presented in Table 3-16.

Table 3-16. Population with a Disability Identified at the County and CBG Level within the Station Assessment Areas

Region	Population with Disability	Percent Population with Disability
Florida	2,060,447	21.2
Tri-County Area	646,307	20.9
Miami-Dade	324,062	22.6
Broward	194,881	19.3
Palm Beach	127,364	19.6
Station Assessment Areas	8,072	49.5
Miami	3,140	35.9
Fort Lauderdale	2,099	32.6
West Palm Beach	2,833	29.1

Source: USCB, 2000

Based on these data, approximately 21% of the population in the tri-county area has a disability; this percentage of the population is equivalent to a total of 646,307 individuals, of which 1% is concentrated in the Station Assessment Areas. Within the Station Assessment Areas, approximately 50% of the population has a disability, with the highest concentration of disabled persons in Miami (36%).

CBGs with relatively high concentrations of individuals with a disability are depicted by county in Figures 3-25 through 3-27. Of the 48 CBGs within the Station Assessment Areas, three CBGs (6%) report a disabled population greater than 50%, and 21 CBGs (44%) have a meaningfully greater disabled population when compared to respective county demographics.

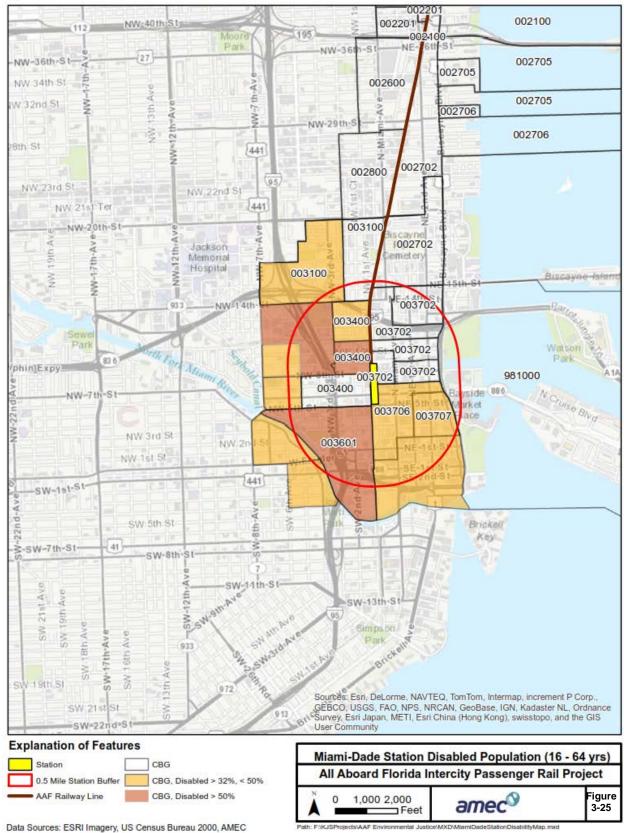


Figure 3-25. Miami-Dade Station Disabled Population (16 – 64 yrs)

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GEBCO, USGS, FAO, NPS, NRCAN, GeoBase, IGN, Kadaster NL, Ordnance
Survey, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), swisstopo, and the GIS **Explanation of Features** Broward Station Disabled Population (16 - 64 yrs) All Aboard Florida Intercity Passenger Rail Project 0.5 Mile Station Buffer CBG, Disabled > 29%, < 50% 1,000 1000' Railway Buffer CBG, Disabled > 50% Figure Feet 3-26 AAF Railway Line Path: F:\KJSProjects\AAF Environmental Justice\MXD\BrowardStationDisabilityMap.mxd Data Sources: ESRI Imagery, US Census 2000, AMEC

Figure 3-26. Broward Station Disabled Population (16 – 64 yrs)

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Figure 3-27. Palm Beach Station Disabled Population (16 – 64 yrs)

Persons with LEP

A summary of the population with limited English proficiency, as identified in 2011 ACS data, is presented in Table 3-17. "English Speakers" include English-only speaking populations as well as populations that speak English and another language. Other languages identified include Spanish, Indo-European, Asian and Pacific Islander, and "Other", as defined by the USCB⁶.

Table 3-17. Population with LEP at the State, County and CBG Level within the Station Assessment Areas

			LEP				
Region	Total Population Assessed	Percent of Population that Speaks English	Percent of Population that Speaks Spanish	Percent of Population that Reports Speaking Languages Other Than English or Spanish	Percent of Population that Reports LEP (total)		
Florida	18,801,310	73.2	19.8	7.0	26.8		
Tri-County Area	5,200,101	75.9	19.0	5.1	24.1		
Miami-Dade	2,323,557	64.2	31.9	3.9	35.8		
Broward	1,637,902	84.3	9.1	6.7	15.8		
Palm Beach	1,238,642	86.6	8.1	5.3	13.4		
Station Assessment Areas	64,936	82.1	14.3	3.6	17.9		
Miami	23,527	65.7	31.6	2.7	34.3		
Fort Lauderdale	21,744	90.3	4.1	5.6	9.7		
West Palm Beach	19,665	92.6	4.9	2.5	7.4		

Source: USCB, 2010

Based on the information retrieved from the 2011 ACS, the majority of the population within the Station Assessment Areas speak English (66% to 93%) (Table 3-7). The remainder of the population, between approximately 7% and 34%, is identified as LEP. As compared to the county LEP populations, the Station Assessment Areas in all three counties has a lower LEP population than county demographics. Overall, the Station Assessment Areas has a lower tri-county LEP population (18%) than the tri-county average (24%) and the State average (27%).

CBGs with relatively high concentrations of individuals with LEP are depicted by county in Figures 3-28 through 3-30. Of the 48 CBGs within the Station Assessment Areas, 23 CBGs (48%) reported a LEP population greater than 50%, and two CBGs (4%) have a meaningfully greater LEP population when compared to respective county demographics.

⁶ United States Census Bureau (USCB); 2010 Census Block Groups in Florida (with Selected Fields from the 2007-2011 American Community Survey); dated December 6, 2012; obtained online at http://www.census.gov, April, 2014.

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Figure 3-28. Miami-Dade Station Limited English Proficiency

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Figure 3-29. Broward Station Limited English Proficiency

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Figure 3-30. Palm Beach Station Limited English Proficiency

3.2.2 Community Facilities and Services

Community facilities and services within or along the Station Assessment Areas were identified and divided into nine main categories, using the same descriptions as provided in Section 3.1.2 (Table 3-18).

Table 3-18. Summary of Community Facilities and Services at the County and Census Tract Level within the Station Assessment Areas

Within the Ote									
Region	Clubs	Grocery	Education	Medical & Healthcare	Burial Grounds	Religious Centers	Recreation	Residential Institutions	Transportation
Tri-County Area	369	390	2,750	494	1,041	3,505	2,453	331	405
Miami-Dade	126	87	1,244	143	271	1,352	93	177	58
Broward	128	181	716	176	662	1,035	1,787	115	120
Palm Beach	115	122	790	175	108	1,118	573	39	227
Station Assessment Areas	5	4	28	6	3	60	9	6	10
Miami	2	0	5	0	0	17	2	1	0
Fort Lauderdale	3	4	7	1	1	22	7	3	9
West Palm Beach	0	0	16	5	2	21	0	2	1

Source: USCB, 2010

Based on data summarized in Table 3-18, educational and religious centers are the most common types of facilities in the tri-county area and the Station Assessment Areas. In the Station Assessment Areas, Miami contained a total of 5 educational and 17 religious centers; Fort Lauderdale contained 7 and 22 centers, respectively; and West Palm Beach contained 16 and 21 centers, respectively.

Community facilities and services found within affected census tracts in each county are presented in Figures 3-31 through 3-33.

There are several community facilities and services found within the Station Assessment Areas that are important to the local population (Table 3-19).

Table 3-19. Key Facilities and Services within or near the Station Assessment Areas

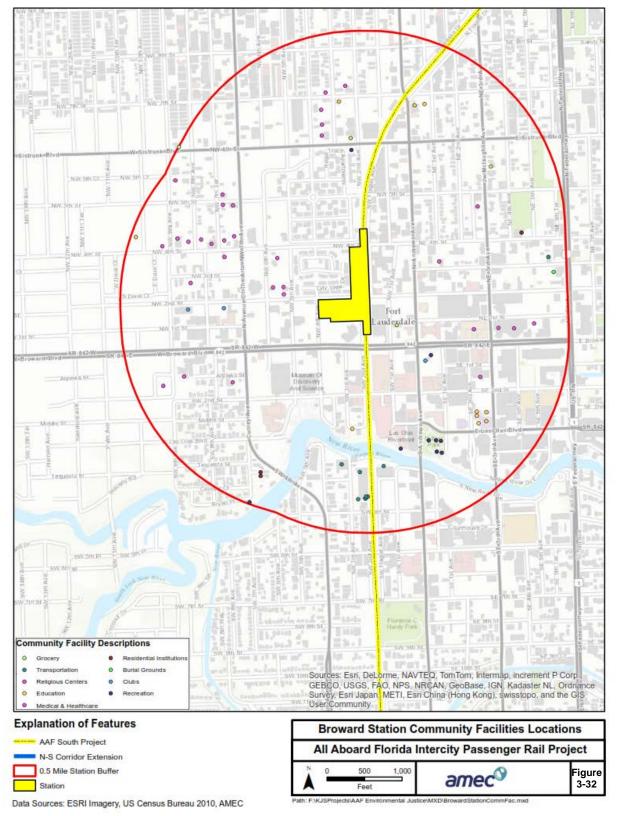
Region	Facility Name	Facility Address	Location Relative to Station
	Department of Children & Families	401 NW 2nd Ave, Miami, FL 33128	Within Station Assessment Area
Miami	Miami Police Department	400 NW 2nd Ave, Miami, FL 33128	Within Station Assessment Area
Wilattii	US Post Office	500 Northwest 2nd Avenue Miami, FL 33101	Within Station Assessment Area
	City of Miami Fire Station 1	144 NE 5th St, Miami, FL 33132	East of Station Assessment Area
	Broward County Cultural Division	100 South Andrews Avenue Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301	Within Station Assessment Area
	Broward County Library	100 S Andrews Ave, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301	Within Station Assessment Area
	Fort Lauderdale City Hall	100 N Andrews Ave, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301	Within Station Assessment Area
Fort Lauderdale	Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue	528 NW 2nd St, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311	Within Station Assessment Area
	Department of Children & Families	201 W Broward Blvd #511, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311	Within Station Assessment Area
	US Post Office	400 NW 7th Ave, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311	West of Station Assessment Area
	Cross Road Food Bank, Inc.	621 NW 6th Ave, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311	West of Station Assessment Area
	Department of Children & Families	111 S Sapodilla Ave #3, West Palm Beach, FL 33401	West of Station Assessment Area
	US Post Office	640 N Clematis St, West Palm Beach, FL 33401	West of Station Assessment Area
West Palm Beach	Palm Beach County Community Services Department	810 Datura St, West Palm Beach, FL 33401, USA	West of Station Assessment Area
	American Red Cross	825 Fern St, West Palm Beach, FL 33401	West of Station Assessment Area
0 AMEQ 004	Palm Beach County Police Department	1755 Tiffany Dr E, West Palm Beach, FL 33407	West of Station Assessment Area

Source: AMEC, 2014

Downtown 0 80000 Community Facility Descriptions 0 Grocery Religious Centers Medical & Healthcare Residential Institution Sources: Esri, DeLorme, NAVTEQ, TomTom, Intermap, increment P Corp., GEBCO, USGS, FAO, NPS, NRCAN, GeoBase, IGN, Kadaster NL, Ordnance Survey, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), swisstopo, and the GIS Clubs **Explanation of Features** Miami-Dade Station Community Facilities Locations AAF South Project All Aboard Florida Intercity Passenger Rail Project 0.5 Mile Station Buffer Station 500 1,000 Figure amec 3-31 Data Sources: ESRI Imagery, US Census Bureau 2010, AMEC

Figure 3-31. Miami-Dade Station Assessment Area Community Facilities

Figure 3-32. Broward Station Assessment Area Community Facilities



Community Facility Descriptions Grocery Education Sources: Esri, DeLorme, NAVTEQ, TomTom, Intermap, increment P Corp., GEBCO, USGS, FAO, NPS.-NRCAN, GeoBase, IGN, Kadaster NL, Ordnance Survey, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), swisstopo, and the GIS User Community Burlal Grounds **Explanation of Features Palm Beach Station Community Facilities Locations** AAF South Project All Aboard Florida Intercity Passenger Rail Project N-S Corridor Extension 0.5 Mile Station Buffer Figure 3-33 Data Sources: ESRI Imagery, US Census Bureau 2010, AMEC

Figure 3-33. Palm Beach Station Assessment Area Community Facilities

3.2.3 Mobility

The preferred modes of transportation within the tri-county area and the Station Assessment Areas are summarized in Table 3-20.

Table 3-20. Summary of Transportation Preferences at the State, County and Census Tract Level within the Station Assessment Areas

	Total	Preferred Mode of Transportation to Work (percent)				nt)
Region	Population Assessed	Car	Motorcycles and Bicycles	Public transport	Walk	Other
Tri-County Area	2,503,554	88.4	0.8	3.6	1.8	1.1
Miami-Dade	1,112,485	86.8	0.7	5.2	2.1	1.2
Broward	825,581	89.7	0.8	2.9	1.3	1.0
Palm Beach	565,488	89.6	0.9	1.5	1.7	1.1
Station Assessment Areas	22,082	73.1	1.4	9.8	7.7	1.4
Miami	7,720	66.0	1.0	18.5	8.8	0.7
Fort Lauderdale	7,374	78.8	1.6	7.5	5.3	1.4
West Palm Beach	6,988	75.0	1.6	2.7	8.8	2.3

A majority (66% or more) of the population in the Station Assessment Areas uses a car as the preferred mode of transportation. Public transportation is the second most used form of transportation, with as much as approximately 19% of the population within the Station Assessment Area of Miami relying on public transportation.

The networks of available modes of transportation (bus terminals, metro rail station locations, car rental establishments, water taxis, and multi-use public trails) in the Station Assessment Areas are included in Figures 3-34 through 3-36.

Figure 3-34. Miami-Dade Station Mobility

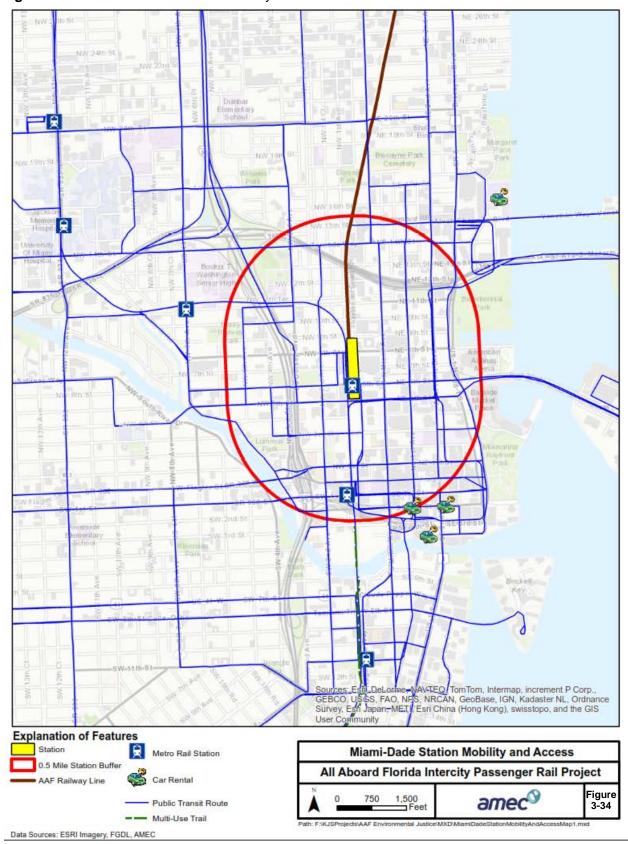


Figure 3-35. Broward Station Mobility

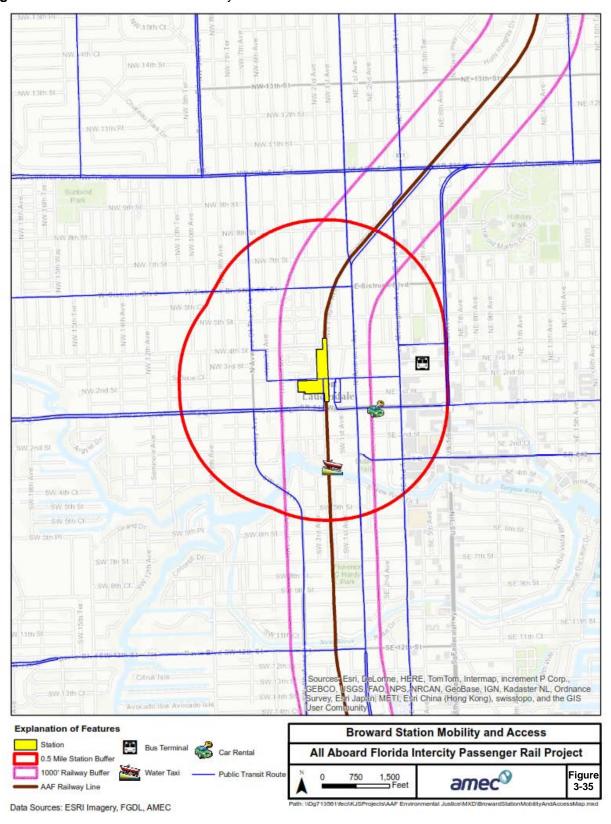
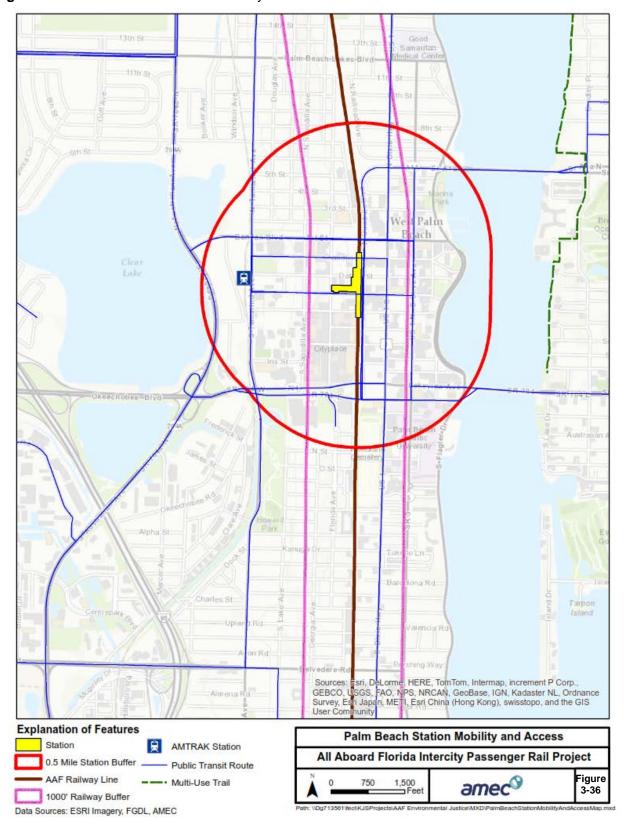


Figure 3-36. Palm Beach Station Mobility



3.2.4 Public Health and Safety

Public safety facilities within the Station Assessment Areas are summarized in Table 3-21.

Table 3-21. Summary of Public Safety Facilities within the Station Assessment Areas

	Facility Type				
	Fire Rescue Stations, Fire Departments, and				
Region	Emergency Medical Response	Law Enforcement			
Assessment Area	3	10			
Miami	1	3			
Fort Lauderdale	1	2			
West Palm Beach	1	5			

Source: USCB, 2010

3.3 Economic Environment of the Corridor and Station Assessment Areas

The economic environment of the assessment areas is defined by economic characteristics: unemployment rates, labor force characterization and dominant business sector types; as well as average household income and existing land use.

3.3.1 Labor Force Characteristics and Major Employers and Industries

The existing labor force and dominant business sectors identified in the Corridor Assessment Area and Station Assessment Areas and associated counties are described in Table 3-22. The data summarized in Table 3-22 was obtained from the 2007-2011 ACS, "Selected Economic Characteristics" on the USCB website⁷: According to the ACS, the following four business sector types employ the greatest percentage of the labor force in the three counties associated with the Corridor Assessment Area and Station Assessment Areas: educational services, health care, and social assistance; retail trade; professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste management services; and arts, entertainment and recreation, accommodation and food services. Employment characteristics of the Assessment Areas are generally similar to those of the tri-county area, with the greatest number of people working in educational services, health care, and social assistance (14.5% in the Corridor Assessment Area, and 16.1% in the Stations Assessment Area). In both Assessment Areas, there are a greater number of people working in arts, entertainment and recreation, accommodation and food services; when compared to tri-county statistics (approximately 4% more in both the Corridor Assessment Area and Stations Assessment Area).

⁷ United States Census Bureau (USCB); American Community Survey; obtained online at http://www.census.gov/acs/www, June 2013.

Table 3-22. Existing Labor Force and General Employment Data for the State, County and Assessment Areas

ASSESSMENTA		Industry Type (Percent of Workforce)				
Area	Total Population in Labor Force	Educational Services, Health Care & Social Assistance	Retail	Professional, Scientific, Management, Administrative & Waste Management	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation, Accommodation & Food Services	Percent
Florida	8,258,511	18.3	11.7	10.7	10.0	10.3
Tri-County Area	2,849,897	17.9	11.6	11.7	9.3	10.2
Miami-Dade	1,257,458	17.8	11.2	11.0	9.1	9.9
Broward	944,554	18.0	11.8	11.9	9.1	10.5
Palm Beach	647,885	17.9	12.0	12.5	10.0	10.5
Corridor Assessment Area	291,437	14.5	11.5	12.7	12.6	12.5
Miami-Dade	75,387	15.7	10.8	19.6	14.2	11.6
Broward	126,178	13.8	11.9	7.6	12.0	12.9
Palm Beach	89,872	14.4	11.7	13.9	12.2	12.7
Station Assessment Areas	35,008	16.1	10.7	12.0	12.6	11.9
Miami	11,521	14.4	10.2	10.3	14.8	10.5
Fort Lauderdale	12,314	14.9	9.1	15.3	12.6	13.0
West Palm Beach	11,173	19.2	13.0	10.2	10.5	12.2

Source: USCB ACS, 2011

3.3.2 Average Household Income

The average household income in the Corridor Assessment Area and Station Assessment Areas and associated counties are described in Table 3-23.

Table 3-23. Average Household Income for the State, County and Assessment Areas

	Average Household Income
Area	(dollars)
Florida	47,309
Tri-County Area	60,334
Miami-Dade	61,617
Broward	57,772
Palm Beach	61, 612
Corridor Assessment Area	44,272
Miami-Dade	40,753
Broward	41,426
Palm Beach	50,638
Station Assessment Areas	43,237
Miami	29,579
Fort Lauderdale	55,344
West Palm Beach	44,789

Source: USCB, 2010

Within the Corridor Assessment Area, Palm Beach County has the highest average household income (\$50,638); within the Station Assessment Areas, Fort Lauderdale has the highest average household income (\$55,344).

3.3.3 Existing Land Use and Zoning

Land use in the Corridor Assessment Area is primarily a mix of commercial and services and multifamily residential (Figures 3-37a through 3-37t). Land use in the Station Assessment Areas is primarily commercial and services, with some multi-family residential and single-family residential use (Figures 3-38 through 3-40).

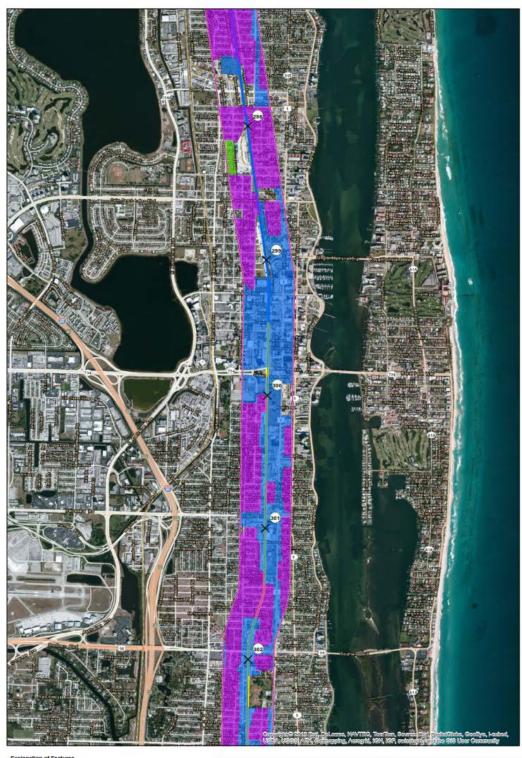
The Assessment Areas are dominated by commercial and services land use; followed by single-family residential land use in the Corridor Assessment Area, and multi-family residential land use in the Station Assessment Areas (Table 3-24).

Construction of the Proposed Action will comply with the allowed uses of the existing zoning categories of the properties on which the Proposed Action will be located.

Table 3-24. Land Use within the Assessment Areas

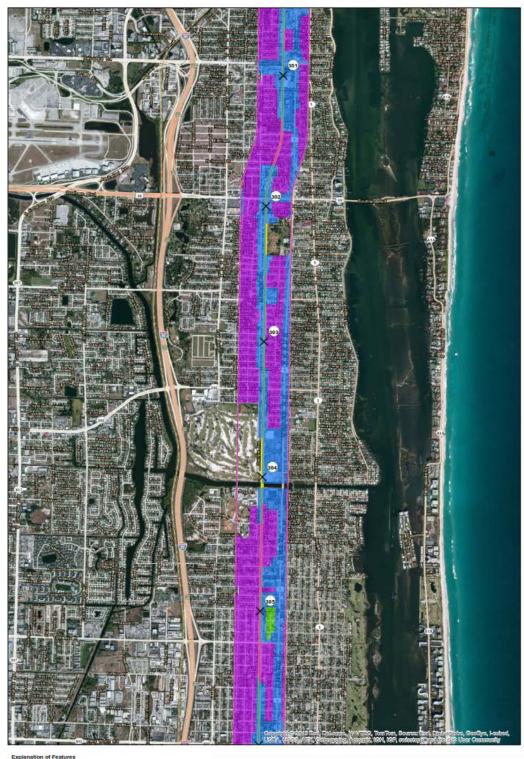
	Percent Land Use			
Region	Commercial	Multi-Family Residential	Single-Family Residential	
Corridor Assessment Area	33.5	17.7	38.7	
Miami-Dade	48.5	16.6	34.9	
Broward	45.2	23.8	31.1	
Palm Beach	40.0	13.2	46.8	
Station Assessment Areas	52.7	18.0	3.3	
Miami-Dade	43.7	23.2	0.0	
Broward	48.0	30.4	0.5	
Palm Beach	66.4	0.00	9.5	

Source: AMEC, 2014

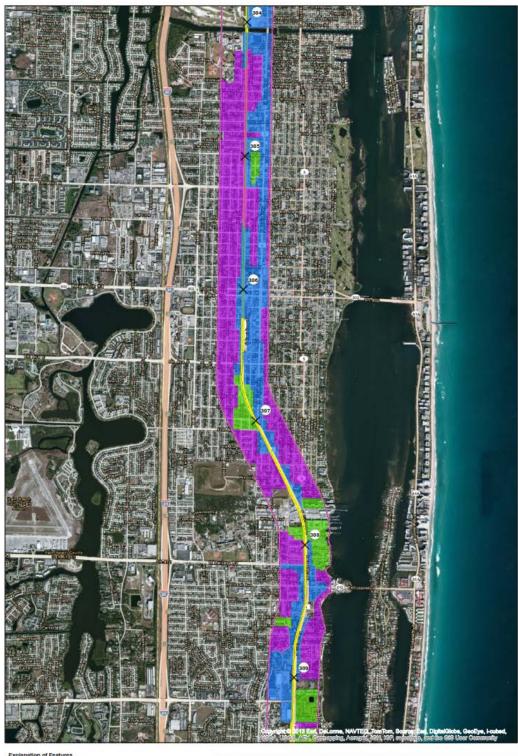






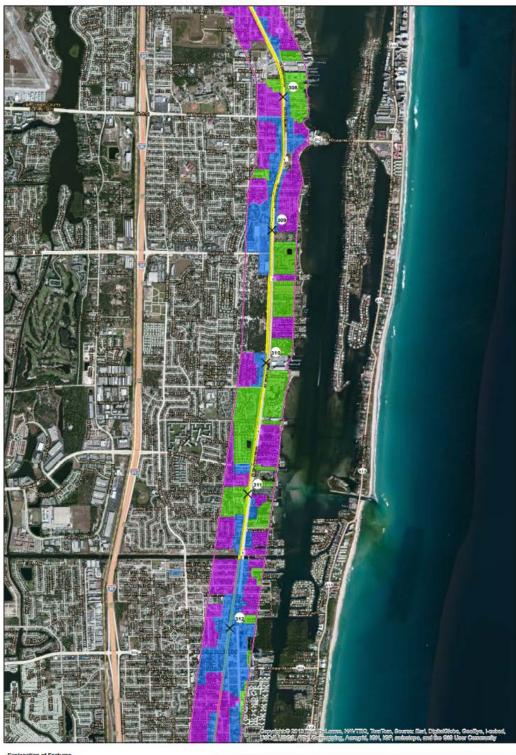






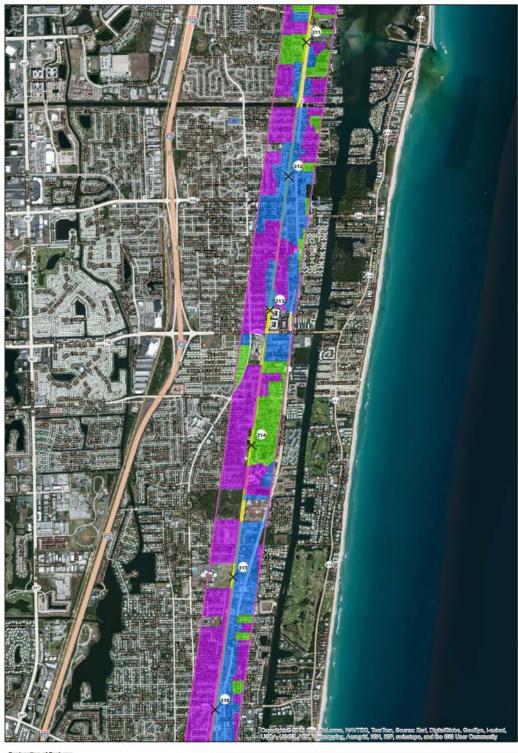






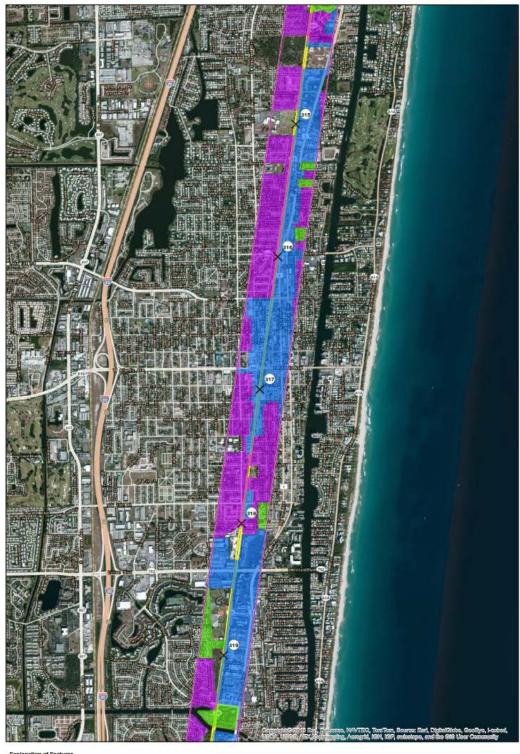






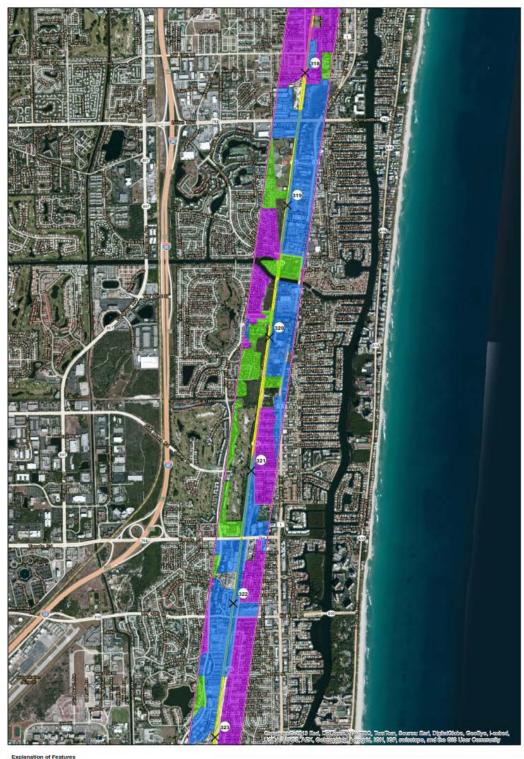












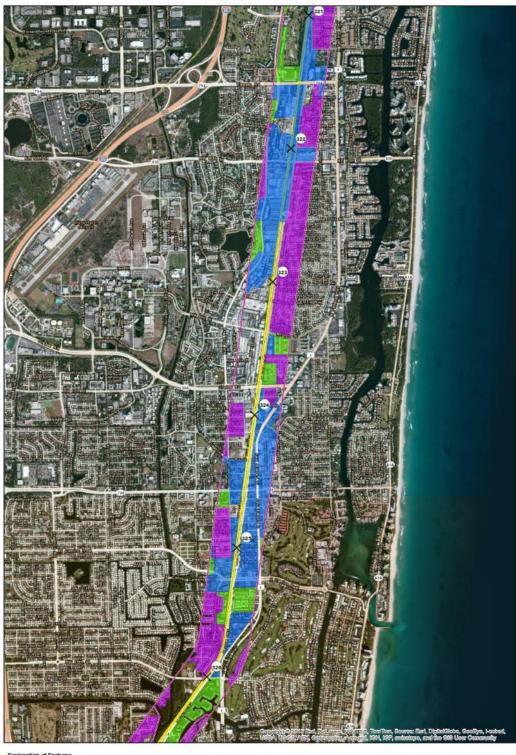
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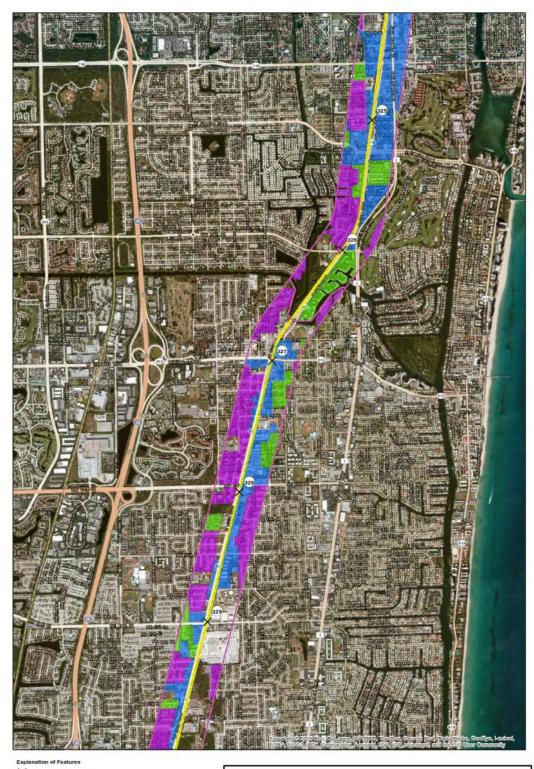
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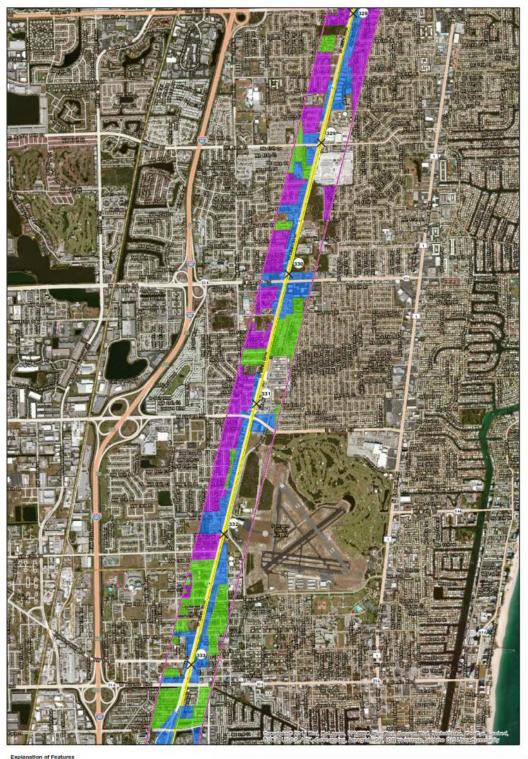




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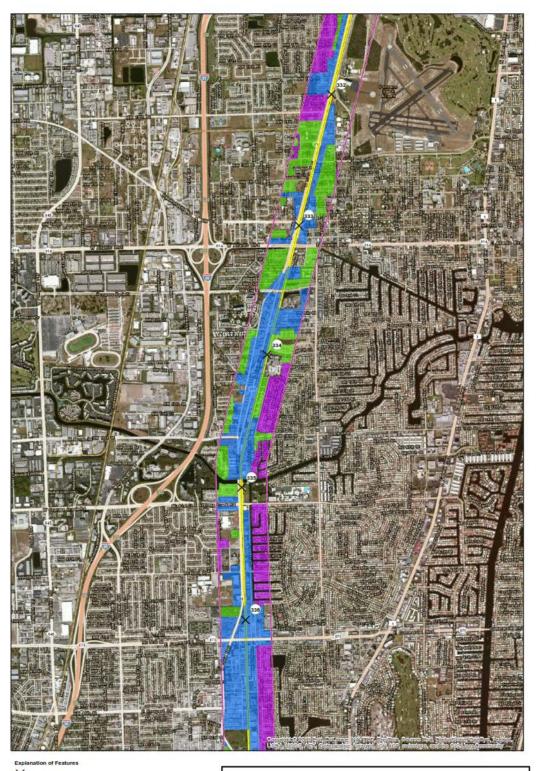
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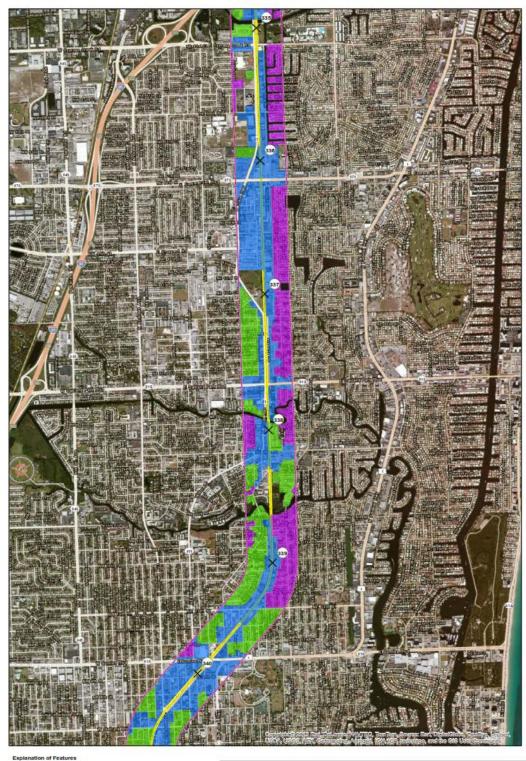
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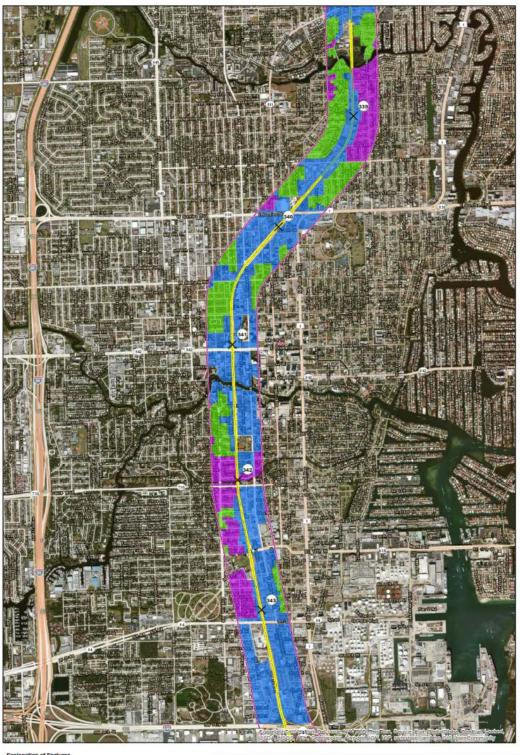
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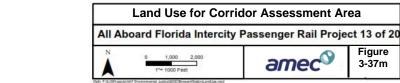
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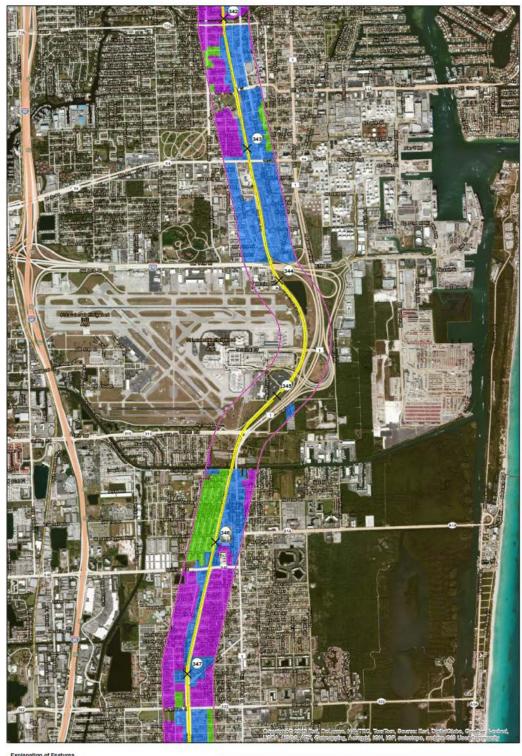
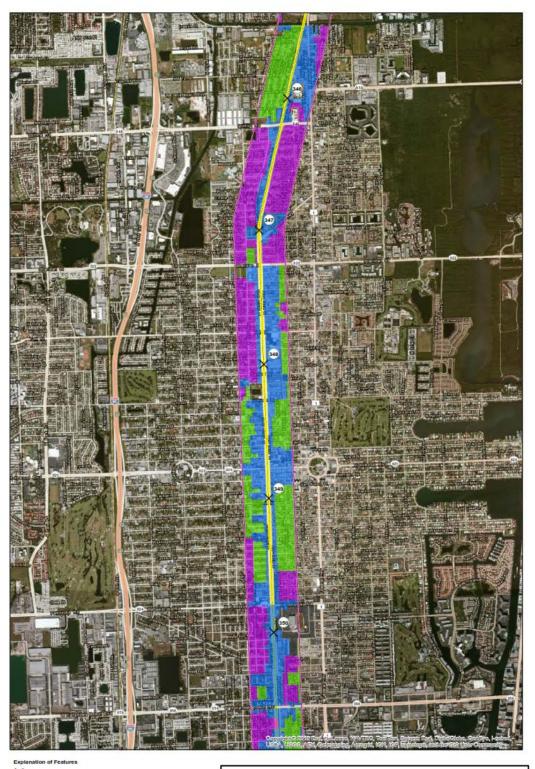


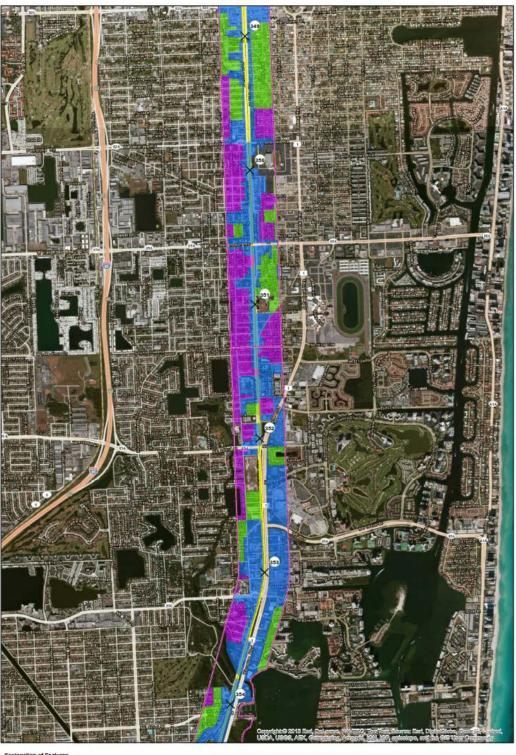




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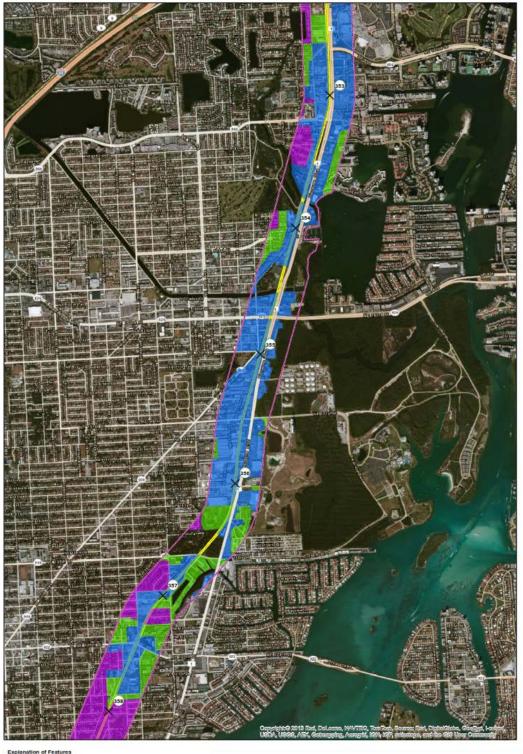












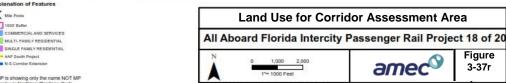


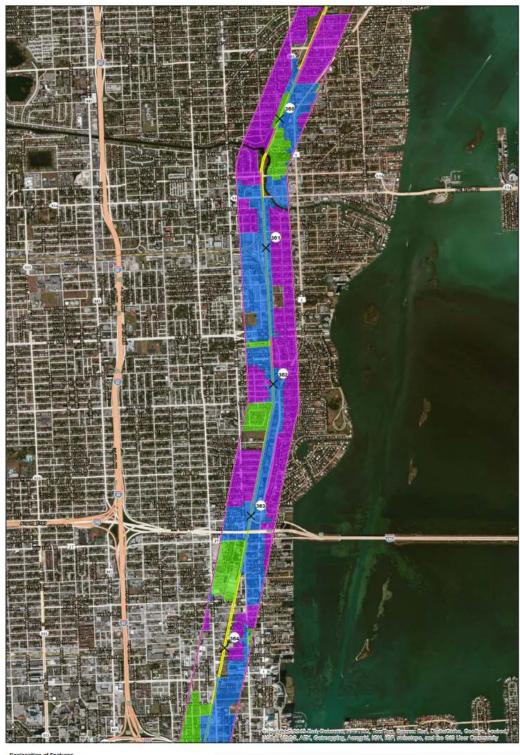
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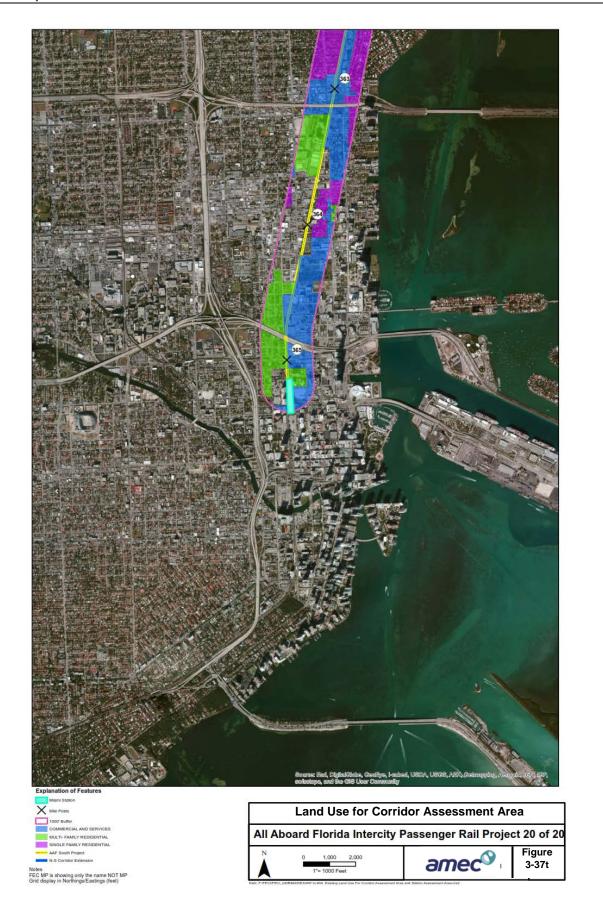








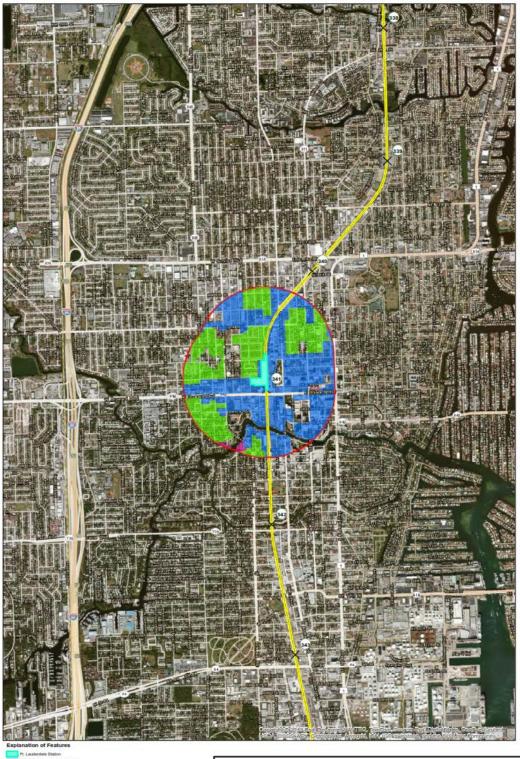












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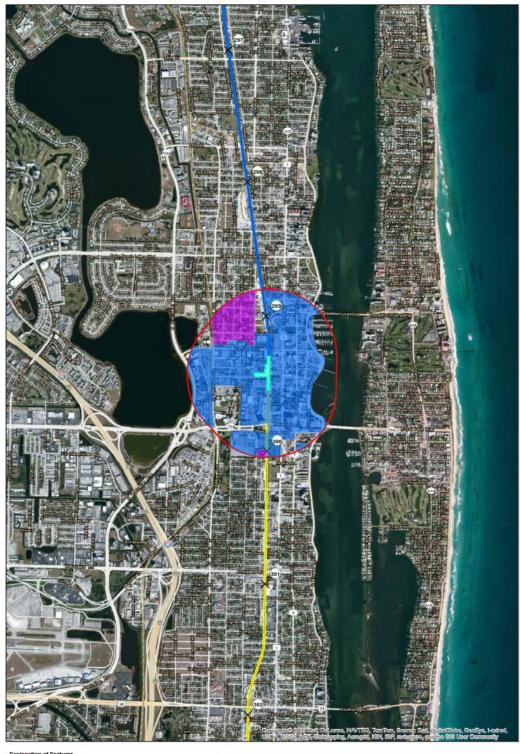
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4.0 Potential Impacts of Project

Potential impacts associated with the Proposed Action are evaluated to ensure that impacts, both beneficial and adverse, are equally distributed in a nondiscriminatory manner throughout the affected community. As defined in the Appendix of the USDOT Order 5610.2(a), adverse effects include, but are not limited to:

- Destruction or disruption of community cohesion or a community's economic vitality;
- Destruction or disruption of the availability of public and private facilities and services;
- Adverse employment effects; and
- Increased traffic congestion, isolation, exclusion, or separation of minority or low-income individuals within a given community or from the broader community.

Impacts are categorized as direct or indirect⁸. Direct impacts include impacts that immediately or primarily affect the physical location of the Proposed Action, such as destruction of structural or environmental features, relocation of residents and businesses, or loss of access. Indirect impacts extend beyond the physical location of the Proposed Action, such as induced economic growth or increased mobility within the community, and can be short term or long term. The magnitude of impacts is based on the nature of the impacts, its relative severity, and the potential for mitigation.8 Impacts can often be counterbalancing, such as an increase in mobility corresponding with an associated increase in traffic. When adverse impacts are identified, such effects can be moderated through avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation of the impact; and enhancement of the community (see Section 5.0), pursuant to CEQ guidance.

4.1 No-Build Alternative

Under the No-Build Alternative, the Proposed Action would not occur. Freight operations will continue with a planned annual growth of 5%-7% between today and 2016, and 3% per year after 2016. There are no associated positive impacts to the social or economic environments of the Assessment Areas under this alternative. However, given the projected increase in intercity traffic between Miami and West Palm Beach, the No-Build Alternative has the potential to contribute to future adverse transportation impacts on I-95 and Florida's Turnpike by not aiding in the reduction of the projected increase in total automobile volume on these roads. Without the added capacity provided by the proposed passenger service, these roads would be forced to absorb the majority of this increase.

4.2 Proposed Action

The Proposed Action includes the development and operation of rail infrastructure within the existing ROW of the Corridor, which has supported freight and/or passenger service on a continuous basis for more than 100 years, and communities have generally built up around and along the Corridor. Therefore, potential negative effects to the communities along Corridor Assessment Area would predominately consist of the increased frequency of train traffic at higher speeds at which the passenger trains may travel, and noise related impacts. Delays at the road crossings are expected to be more frequent with the increased frequency of train traffic; however the delays are also expected to be minimal, as the trains should clear a typical crossing in less than a minute.

The AAF FONSI found that the Proposed Action would provide a net regional air quality benefit as compared to the current conditions, reducing regional criteria pollutants, mobile source air toxics, and greenhouse gas emissions. It was also found that the Proposed Action is not expected to result in significant vibration impacts associated with construction and operation. Noise mitigation through the uses of stationary wayside horns, as committed to by AAF, was found in the AAF FONSI to "[e]liminate all severe impacts in Broward County and Miami-Dade County and more than 99% of all

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⁸ Florida Department of Transportation. 2000. Community Impact Assessment: A Handbook for Transportation Professionals

severe impacts in Palm Beach County; [e]liminate at least 99% of the moderate impacts in Broward County and Miami-Dade County and more than 98% of the moderate impacts in Palm Beach County; and [i]mprove noise conditions in the region because it would include mitigation that is not expected to be instituted with the No Build Alternative...."

The stations included within the Proposed Action are located adjacent to the existing Corridor ROW, and are located in developed urban areas. Potential negative effects to the communities within the Station Assessment Areas predominately consist of increased vehicular traffic, which has been analyzed in a traffic study recently conducted by AAF.⁹

Although there are greater environmental justice populations within the Assessment Areas, there are no negative impacts associated with the Proposed Action that disproportionately impact these populations.

4.3 Impacts to Social Environment of the Corridor Assessment Area

4.3.1 Community Facilities and Services

The Proposed Action is not expected to negatively impact accessibility to community facilities and services within the Corridor Assessment Area. The Corridor has existed in the affected environment for more than 100 years, and consequently, communities have generally built up around and along the Corridor. Furthermore, no community facilities or services will be displaced or relocated under the Proposed Action.

4.3.2 Mobility

An increase in the availability of public transport as a result of the Proposed Action is expected to create an indirect, positive effect within the Corridor Assessment Area. In areas such as Miami-Dade County, where public transport is used by an estimated 11% of the population, the Proposed Action provides an important additional benefit to the mobility of the community. Moreover, the Proposed Action provides an alternative mode of travel for long-distance trips across Florida for commuters.

The Proposed Action would not have a significant impact on local vehicular traffic along the Corridor Assessment Area. The increase in number of crossing events due to the addition of 16 round trip passenger trips per day would cause additional delay events, but delays from passenger trains would be much shorter than delays from existing freight traffic (Table 4-1). Also, the projected annual increase in freight capacity would result in minor increases in local roadway crossing delays, but total impacts relative to existing conditions would be minimal.

Table 4-1 shows expected roadway crossing delay times in the counties that contain the Corridor Assessment Area. Closure times are provided for both passenger and freight operations from the 2016 project opening year. The delay times show that due to the higher operating speeds of passenger and freight trains in the Corridor Assessment Area, resulting closure times per crossing will be less.

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⁹ Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. April 2014. All Aboard Florida – Miami, Fort Lauderdale, and West Palm Beach Traffic Impact Analyses.

Table 4-1. Comparison of Roadway Crossing Activations for the Corridor Assessment Area in 2016

		Freight		Passenger	
County	Number of Crossings	Train Speed (miles per hour)	Maximum Closure (minutes/hour)	Train Speed (miles per hour)	Maximum Closure (minutes/hour)
Miami-Dade	38	41	3.0	49	1.9
Broward	67	38	2.5	61	1.8
Palm Beach	83	39	2.4	76	1.7

Source: AMEC, 2013

A traffic study was conducted as part of the AAF EA¹⁰ on densely populated sections of the same Corridor Assessment Area analyzed in this impact assessment. The EA showed that implementation of passenger rail operations would result in no impact to local roadway traffic along the Corridor Assessment Area. As discussed in previous sections, results of this modeling showed that impacts would not result due to only minor increases in crossing delays compared to delays from existing freight traffic. The roadways included in that analysis also had some of the highest traffic volumes of any roadways along the Corridor Assessment Area (annual average daily traffic range from 6,900 to 59,900), and were located in the most densely populated counties. Furthermore, the Proposed Action is expected to decrease the number of vehicles on the regional roadway networks due to travelers utilizing the Proposed Action for transportation, as opposed to vehicular transport.

4.3.3 Public Health and Safety

There are no negative impacts to emergency response routes along the Corridor Assessment Area expected as a result of the Proposed Action. Upgrades to road-crossings during the construction phase may need to be coordinated with and/or communicated to local planning departments and emergency responders.

Design elements of the Proposed Action include the enhancement of signal and train control systems; the reduction of the potential for accidents at highway-rail at-grade crossings; and the limitation of access to rail infrastructure by trespassers and other unauthorized persons. These design elements are expected to lead to the operation of a safe railroad for passengers, employees, pedestrians and motorists. In addition, consolidated control of both freight and passenger train movement, plus the added rail infrastructure, will allow freight operations to continue to grow, safely and reliably, without adverse impact from the restoration of intercity passenger rail services within the Corridor Assessment Area, all while allowing passenger trains to operate with a high degree of reliability.

4.3.4 Environmental Justice Population

Ethnicity and/or Race

There is a widespread distribution of areas identified as having high proportions of minority residents throughout the Corridor Assessment Area (Figures 3-1 through 3-3).

Data shows that approximately 65% of the total population in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties combined (tri-county area) is minority. The Corridor Assessment Area (132 census tracts) is lower than the county percentage, with a minority population of 59%. Although a county-level analysis of the Corridor Assessment Area indicates that there is a higher minority population in the Palm Beach County segment of the Corridor (48.6%) when compared to respective county demographics (39.1%), it is lower than the average in the tri-county area (65.1%). The Proposed Action would not result in the physical division of communities. As there are no relocations required associated with Proposed Action, there is no need to comply with Uniform Relocation Act.

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¹⁰All Aboard Florida – Operations LLC. 2012. Environmental Assessment and Section 4(f) Evaluation for the All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail Project West Palm Beach to Miami, Florida. Available at: http://www.fra.dot.gov/eLib/details/L04278.

Therefore, even though pockets of high minority populations occur along the Corridor Assessment Area, the environmental justice thresholds defined by CEQ guidance have not been met for high minority populations. Therefore, an adverse impact on minority populations would not occur as a result of the Proposed Action.

Low-income Persons

There is a widespread distribution of areas identified as having high proportions of low-income residents throughout the Corridor Assessment Area (Figures 3-4 through 3-6).

Approximately 10% of the population below poverty in the tri-county area is found within the Corridor Assessment Area. Within the Corridor Assessment Area, 20% of the population has been below the poverty level within the last 12 months. This is 5% higher than the total percent of the population below poverty within the three counties (15%), and 6% higher than the percent below poverty for the entire state (14%). The percent of population below poverty in the last 12 months in the Corridor Assessment Area in Miami-Dade County is 4% higher than the percent of population below poverty for Miami-Dade, and 8% and 6% higher for and Broward and Palm Beach counties, respectively. While the demographics for low-income persons are higher in the Corridor Assessment Area as compared to respective county demographics, impacts associated with the Proposed Action are dispersed throughout the length of the corridor between all populations in an equitable manner (Figures 3-4 through 3-6). Noise and vibration impacts associated with the Proposed Action are mitigated through wayside horns, and are further discussed in the AAF EA. Therefore, an adverse impact on low-income persons would not occur as a result of the Proposed Action.

Elderly Persons

There is an intermittent distribution of areas identified as having high proportions of elderly persons throughout the Corridor Assessment Area (Figures 3-7 through 3-9).

Within the Corridor Assessment Area, 13% of the population is 65 years or older. This is 4% lower than the state elderly population (17%), and 3% lower than the tri-county total elderly population (16%). Therefore, thresholds as defined by CEQ guidance have not been met for the elderly population within the Corridor Assessment Area. Additionally, AAF trains will comply with all Americans with Disability Act requirements. As such, the Proposed Action has the potential to benefit the elderly community by providing a transportation option that will enhance mobility and livability in their communities. AAF trains will be single-level, fully-accessible coaches. Therefore, an adverse impact on elderly persons would not occur as a result of the Proposed Action.

Persons with Disabilities

There is an intermittent distribution of areas identified as having high proportions of persons with disabilities throughout the Corridor Assessment Area (Figures 3-10 through 3-12).

Within the Corridor Assessment Area, 16% of the population has a disability. This is approximately 5% lower than both the state and tri-county disabled population (21%). Therefore, thresholds as defined by CEQ guidance have not been met for the population with a disability within the Corridor Assessment Area. Additionally, AAF trains will comply with all Americans with Disability Act requirements. As such, the Proposed Action has the potential to benefit the disabled community by providing a transportation option that will enhance mobility and livability in their communities. AAF trains will be single-level, fully-accessible coaches. Therefore, an adverse impact on persons with disabilities would not occur as a result of the Proposed Action.

Persons with Limited English Proficiency

There is a widespread distribution of areas identified as having high proportions of limited English-speaking residents throughout the Corridor Assessment Area (Figures 3-13 through 3-15).

Within the Corridor Assessment Area, approximately 23% of the population is limited in English proficiency. This is 1% lower than the total percent of the population with LEP within the tri-county area (24%), and 4% lower than the percent of the population with LEP for the entire state (27%).

A county-level analysis of the Corridor Assessment Area indicates that there is a higher LEP population in the Broward and Palm Beach County segments of the Corridor (19% and 21%, respectively) when compared to county demographics (16% and 13%, respectively). To provide "meaningful" access to information and services" as required in EO 13166, AAF has included Spanish-language and Haitian-Creole-language public involvement materials throughout the planning process, including public notices in local newspapers and fact sheets, as well as translators at community meetings and forums (Appendix A). Therefore, an adverse impact on persons with LEP would not occur as a result of the Proposed Action.

4.4 Impacts to Social Environment of the Station Assessment Areas

4.4.1 Community Facilities and Services

The Proposed Action is not expected to impact accessibility of community facilities and services within the Station Assessment Areas. No community facilities or services will be displaced or relocated under the Proposed Action.

4.4.2 Mobility

Overall, the Proposed Action is expected to enhance mobility within the Station Assessment Areas. The Proposed Action provides an additional form of public transportation that integrates with existing forms of transportation found within the Station Assessment Areas. The following discussion summarizes various components of each station that are expected to improve mobility:

- In the Miami Station Assessment Area, the central terminal station architecture will be integrated with the structure of an elevated railroad viaduct passing over the city streets approximately 45 feet above grade. The viaduct will parallel the existing elevated Metrorail infrastructure and span over the MetroMover alignment, crossing the site at NE 5th Street. Convenient multi-modal connectivity between AAF, Metrorail and MetroMover will be available, in addition to ample curbside drop-off, taxi queue, connecting bus and van service, local and regional bus transit, bicycle parking, and significant pedestrian connectivity to the terminal facility.
- In the Fort Lauderdale Station Assessment Area, one at-grade road crossing will be closed at NW 2nd Street. The at-grade crossing closures would not impact local circulation adversely due to existence of alternate routes in close proximity to the proposed crossing closures; resulting in minimal changes to the existing traffic patterns and no impact to access existing properties. A two-block extension of NW 2nd Avenue between NW 2nd Street and NW 4th Street is proposed to the west of the Corridor. This will increase the available alternative routes compared to those existing today, and provide access to 4th Street and Broward Boulevard. No dead-end conditions would result from this closure, and access to existing properties will not be negatively affected. Therefore the Fort Lauderdale Station maintains existing access to all parcels and provides for better vehicular circulation via the extension of NW 2nd Avenue.
- In the West Palm Beach Station Assessment Area, two at-grade road crossings will be closed at Datura Street and Evernia Street. The at-grade crossing closures would not impact local circulation adversely due to existence of alternate routes in close proximity (adjacent Clematis Street and Fern Street, respectively) to the proposed crossing closures; resulting in minimal changes to the existing traffic patterns and no impact to access to existing properties. Therefore, these at-grade closings are considered a minor indirect impact.

An analysis of possible impacts to traffic as a result of the Proposed Action has been conducted, and resulted in a finding of acceptable traffic flow and volume in accordance with respective county

guidelines and criteria.¹¹ Construction activities associated with the stations are anticipated to create minimal, temporary impacts. Best management practices and traffic plans will be developed and employed throughout the Station Assessment Areas to minimize these short-term impacts.

4.4.3 Public Health and Safety

The Proposed Action will be ADA compliant and include safety features such as cameras in stations and parking lots and regular police patrols, thus enhancing the safety within the Station Assessment Areas. The public space surrounding the station building will be organized to allow for efficient and safe pedestrian circulation and wayfinding. The presence of security at the stations and associated parking areas could help reduce crime rates in the Station Assessment Areas.

During peak vehicular traffic times, an expected increase in emergency response times may result. However, traffic studies indicate a safe and acceptable level of traffic even during these high volume periods.¹¹

4.4.4 Environmental Justice Population

Ethnicity and/or Race

There is a widespread distribution of areas identified as having high proportions of minority residents throughout the Station Assessment Areas (Figures 3-19 through 3-21).

Data shows that approximately 65% of the total population in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties combined (tri-county area) is minority, and that the minority population in the Station Assessment Areas (24 tracts) is higher than the County percentage, with a minority population of 70%. Meaningfully greater minority populations can be found in Fort Lauderdale (8% greater) and West Palm Beach (15% greater). While the demographics for minority populations are higher in the Station Assessment Areas as compared to respective county demographics, impacts (both positive and negative) associated with the Proposed Action are dispersed throughout the Station Assessment Areas between all population in an equitable manner. Therefore, an adverse impact on minority populations would not occur as a result of the Proposed Action.

Low-income Persons

There are widely distributed areas identified as having high proportions of low-income residents throughout the Station Assessment Areas (Figures 3-22 through 3-24).

Approximately 15% of the population below poverty in the tri-county area is found within the Station Assessment Areas. Within this area, approximately 25% of the population has been below the poverty level within the last 12 months. This is 10% higher than the total percent of the population below poverty within the three counties (15%), and 11% higher than the percent below poverty for the entire state (14%). The percent of population below poverty in the last 12 months in the Station Assessment Areas in Miami is 16% higher than the percent of population below poverty for Miami-Dade County, and 8% and 4% higher for Broward and Palm Beach counties, respectively. While the demographics for low-income persons are higher in the Station Assessment Areas as compared to respective county demographics, impacts (both positive and negative) associated with the Proposed Action are dispersed throughout these areas between all populations in an equitable manner. Therefore, an adverse impact on low-incomes persons would not occur as a result of the Proposed Action.

Elderly Persons

There are no areas identified as having high proportions of elderly persons within the Station Assessment Areas.

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¹¹ Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. April 2014. All Aboard Florida – Miami, Fort Lauderdale, and West Palm Beach Traffic Impact Analyses.

Within these areas, 12% of the population is 65 years or older. This is 5% lower than the state elderly population (17%), and 4% lower than the tri-county total elderly population (16%). Therefore, thresholds as defined by CEQ guidance have not been met for the elderly population within the Corridor Assessment Area. Additionally, AAF stations will comply with all Americans with Disability Act requirements. Therefore, an adverse impact on elderly persons would not occur as a result of the Proposed Action.

Persons with Disabilities

There is a widespread distribution of areas identified as having high proportions of persons with disabilities throughout the Station Assessment Areas (Figures 3-25 through 3-27).

Approximately 1% of the disabled population within the tri-county area are located in these areas. Within the area, 50% of the population has a disability. This is approximately 29% higher than both the state and tri-county disabled population (21%). This meaningfully greater disabled population throughout all three counties is likely attributable to several residential institutions within the Station Assessment Areas (Figures 3-31 through 3-33). These institutions are listed in Table 4-2, below.

Table 4-2. Residential Institutions within the Station Assessment Areas

Region	Facility Name	Facility Address	
	Palm Garden of Aventura	21251 E Dixie Highway	
	Watercrest Care Center	16650 W Dixie Highway	
	Biscayne 88 Terrace, LLC	660 NE 88 Terrace	
Miami	Salvation Army – Adult Rehabilitation Center	2236 NW Miami Court	
	Miami Rescue Mission	2020 NW 1 Avenue	
	Chapman Partnership	1550 N Miami Avenue	
	Kidco Childcare	221 NE 36 Street	
Fort Lauderdale	New River Villas	408 SW 7 Avenue	
Fort Lauderdale	Children's Home Society	401 NE 4 Street	
West Palm Beach	City Walk Assisted Living	534 Datura Street	
	Lourdes-Noreen McKeen	315 S Flagler Drive	
	St. James Residence	400 S Olive Avenue	
	St. Andrew's Residence	208 Fern Street	

Source: AMEC, 2014

The development of each station will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, as well as other applicable federal, state and local provisions related to access for persons with disabilities. All station facilities and platforms will have elevator access, and there are no stairs or other obstacles to impede boarding trains. Additional design elements intended to improve safety and accessibility to all users, especially the handicapped, would include pedestrian scale lighting, hand rails, horizontal landing areas for rest along barrier free ramps, and benches. With such a large population of individuals with disabilities located in the vicinities of the proposed stations, the Proposed Action has the ability to increase the livability and mobility of this population in their communities. Therefore, an adverse impact on persons with disabilities would not occur as a result of the Proposed Action.

Persons with LEP

Within the Station Assessment Areas, approximately 18% of the population is limited in English proficiency. This is 6% lower than the total percent of the population with limited English proficiency within the tri-county area (24%), and 9% lower than the percent of the population with limited English proficiency for the entire state (27%). To provide "meaningful" access to information and services" as required in EO 13166, AAF has included both Spanish and Haitian Creole language public involvement materials throughout the planning process, including public notices in local newspapers and fact sheets, as well as translators at community meetings and forums. Therefore, an adverse impact on persons with LEP would not occur as a result of the Proposed Action.

4.5 Impacts to Economic Environment of the Corridor and Station Assessment Areas

4.5.1 Labor Force Characteristics and Major Employers and Industries

The Proposed Action is expected to have numerous positive impacts associated with economic benefits to the local populations, as well as local, county and state governments. Substantial job creation, including jobs related to both construction and operation, is anticipated. Additional economic benefits include stimulation of local economies, a reduction of tax burdens and increases in tax receipts.

According to findings from an economic impact study conducted by The Washington Economics Group, Inc., a leading economic consulting practice based in Florida and led by Dr. Tony Villamil, the economic stimulus impacts of the Project will be realized across the State of Florida¹². Further, the tri-county area will share in the overall results due to the specific activities of construction spending, operating and maintenance activities that will occur there as a result of the geography of the proposed Project, including the impacts during the projected two-year construction period for the Proposed Action shown in Table 4-3.

Table 4-3. Economic Benefits of the Proposed Action

County	Jobs Generated*	Labor Income (\$ Millions)	Gross Domestic Product (\$ Millions)	Federal, State & Local Tax Revenues (\$ Millions)
Miami-Dade	457	51.4	75.4	14.6
Broward	488	54.8	80.4	15.6
Palm Beach	952	107	156.8	30.2

Source: The Washington Economics Group, Inc. (WEG)

Particularly at the West Palm Beach Station, the location allows the community to focus redevelopment energy toward the northern part of Downtown, as desired by the City, while uniquely sparking economic activity in the neighborhoods situated both east and west of Quadrille Boulevard.

4.5.2 Existing Land Use and Zoning

The Assessment Areas contain a mix of commercial and services, multi-family residential, and single-family residential land uses. Due to the age of the existing corridor, established neighborhoods and communities have evolved in conjunction with the Corridor. The Corridor has supported freight and/or passenger service on a continuous basis for more than 100 years. There are no expected negative impacts to land use and zoning associated with the Proposed Action.

Construction associated with the Proposed Action will comply with the allowed uses of the existing zoning categories of the property on which the Proposed Action will be located. Since there is no clearing of land or conversion of land from one land use FLUCCS category to another land use category, no adverse direct impacts to land use or zoning are presumed.

The proposed stations within the Station Assessment Areas would be located within the central business districts of Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach, and their proposed uses and intensities are consistent with local plans:

Miami's Downtown Development Authority's 2025 Downtown Miami Master Plan¹³ identifies as
one of its overarching goals: "Uncomplicated and non-problematic access to Downtown Miami is
critical to its economic and social strength. Access strategies should focus on the continuing

¹² The Washington Economics Group, Inc. Economic Impacts of the All Aboard Florida Intercity Passenger Rail Project. May 20, 2014. Available at: http://www.allaboardflorida.com/files/economic-impact-full-report.pdf ¹³Miami Downtown Development Authority. October 2009. 2025 Downtown Miami Master Plan.

^{*} To avoid double counting net new jobs, the average of all years is used to estimate the number of jobs created per year as shown in the Cumulative Impact column.

development of multiple and intermodal transportation options that ease the ability to get to and from downtown, as well as the ability to move quickly and easily throughout the downtown." This goal goes on to specifically "promote regional level/commuter transit such as SFEC Corridor, Tri-Rail and High-Speed Rail....develop a viable Downtown Intermodal Center at Government Center or Overtown Metrorail Stations." The Proposed Action supports connectivity from downtown and supports the provision of intermodal facilities connecting to existing and future transit systems, and thereby supports the goals of the Miami Downtown Development Authority.

- The City of Fort Lauderdale's consolidated Downtown Master Plan¹⁴ calls for the improvement of connections from Downtown to regional and statewide mass transit infrastructure: "Passenger rail service should be encouraged and planned on the existing FECR line that runs through Downtown....it is potentially the single most important catalyst for the revitalization of city centers up and down Florida's east coast, including Downtown Fort Lauderdale. The return of passenger rail service to Downtown would decrease commuter automobile traffic, activate streets with pedestrians, provide Downtown residents with convenient transit connections along the Florida coast, and catalyze rapid economic development." The construction and operation of the Proposed Action therefore works to meet the goals of the City of Fort Lauderdale and is consistent with City planning.
- The Palm Beach County Comprehensive Plan¹⁵ does not include language regarding the installation of a high speed railway within the county. However, the Comprehensive Plan does describe the existing commuter rail, Tri-Rail (south Florida's commuter rail system), and further encourages the use of rails for commuter transportation. "Palm Beach County (through Tri-Rail and its coordination with the Metropolitan Planning Organization) desires to continue to design and implement a program of incentives to encourage the use of rails as a mode of transportation (Policy 1.5-j)." The City of West Palm Beach clearly supports the incorporation of transit within the community in the City's Comprehensive Plan and associated Transportation Element: "The City shall promote the designation of land uses and densities which are supportive of mass transit in areas around public transportation corridors; the City shall continue to coordinate with the appropriate agencies on the adoption and implementation of the South Florida East Coast Corridor Study, which seeks to provide public transit options within the existing FECR railroad corridor; and the City shall encourage and support multimodal connections between, city areas, the Airport, the Downtown, and the Port." The measurement of the success will be through increased usage of the rail modes of transportation. Therefore, the construction and operation of the Proposed Action is consistent with Palm Beach County and the City of West Palm Beach's planning goals and objectives.

The proposed stations would promote transit-oriented development on vacant and underutilized properties. Therefore, they could catalyze planned growth in the downtown areas and revitalize surrounding neighborhoods. The stations would also be beneficial by attracting new businesses and development, and may help increase nearby property values.

4.6 Effective Environmental Justice Population Participation (Public Outreach)

Developing effective public participation strategies is central to the principles of environmental justice, and an important component to meet the goals identified in EO 12898. Ways to increase participation of environmental justice communities during the planning process include finding ways to overcome linguistic, cultural, institutional, geographic, and other barriers to allow meaningful participation, and active outreach incorporation to affected groups.

¹⁴ City of Fort Lauderdale. November 2003, updated with May 2007 Master Plan Update. Fort Lauderdale: Building a Livable Downtown, Consolidated Downtown Master Plan for the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Livable Downtown. Consolidated Downtown Master Plan for the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

15 Palm Beach County Planning Division (PBCPD), Palm Beach County, Florida, 2012. Comprehensive Plan:

Transportation Element. Website accessed March 2013: http://www.co.palm-beach.fl.us/pzb/planning/comprehensive plan/tableofcontent.htm.

Since AAF made the first public announcement of its proposed passenger rail project in Florida, a robust and comprehensive public engagement strategy has been employed. A series of meetings, briefings, speeches and telephone calls with stakeholders, community leaders, neighborhood leaders and elected officials have been ongoing and will continue. To reach out to environmental justice communities, AAF placed public notices in Spanish-language and Haitian Creole-language newspapers; provided translated fact sheets, and held meetings within or accessible from the environmental justice communities.

AAF has participated in more than 300 meetings with residents, business and community leaders, and public agencies throughout the State. In addition, a website, Facebook page, Twitter account, and email distribution list have been created (which regularly reaches approximately 2,100 people who have proactively requested updates on the Project). Project leaders developed a stakeholders list prior to the public announcement in consultation with local community leaders located along the route. The initial list numbered over 150 and paid particular attention to counties and municipalities along the route. Contact with each was made in the form of a call or visit from a team member and this contact often resulted in additional requests for meetings or presentations.

Presentations, while providing the same basic content about the plans for the Proposed Action, were customized geographically and by the nature of the audience. For example, an ongoing dialogue is occurring with multiple planning organizations and business organizations such as the Chambers of Commerce.

AAF's website invites questions and comments from any interested parties who have access to the site. Each question or comment has received an informed response. While some visitors to the site are potential vendors, many have comments and questions. Suggestions made have been taken under advisement. The AAF website also provides links to project details and recent headlines regarding the Proposed Action. For example, the South Florida newspaper the Sun-Sentinel recently published an article describing the \$6.4 billion in economic benefits that the Proposed Action would provide Florida's economy over the next eight years.

The AAF public engagement strategy has also included a series of press releases to Florida press outlets and over national wire services. Some of the press releases issued to date, and articles published online and in print are attached as part of Appendix B. Also, AAF has engaged in a series of email blasts as the Project has developed, alerting interested parties of news about the Proposed Action. In addition, two twitter accounts have been established for the Proposed Action and it is anticipated that these will be utilized to provide news about the Proposed Action and also to alert drivers – those who may be afforded the opportunity to ride the passenger rail – about how much faster and more convenient it will be. This is designed to begin to build awareness for the service.

This public outreach serves to supplement efforts that have been undertaken by others, including the comprehensive program successfully employed by the South Florida East Coast Corridor Transit Analysis Study (SFECCTA Study) managed by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). As reported in the Final Conceptual Alternatives Analysis/Environmental Screening Report (January 2009), the majority of attendees at all meetings supported the proposal for passenger rail service along the Corridor. That was found through the completion of a public outreach program during the course of that SFECCTA Study that included:

- Over 230 public presentations and/or briefings, including the Elected Officials/Agency Representatives Kick-Off Meetings and the Public Kick-Off/Scoping Meetings;
- Over 50 meetings with technical and citizen review committees;
- Eleven (11) unscheduled meetings with interested parties such as homeowner associations, grassroots organizations (e.g., Sierra Club) and civic groups;
- At least 20 "one-on-one" meetings with local business leaders; and
- Over 30 presentations given to Mayors, City Commissions, and City and Village Council members and other elected officials.

An outline of public involvement activities conducted throughout the planning process by AAF, as well as letters of agreement and support, are included in Tables 4-4 and 4-5.

 Table 4-4.
 Community Outreach Data

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Presentation Made To	Type of Event	Attendees	Summary/Outcome
	MA	Y 2013	
Environmental Impact	Public meeting –		
Statement Process scoping	Miami		
meeting/open house	*******		
Environmental Impact	Public meeting –		
Statement Process scoping	West Palm Beach		
meeting/open house	**Cot i aiiii Deacii		
Florida Transportation	Presentation at		AAF staff provided an update at the
Commission	public meeting		
	· ·	One of Dec. 1	quarterly FTC meeting.
Broward County NAACP	Briefing	Greg Durden	AAF staff gave an overview on the
			project and the Fort Lauderdale
			station location
Environmental Impact	Public meeting –		
Statement Process scoping	Fort Lauderdale		
meeting/open house			
	JUN	IE 2013	
Miami-Dade County Citizen's	Information table		AAF staff attended this widely-
Independent Transportation	at public event		attended transportation summit that
Trust	h		was attended by members of the
			public.
Palm Beach Metropolitan	Presentation at		AAF staff gave an update on the
Planning Organization	monthly meeting		project. The primary topics of
a.ming Organization	monany meeting		discussion included the quiet zone
			process, safety improvements to
			grade crossings and schedule of
			crossing work.
AAE anangarad Minarity	Event held in Fort		Grossing work.
AAF sponsored Minority,			
Disadvantaged and Women-	Lauderdale		
owned Business Enterprises			
(MBE/DBE/WBE) and veteran-			
owned small business (VOSB)			
and service-disabled veteran-			
owned small business			
(SDVOSB) Outreach Forum			
	JUL	Y 2013	
Black Archives	Meeting	Dr. Dorothy	AAF staff gave an overview on the
	_	Fields, Founder	project and the plans for the future
		Timothy Barber,	Miami station
		Executive	
		Director	
AFL-CIO Miami Chapter	Meeting	Clarence	AAF staff gave an overview on the
		Pittman,	project and the plans for the future
		President	Miami station
		Ellis Canty,	Wilder in Station
		Treasurer	
Miami-Dade Citizen's	Presentation at		AAE staff provided as undete of the
		CITT board, staff and members of	AAF staff provided an update of the
Independent Transportation	monthly (public)		project
Trust (CITT)	meeting	the public	AAE staff massided
West Palm Beach Downtown	Public meeting	Approximately 50	AAF staff provided an overview of the
Development Authority	hosted by the	to 60 residents	project and answered any questions
Residential (DDA) Stakeholder	DDA for	and business	or concerns. Most
summit	downtown West	owners attended	concerns/questions were about noise
	Palm Beach	this public	and vibration impacts. The group
	residents and	meeting that was	would like to be kept up to speed as
	businesses	held by the DDA	the project progresses.
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Table 4-4. Community Outreach Data (continued)

Presentation Made To	Cn Data (continued Type of Event	Attendees	Summary/Outcome
		JST 2013	
Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations	Public meeting	All of Fort Lauderdale's civic and homeowners associations send a representative to this public meeting that is held monthly.	AAF presented an update on the project and specifically discussed the Fort Lauderdale station. The group asked questions about train schedules, freight train traffic, noise and vibration.
West Palm Beach Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Public Meeting on AAF	Public Meeting hosted by DDA		The DDA hosted a public meeting for the downtown's residents and business owners. The audience asked questions about the West Palm Beach station, noise impacts and the quiet zone process. The City of West Palm Beach Mayor Jeri Muoio and Kim Delaney (TCRPC) were also in attendance answering questions.
		MBER 2013	
Overtown outreach meeting	Outreach meeting coordinated by AAF	Community leaders/residents from Overtown	AAF hosted a small community outreach meeting for several key members in the Overtown community in advance of a bid submittal meeting that occurred the following week. While this meeting gave an overview on the Miami station, the AAF team also provided an overview on the project.
Palm Beach MPO	Public meeting		AAF staff gave an update on the project. Discussed included questions on noise impacts, safety improvements, quiet zones and construction schedule.
Miami-Dade MPO	Public meeting		AAF staff provided an update on the project and the Miami station.
	ОСТО	BER 2013	,
City of Miami District 5 community meeting	Public meeting hosted by Commissioner Michelle Spence Jones	AAF was in attendance to answer questions about the project at a public community meeting held by the City	
NOVEMBER 2013			
City of Palm Bay Commission	Presentation at public city commission meeting		AAF gave an overview on the project. Strong support was received from the Mayor and several commissioners. Questions were asked regarding the quiet zone process.
Urban League of Broward County	Briefing	Germaine Smith- Baugh, President	AAF provided an overview on the project. Germaine offered to help

Table 4-4. Community Outreach Data (continued)

Presentation Made To	Type of Event	Attendees	Summary/Outcome		
	JANUARY 2014				
Village of El Portal	Briefing	City Manager Jason Walker	AAF staff gave an overview on the project. Mr. Walker asked questions about the quiet zone process.		
City of North Miami Beach	Presentation at public meeting		AAF staff gave an overview on the project to the council at a monthly council meeting. The council members expressed support for intercity passenger rail.		
	MAF	RCH 2014			
Urban League of Miami	Briefing	Dr. T. Willard Fair	AAF staff provided an overview on the project.		
	M <i>A</i>	Y 2014			
Sant La	Briefing	Gepsie Metellus, President	AAF staff provided an overview of the project and spoke to Gepsie on the best ways to interact with the Haitian community. Gepsie said the best way to reach the Haitian community is through TV and radio. She offered to help AAF educate the community.		

Table 4-5. Letters and Agreements of Support

Table 4-3. Letters and Agreements of Support			
Date	Document; Entity	Signatory	
May 10, 2012	Resolution No. 05-01-12; DDA of Fort Lauderdale	Gregory Durden, Chairman; Chris Wren, Executive Director	
May 18, 2012	Resolution No. 23/2012; Miami DDA	Commissioner Marc D. Sarnoff, Chairman; Alyce M. Robertson, Executive Director	
July 23, 2012	Letter of Support; Florida State Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	Julio Fuentes, President and CEO	
July 24, 2012	Memorandum of Understanding; City of West Palm Beach	Geraldine Muoio, Mayor	
July 24, 2012	Letter of Support; Broward MPO	Gregory Stuart, Executive Director	
July 24, 2012	Letter of Support; South Florida Regional Planning Council	James F. Murley, Executive Director	
July 24, 2012	Letter of Support; Hialeah Chamber of Commerce & Industries	Mandy Llanes, Chairman	
July 24, 2012	Letter of Support; Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, Broward County	Bob Swindell, President and CEO	
July 25, 2012	Letter of Support; Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce	Mark A. Trowbridge, President and CEO	
July 31, 2012	Letter of Support; Broward County	Bertha W. Henry	
July 31, 2012	Memorandum of Understanding; City of Miami	Johnny Martinez, City Manager	
July 31, 2012	Letter of Support, Florida Chamber of Commerce	David A. Hart, Executive Vice President	
August 31, 2012	Resolution	Miami-Dade Beacon Council	

4.6.1 Community Outreach and Public Involvement

The general public was invited to scoping meetings held by the FRA for AAF's proposed high-speed passenger rail service from Miami to Orlando, for which an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is being drafted by the FRA. This Environmental Justice Assessment focuses on the "Project" detailed in the October 2012 EA published by the FRA. The public scoping meetings were held in environmental justice communities (in Miami and West Palm Beach) or adjacent to such communities (in Fort Lauderdale) in the vicinity of the Proposed Action as part of the public scoping process:

- May 6, 2013 from 3:30 to 7:00 pm at the Culmer Center, 1600 NW 3rd Ave., Miami (located within census tract 003100);
- May 7, 2013 from 3:30 to 7:00 pm at the Gaines Park Community Center, 1505 N. Australian Ave., West Palm Beach (located within census tract 002100); and
- May 29, 2013 from 3:30 to 7:00 pm at the Holiday Park Social Center, 1150 G. Harold Martin Drive, Fort Lauderdale (located within census tract 041801).

These locations were selected with a consideration of accessibility by environmental justice communities, such as mass transit and pedestrian options.

Public meetings were noticed in seven (7) newspapers published and available in various locations near the area of the Proposed Action. Notices were published on several dates. These included *The Palm Beach Post*, a daily newspaper published in Palm Beach County, FL; the *Sun Sentinel* published daily in Broward County, Palm Beach County, and Miami-Dade County, FL; *El Nuevo Herald* and the *Miami Herald* published daily in Miami; *el Sentinel* published weekly in Broward and Palm Beach County, FL; *El Latino Semanal* published weekly in Palm Beach County; and *Haiti en Marche*, published in the tri-county South Florida area. The public notices were published in English, Spanish (*El Nuevo Herald, La Voz, Florida Today, El Latino Semanal, and el Sentinel Broward*), and Haitian Creole (*Haiti en Marche*). The notice directed readers to the web page www.AllAboardFlorida.com, where additional information was available. The notices stated that accommodations would be provided for attendees requiring additional assistance in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Approximately 340 people attended the Public Scoping Meetings (125 in Miami, 136 in West Palm Beach, and 80 in Fort Lauderdale). Meeting attendees were asked to register at the meeting so that a project mailing list could be created. This mailing list was used by the FRA to update the public and agencies on subsequent public involvement opportunities (including meetings) and to disseminate additional information on the proposed project. Attendees received the following meeting materials:

- All Aboard Florida Information Sheet; and
- Public Comment and Opinion Survey Forms.

FRA's representatives were available to address questions regarding the purpose and need for the proposed project, the environmental studies to be conducted, and the scope of environmental review. Representatives of AAF also provided information on the proposed Project. The meeting format was an open-house style where attendees were encouraged to view the various exhibits that were placed around the room, and to direct questions to representatives of FRA. Freestanding exhibit boards were placed throughout the meeting area for participants to review. Large aerial maps depicting the proposed Project Area were also presented at each scoping meeting.

4.6.2 Comments from Public Meetings

Comments submitted at the public scoping meetings are provided in Appendix B. These comments are summarized in this subsection.

4.6.2.1 Miami

The public scoping meeting was held at the Culmer Center, 1600 NW 3rd Ave., Miami (located within census tract 003100) from 3:30 to 7:00 pm on May 6, 2013. One-hundred-twenty-five (125) people attended the meeting, and most of those indicated they were representing a local government agency, business, or non-governmental organization. Approximately 20 persons indicated they were not representing any organization. Sixty-two (62) attendees submitted either comments or completed a survey questionnaire. In response to whether they were "for" or "against" the Project, 60 respondents stated they were "for" the Project and none stated they were "against". Although not typically stated, most supplied related comments indicating they were "for" based on transportation

convenience and alternatives, energy efficiency generating air quality benefits, and potential benefits to economic development.

Four (4) comments expressed the opinion that the architecture of the proposed station requires careful consideration, for example "The station location in downtown Miami needs to incorporate the pedestrian experience of the station as a significant/signature public space on the street level."

Approximately five (5) commenters addressed the impact of the Project on the Overtown neighborhood, specifically, "The corridor fragments parts of the City of Miami, in particular Overtown from Downtown, as a result of dead end streets", and addressing the need for pedestrian and vehicular crossings at specific locations. Several commenters anticipated and encouraged economic development potential of the project for the Overtown neighborhood and residents, and one (1) recommended aesthetic and historical amenities at the Miami station recognizing the historic relationship between the Overtown neighborhood and the railroad.

4.6.2.2 West Palm Beach

The public scoping meeting was held at the Gaines Park Community Center, 1505 N. Australian Ave., West Palm Beach (approximately 1 mile from the Station Assessment Area) from 3:30 to 7:00 pm on May 7, 2013. One-hundred-thirty-six (136) persons attended the meeting, and most of those indicated they were representing a local government agency, business, or non-governmental organization. Approximately 26 persons indicated they were not representing any organization. Sixty-six (66) attendees submitted either comments or completed a survey questionnaire. In response to whether they were "for" or "against" the Project, 52 respondents stated they were "for" the Project and three (3) stated they were "against". The most common comment associated with respondents who were "for" related to economic development benefits, the need for alternative modes of transportation, and reduction in auto traffic leading to safer roads. The most common concerns mentioned by those who were "against" the Project related to noise and vibration, and the proposed closing of Datura and Evernia street grade crossings in West Palm Beach.

Eight (8) meeting attendees expressed concern about crossing closings and impact on east-west traffic in West Palm Beach. Five (5) of these specifically discussed the planned closing of the grade crossings at Datura and Evernia Streets, where provision of elevated pedestrian crossings was strongly recommended. Eight (8) comments were received expressing the need for support to local communities to facilitate construction of safety improvements at crossings. Facilitation of intermodal connectivity was encouraged by approximately six (6) commenters. Concerns about emergency vehicle access at specific locations in West Palm Beach and Jupiter were raised by five (5) attendees. Five (5) commenters recommended consideration of more stops and suggested Boca Raton, Vero Beach, and Riviera Beach.

The benefit of the project in general reduction of traffic on local highways, specifically Interstate 95, was presented by five (5) attendees.

4.6.2.3 Fort Lauderdale

The public scoping meeting was held at Holiday Park Social Center, 1150 G. Harold Martin Drive, Fort Lauderdale (approximately 0.6 miles from the Station Assessment Area) from 3:30 to 7:00 pm on May 29, 2013. Eighty (80) persons attended the meeting, and most of those indicated they were representing a local government agency, business, or homeowner association. Approximately 13 persons indicated they were not representing any organization. Twenty (20) attendees submitted either comments or completed a survey questionnaire. In response to whether they were "for" or "against" the Project, 16 respondents stated they were "for" the Project and none indicated they were "against". The most common comment associated with respondents who were "for" related to economic development potential and transportation alternatives.

Two (2) comments were received requesting assessment of cumulative and secondary impacts. One of these mentioned concern regarding gentrification of low-income or minority neighborhoods in

the vicinity of the station. Two (2) comments addressed the aesthetics of the station design or the corridor.

5.0 Community Enhancement

Although several locations throughout the Assessment Areas contain meaningfully greater environmental justice populations, this analysis does not show disproportionate impacts to these populations in relation to the rest of the population. Accordingly, mitigation for impacts to environmental justice populations is not required.

Extensive public involvement is a crucial component of the Project, and ongoing public participation will be facilitated and is encouraged to benefit the overall goal of community enhancement. Given the existence of environmental justice populations and other communities of concern within the Assessment Areas, AAF will continue public involvement and outreach activities as the project progresses. AAF will work to tailor these activities to be most-inclusive of environmental justice populations and other communities of concern.

AAF has also committed to a number of measures to support and enhance the goals of the community, including:

- Establish a community improvement fund;
- Promote recruitment and advertisement of jobs for minority and women owned businesses within the City of Miami;
- Hold job fairs during construction and post construction for local area residents; and
- Monitor and review personnel practices to guarantee that equal opportunities are being provided to all employees regardless of race, color, place of birth religion, national origin, sex, age marital status, veterans and disability status.

The construction of the AAF stations in both Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach will enable mobility to increase for the surrounding environmental justice populations as well as provide the opportunity for increased services that would not otherwise be provided without the passenger rail service being initiated. These benefits, as well as the initiatives that AAF has agreed to implement in the vicinity of the Miami Station, have the ability to enhance the environmental justice communities located in the Station Assessment Areas. There are no resulting disproportionate impacts to these populations in relation to the rest of the population under the Proposed Action. Accordingly, mitigation for impacts to environmental justice populations is not required.

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que todo esto empezó en marzo, sin cumplir con los estatutos. Además nunca se ha registrado formalmente las razones del supuesto revocatorio".

A su llegada al edificio municipal, Brito protagonizó un careo con el alcalde de Doral, Luigi Boria, a quien criticó por la sorpresiva aprobación de una norma que limita la organización de referéndums revocatorios en esa

ciudad.

"No entiendo cómo una ciudad puede hacer esto", le dijo Brito a Boria delante de varios periodistas que cubrían la anunciada entrega de firmas. "Encima con esto se aprueba el uso de fondos públicos para defender [a una autoridad] de un revocatorio".

Boria no dudó en responderle a Brito en público: "esta es una ordenanza que establece que un revocatorio podrá ser organiza-

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una vez al año".

Boria dijo que la medida busca garantizar la gobernabilidad de la administración municipal de Doral y el ahorro de recursos públicos, ya que recalcó que cada referéndum revocatorio tiene un costo de \$100,000, el cual es pagado con fondos de esa ciudad.

"Si en el caso de la vicealcaldesa esta solicitud de referéndum que promueve la señorita Vanessa Britto no prospera se deberá

do contra una misma autoridad esperar un año para volver a organizar una campaña similar", indicó Boria. "Debe haber un periodo de tiempo para que el gobierno pueda trabajar, y deben dejarlo trabajar".

Brito había anunciado que la entrega de las planillas con las firmas la realizaría al mediodía al Departamento de Elecciones de Miami-Dade. Sin embargo, una funcionaria de ese departamento, Carolina López, precisó que el trámite debía realizarse

ante la secretaría municipal de Doral. Brito se quejó de haber sido mal orientada por esa secretaría.

"Lo importante es que ya cumplimos con entregar estas firmas", enfatizó Brito.

La secretaria municipal Bárbara Herrera le dijo a Brito que enviaría copias de las planillas al Departamento de Elecciones. la cual se encargará de la verificación de firmas, proceso que tomaría cerca de un mes.

Contrajo matrimonio con un ciudadano estadounidense

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conmovedora debido a que si hubiera hecho caso omiso de la orden de deportación y se hubiera quedado ilegalmente, en la actualidad probablemente tendría estatus legal.

"Si me hubiera quedado ya habría sido capaz de permanecer bajo la orden del venes traídos a Estados

DREAM Act", dijo.

Habría podido solicitar legalización temporal bajo el programa del presidente Barack Obama, conocido como Acción Diferida para Llegadas en la Infancia (DACA, por sus siglas en inglés). Este programa concede dos años de estatus legal a inmigrantes jócuando eran niños.

Pero Paola y su familia prefirieron obedecer la orden de deportación para no ser considerados fugitivos de la ley de inmigración. Por hacer eso Paola fue castigada doblemente bajo la ley de inmigración porque se vio obligada a salir de Estados Unidos y ahora se le ha prohibido regresar por 10 años.

Las peripecias migratorias de Paola comenzaron el 13 de junio de 1999, cuando sus padres decidieron abandonar Colombia por amenazas de la guerrilla y huyeron a Miami.

En un intento por permanecer legalmente, los padres pidieron asilo pero les fue negado y tuvieron que

En lugar de esperar a que

Unidos por sus padres partir, Paola y Bruce se casaron en la casa de Bruce en Palmetto Bay. Los dos se habían conocido tres años antes como estudiantes en la Universidad Internacional de la Florida (FIU), donde ella estudió Biología y él Ingeniería Eléctrica. Pero en lugar de luna de miel, ella se fue con sus padres a

> Después de dos meses en Dubai, la familia decidió regresar a Colombia después de enterarse de que las condiciones de seguridad habían mejorado desde su huida original en 1999.

> En Bogotá Paola Eckel se ha mudado a un apartamento donde vive con una compañera de trabajo. Enseña inglés en Berlitz.

> Se mantiene en contacto con su esposo en Miami a través del servicio de telefonía por Internet. Pasan horas hablando y mirándose uno al otro. En la noche, Bruce cena hablando son su esposa, cuya cara ve en

En la reciente entrevista vía iPad, Paola describió

"Aquí me siento como I-212, una solicitud titulada una abuela", dijo. "Nunca salgo y si salgo es por lo general con mis padres".

Bruce viaja a Bogotá con frecuencia para estar con su esposa.

"Por lo general, me quedo alrededor de una semana o dos y un par de veces me he quedado durante un mes", dijo Bruce.

Mientras tanto, la pareja ha iniciado el largo proceso para que Paola pueda regresar legalmente.

En febrero del 2010, Bruce presentó el formulario I-130, la petición a las autoridades migratorias para que se otorgue una visa de inmigrante a su esposa. La petición fue aprobada en la primavera del 2011 y la pareja se presentó ante un cónsul en la embajada estadounidense en Bogotá nueve meses después.

Ahí es donde el mayor obstáculo surgió por primera vez.

La cónsul, que estaba al tanto de la prohibición de 10 años de no poder regresar a Estados Unidos, pidió Permiso para Volver a Solicitar Admisión a Estados Unidos Después de una Deportación.

La pareja dijo que presentaron la petición en febrero del 2012, pero no está claro si la enviaron a la oficina correcta. Sin embargo, Bruce Eckel insiste que siguió las instrucciones correctamente porque éstas dicen que el formulario debe ser enviado a la oficina con jurisdicción sobre el lugar donde tuvo lugar el proceso de deportación.

Por ahora, tienen la esperanza de que la publicación de su historia haga que las autoridades de inmigración aceleren la aprobación del caso.

Una funcionaria del Servicio de Ciudadanía e Inmigración de Estados Unidos (USCIS), dijo que su agencia no podía discutir detalles del caso debido a leyes de privacidad.

"Pero USCIS decide cada caso por sus méritos y los requisitos de la Ley de Inmigración

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agentes federales los deportaran a Colombia, la familia optó por viajar Dubai, donde tienen familiares. En ese momento, decidieron evitar Colombia a su iPad. causa de persistentes temores sobre la guerrilla.

Una semana antes de su vida en Bogotá.

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tener miedo".

Entonces, mientras las autoridades en Boston continuaban su investigación sobre el ataque, más de 500 personas vestidas de blanco salieron a correr en solidaridad con las víctimas. Llevaban papeles al estilo de los necheros que se utilizan en las cari dores Unidos en el recuerdo" y la hora que marcaba el reloj del maratón cuando estalló la primera bomba:

Antes de empezar, los participantes mantuvieron el silencio por 26.2 segundos para respetar las 26.2 millas que se corren durante un maratón. Luego escucharon el himno nacional, mientras un grupo de corredores aguantaba una enorme bandera estadounidense -- la misma bandera que se utiliza durante el Maratón de Miami de ING cada enero.

"Todavía estoy en un shock", dijo Carla Anguiano. "Se me quiebra al vos solo en pensar lo que las familias, los hijos, los maridos, que estaban esperando al final, para celebrar lo que Suárez, llego una hora antes del

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debía ser una victoria, y que luego evento para saludar a Ruiz, un antifueran victimas de esto".

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Anguiano, como muchos de los co- el evento en honor a las victimas. edores que participaron el martes, ras con las palabras "Boston, Corre- es una cara familiar en el Brickell Running Club, una organización informal y gratuita. Pero muchos de los corredores que llegaron el martes por la tarde dijeron que era su primera vez participar en esta

Entre los novatos a la organización: Jim y Melissa Matheis, quienes llevaron su hijo de 3 años al evento,

Gavin, en un coche de bebés. "En muchas ocasiones yo estoy al final de la carrera, esperando a mi esposo con nuestro hijo", dijo Melissa Matheis, con lagrimas en sus ojos. "Pienso en el niño de 8 años que murió, y es imposible no pensar en nuestro hijo".

El comisionado de Miami, Francis

guo amigo, y demostrar su apoyo por

Estamos horrorizados por lo q paso en Boston, y yo se que mucha gente aquí en Miami se preguntaba si nuestra ciudad también iba ser afectada, si habrían ataques coordinados en otras ciudades", dijo Suárez. "Como un funcionario electo, hay que apoyar no solamente a los residentes de tu propia ciudad, pero tras eventos de esta magnitud hay que respaldar a los residentes de todo el país".

Fabiola Morales dijo que había calificado para el maratón en Boston, pero decidió no ir por compromisos del trabajo.

"Tengo amigos que participaron, y afortunadamente nada les paso", dijo Morales. "Pero me pongo a pensar que yo también pude haber estado

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Reunión Comunitaria

del Departamento de Obras Públicas y Administración de Desechos Proyecto # 20110085

Construcción de la Calle 152 del Suroeste desde la 157 Avenida hasta la 147 Avenida

Por este medio se notifica que el Departamento de Obras Públicas y Administración de Desechos del Condado Miami-Dade ofrecerá una reunión comunitaria relacionada con el proyecto número 20110085, el miércoles 24 de abril del 2013, desde las 6:30 p.m. hasta las 8:00 p.m., en la cafetería del colegio de enseñanza primaria Norma Butler Bossard ubicado en el 15950 SW 144 Calle.

Esta reunión comunitaria será efectuada con el propósito de informar a los residentes y dueños de negocios del área sobre este proyecto, el cual consistirá en la ampliación de la 152 calle del Suroeste a 4 carriles desde la 157 Avenida hasta la 147 Avenida. El proyecto incluirá la instalación de: separadores central de tráfico; vegetación; aceras; contenes y cunetas; demarcación de pavimento; señales de tráfico; senda para bicicletas; alumbrado; y un sistema de drenaje nuevo.

Los fondos para este proyecto serán del Road Impact Fee, de acuerdo con la Sección 33E del Código del Condado de Miami-Dade.

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Es la política del Condado Miami-Dade cumplir con todos los artículos de la Ley de los Americanos Minusválidos del año 1990 (American with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990). El edificio en el cual se llevará a cabo esta reunión es accesible a personas minusválidas. Para conseguir intérpretes, audífonos o cualquier otra clase de asistencia relacionada con este beneficio, por favor comunicarse al teléfono (305) 375-4662 con cinco (5) días laborables de anticipación a la fecha de la reunión.

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-"Canelo" derrota a Trout, venga a su hermano y unifica los títulos

Saúl Álvarez derrotó al estadounidense por decisión unánime para unificar los títulos superwelter del CMB y AMB doblegado a su hermano Rigoberto dos años atrás. El tapatío no tuvo piedad sobre Austin Tout (26-1, 14KO) y lo doblegó por decisión unánime en el Alamódome.

NBA

-Miami saca ventaja 2-0 ante los Bucks

Con 21 puntos de Dwyane Wade y 19 de LeBron James, el Heat de Miami aguardó hasta la recta final del partido para despegarse ante los tenaces Bucks al imponerse el martes 98-86 ante Milwaukee en el segundo partido de la serie de primera ronda de los playoffs de la Conferencia del Este de la NBA

-Los Warriors tomaron control del partido desde el segundo parcial y no perdieron intensidad para lograr igualar la serie con triunfo de 131-117 ante Nuggets. Celtics 71. Nicks 87

Dedican maratón de Londres a víctimas de Boston

Con treinta segundos de silencio antes de la partida, en solidaridad con las víctimas del atentado de Boston, Estados Unidos unos 36 mil corredores empezaron la maratón de Londres.

En medio de fuertes medidas de seguridad, los atletas,

que portan una cinta negra en señal de duelo por lo ocurrido en Boston, iniciaron a las 10:00 horas (09.00 GMT) su carrera en Greenwich, al sur de Londres, una hora después de que lo hicieran las mujeres.

EE.UU. presenta demanda formal contra Armstrong

El Departamento de Justicia de Estados Unidos presentó su caso contra Lance Armstrong en el que alegó que el ex ciclista se enriqueció injustamente

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El alemán Sebastian Vettel (Red Bull), triple campeón del mundo, ganó este domingo, el Gran Premio de Bahréin, tercera cita del Mundial de Fórmula Uno.

Sergio Pérez (McLaren) terminó en una meritoria sexta plaza después de varias arduas batallas con su compañero de equipo, el inglés Jenson Button, y con Fernando Alonso, con quien tuvo algún rifirrafe y un momento peligroso a tres vueltas para la conclusión de la carrera.





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Alerta: Fraude con "nueva tarjeta"

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Los funcionarios estatales están alertando a las personas mayores para que se cuiden del robo de identidad, después de haber recibido reportes de personas que han hecho llamadas imprevistas alegando que necesitan información personal para enviarles su "nueva" tarjeta de identidad.

El Florida Department of Elder Affairs (departamento de Florida para asuntos de los ancianos) indica que las personas que están haciendo las llamadas dicen ser del "Health and Welfare Department" (Departamento de salud y bienestar) y luego le piden a las víctimas sus cuentas de banco, fecha de nacimiento y números de

La agencia desea alertar a las personas y dejarles saber que Medicare jamás hace llamadas imprevistas y nunca pide ese tipo de información por teléfono.

Al Payne, quien administra la oficina Seniors vs. Crime (ancianos vs. el crimen) de la oficina del Fiscal General de Florida en Delray Beach, dice que su programa ha recibido quejas similares de ancianos en el sur de Florida en las últimas semanas.

"Simplemente les aconsejamos colgar", dijo Payne.

Hasta ahora Payne dice que nadie lo ha contactado por haber caído en la

El sur de Florida es uno de las regiones con mayor índice de robos de identidad, con 35,914 reportes en 2012 provenientes de los condados de Broward, Palm Beach y Miami-Dade, según la Comisión Federal de Comer-

Los ancianos son particularmente vulnerables, debido en parte a que sus tarjetas de identificación de Medicare incluye su número de Seguro Social.

El fraude de la "nueva tarjeta de Medicare" fue usado por criminales unos dos años atrás. Entre otros fraudes comunes están: ancianos contactados para pedirles sus cuentas de banco para depositarles su "Reembolso de Medicare" o alegando que tienen suministros médicos gratis. Más sobre consumidor en elsentinel-



Rocco Fasulo, de Fort Lauderdale, ha tachado el número de su Seguro Social en su tarjeta de Medicare. El hombre jubilado se opone a que su número de Seguro Social aparezca en la tarjeta de Medicare.

EVITE EL FRAUDE DE MEDICARE

Nunca dé información personal a personas que los llaman

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Si sospecha fraude, inmediatamente llame a Medicare al 800-447-8477. Para encontrar el programa Seniors vs. Crime más cercano a usted, el cual también recibe reportes de fraudes, llame al 800-203-3099. El programa Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders (SHINE), que funciona con fondos estatales, también puede responder sus dudas. Llame al 800-963-5337.

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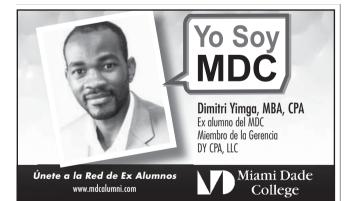
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señoras que jugaban bingo.

"Esas actividades son ilegales y las autoridades están observando a los que hacen eso. ¿Recuerdan lo que pasó en Hialeah?".

Centeno se refería a los sonados casos de Deisy Pentón de Cabrera y Sergio "el Tío" Robaina, dos boleteros que fueron arrestados el verano pasado en Hialeah por presunto fraude electoral. El caso destapó un escándalo que manchó las campañas electorales del alcalde condal Carlos Giménez, la fiscal Katherine Fernández Rundle, tres representantes estatales y tres jueces condales. Los arrestos fueron posibles gracias a una nueva ordenanza condal que penaliza la recolección de boletas ausentes aienas.

Las boletas ausentes, que serán distribuidas a partir del miércoles, son claves para ganar las elecciones municipales de Sweetwater. Durante los comicios del 2011, por ejemplo, el 72 por ciento de los votantes que participaron optaron por boletas ausentes. Para estas elecciones hay más de 8,600 votantes registrados en Sweetwater y casi 2,000 de ellos ordenaron boletas para votar por correo.

Centeno, de 54 años, dijo que los votantes deben saber que las actividades de los boleteros no son legales.

La contienda entre Maroño y Cen-

Deborah Centeno alude al caso de boleteros de Hialeah

teno es la única elección municipal en Sweetwater. Maroño, de 64 años, es la madre del alcalde Manny Maroño, y fue nombrada a la Comisión el año pasado tras la muerte de un comisionado.

Isolina Maroño reconoce que tiene influencia con los votantes ancianos de Sweewater, pero dijo que esto se debe a su trabajo como voluntaria en la comunidad desde hace más de tres décadas. Por casi 20 años Isolina ha llevado personalmente bolsas de alimentos donadas por organizaciones sin fines de lucro a las viviendas para personas mayores.

"A mí me parece que la señora [Centeno] habla claramente y dice algunas cosas que son ciertas", declaró Blanca Garrido en el comedor. "Pero yo voy a votar por Isolina porque la conozco hace 30 años, cuando Manny era apenas un niño. Son como una familia para nosotros".

Pero Centeno, quien ha vivido desde el 1985 en el área cercana al Dolphin Mall que fue anexada a Sweetwater en el 2010, sugirió que los políticos de esa municipalidad han creado un sistema de dádivas a cambio

del apoyo de los votantes. Según ella, las personas tienen miedo de perder sus beneficios.

"El acceso al comedor publico, las jabas de comida, el transporte gratis, todo eso es fruto de los impuestos que pagamos", repitió Centeno a los ancianos. "Ustedes pueden votar por quien consideren que es la mejor opción para la Ciudad, y no perderán sus beneficios por eso".

Antes de que Centeno entrará acompañada de un mariachi, el colombiano Misael Andrade, de 89 años, se le acercó afuera del comedor a decirle que votaría por ella sin mie-

"Yo soy ciudadano americano y puedo votar por quien me dé la gana", vociferó Andrade.

En el comedor publico sobre la 4 calle del suroeste, algunos de los asistentes comentaron que el mensaje de la candidata de origen nicaragüense les pareció agresivo.

"Yo quiero que un candidato me diga lo que va a hacer por mí, no que venga a hablarme mal sobre mi Ciudad", dijo Irene Proenza, de 77 años y quien ha vivido en Sweetwater desde 1975. "Ella [Centeno] no está muy enterada de lo que era Sweetwater antes y lo que ha llegado a ser después de los Maroño".

La reportera Melissa Sanchez contribuyó con este artículo.

Delitos causan seria preocupación

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oficiales de Doral intervinieron el *townhouse* 316 del 6141 NW 115 Place, donde operaba el laboratorio clandestino.

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María Tortolero, otra de as líderes del grupo vecial de The Gates, enfatizó las líderes del grupo vecinal de The Gates, enfatizó que el laboratorio funcionaba apenas a 100 metros de la escuela primaria Eugenia B. Thomas.

"Hasta ahora no puedo creer que alguien haya decidido dedicarse al cultivo de drogas tan cerca de una escuela primaria", criticó Tortolero. "Realmente estamos muy preocupados por lo que ha sucedido

La policía encontró en el interior del townhouse 40 macetas de marihuana valoradas en el mercado clandestino local en al menos \$125,000. Al momento de la intervención no se encon tró ningún ocupante y el bajo caso sigue investigación.

Cuatro días después del exitoso allanamiento, autoridades municipales y policiales sostuvieron una reunión con numerosos residentes de ese reparto, entre ellos los representantes de la Asociación de Vecinos. Durante ese encuentro, el agente Feliciano planteó la idea de que los propios vecinos se organizaran.

La propuesta de las autoridades fue bien recibida, depende que nuestra codestacó Aura Ordóñez, otra de las dirigentes veci-



EL OFICIAL de la policía de Doral, Noel Feliciano, conversa con Ana Luna y Claudia Chair (de espaldas) vecinas del reparto The Gates.

nales y quien desde hace reparto.

"La única manera de evipetirse es que los vecinos parto Doral Isles. estemos unidos y vigilan-"Del apoyo que le podamos munidad siga siendo segura".

La nueva organización una década reside en ese fue elogiada por Dominique Barba, una de las líderes de la junta de vigilancia tar que algo así vuelva a redel vecino y exclusivo re-

tes", manifestó Ordóñez. estamos conociéndonos para ayudar a las autoridabrindar a las autoridades des y a nuestra propia co-

informar a la policía sobre cualquier cosa que nos pueda preocupar. Por eso nuestras armas son los teléfonos"

Barba dijo que Doral Isles Neighborhood Watch actualmente cuenta con cerca de 300 miembros. El grupo fue creado en noviembre del año pasado luego de una serie de robos en ese complejo habitacional, el cual está compuesto por 11 repartos y donde habitan un total de casi 5,000 personas

Barba precisó que cada reparto es liderado por al menos dos vecinos, a quienes denominan capitanes. Además, crearon una cuenta en Facebook, donde los vecinos interactúan de manera constante.

"Esto nos está permitiendo participar de forma activa en lo que ocurre en nuestra comunidad", dijo Barba. "Por eso la po de Doral nos ha puesto como ejemplo de la organización vecinal en nuestra ciudad".

El 5 de marzo, luego de una denuncia vecinal, la policía allanó en Doral Isles una vivienda dedicada a la comercialización de drogas. En el operativo fueron arrestadas cinco personas.

Durante el 2012, la poli-"Cada vez más personas cía ha registrado en Doral Isles 55 incidentes: 15 robos de viviendas, 26 robos de pertenencias en vehículos. munidad", destacó Barba. 3 robos de autos, 10 casos "Nuestra función se con- de vandalismo a vehículos centra específicamente en y un caso de drogas.

siglas en inglés) anuncian una serie de Reuniones Públicas/Sesiones de Puertas Abiertas acerca de Se esfuma la esperanza la Declaración del Impacto Ambiental (EIS, por sus siglas en inglés) que se está elaborando para evaluar los posibles impactos ambientales y otros impactos relacionados a la construcción y operación del servicio ferroviario interurbano de pasajeros propuesto por AAF (Proyecto). El sistema ferroviario interurbano de 235 millas de largo se extendería entre Orlando y Miami, Florida, con

los vientos que soplan por el estéril capitolio estatal, da la impresión que muchos legisladores prefieren aplazar la oferta de Washington y dejar el asunto sin resolver por el momento, un error que costará sangre y sufrimiento a muchos enfermos. En el Senado, sin embargo, hay una propuesta que corre con más suerte y ayer por la tarde recibió un merecido impulso a nivel de comité.

Se esfuma la esperanza como una estrella fugaz pero aún no se pierde.

El panel presupuestario del Senado aprobó un proyecto del republicano Joe Negron, que ha recibido el apoyo de la comunidad empresarial y los proveedores de servicios de la salud, el cual planderales y dispensarlos do

SHOER VIENE DE LA PÁGINA 1B en forma de vales a las comunidades. personas pobres para adquirir pólizas de seguro médico en el mercado privado. Falta que la Cámara esté de acuerdo mas ésta se opone, en general, al argumentar que no puede depositarse la confianza en el gobierno federal porque no podrá sostener su parte del acuerdo a largo plazo.

Aparte del enérgico planteamiento humano fundamentado en el deseo de ver a estas personas sin recursos llevar vidas más provechosas y saludables, la ampliación del Medicaid tiene sentido económico. No solo porque el gobierno cubriría el costo de la ampliación durante los 3 primeros años y luego disminuiría su aporte a un 90 por ciento, sino porque el dinero que pagamos en impuestos federales los floridanos

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La reforma sanitaria contempla, paralelamente, una reducción en el índice de crecimiento del gasto del gobierno en Medicare que impactará a la Florida. Esperar miles de millones de dólares menos en fondos de Medicare y rechazar miles de millones en fondos de Medicaid suma una ecuación fatal.

Al dictar la constitucionalidad de la ley de salud, la Corte Suprema de Justicia de Estados Unidos concedió a los estados la posibilidad de optar por quedar fuera de la ampliación de Medicaid, así que tienen todo el derecho. No obstante, rehusarse a participar es irresponsable fiscalmente e insensible ante las necesidades de los residentes de la

La vida de los pobres tea aceptar los fondos fe-queremos verlo inverti-vale más que la ideología nuestras política.

paradas intermediarias en Fort Lauderdale y West Palm Beach, Florida. El propósito de la EIS es proporcionar a la FRA y a las agencias participantes, tanto como al público en general, toda la información pertinente para la evaluación de las alternativas de acuerdo al propósito y la necesidad del Proyecto; evaluar los posibles impactos ambientales; e identificar las posibles medidas de prevención/mitigación relacionadas con las alternativas. Se invita al público en general, a los organismos gubernamentales, y otras partes interesadas, a

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Qué significa el proceso NEPA?

- Es <u>un proceso de toma de decisiones</u> que requiere que las agencias federales consideren el impacto de las acciones sobre el medioambiente humano y natural y lo revelen en un documento público.
- Cerca de 30 categorías se han evaluado, incluyendo impactos potenciales al medioambiente económico y social, los recursos culturales, la justicia ambiental, el ruido y la vibración, la calidad del aire y el agua y la protección de las especies y sus habitats esenciales.











Cuáles son los aspectos relevantes ALL ABOARD FLORIDA a considerar en el proceso NEPA?



- Mediante este proceso, un EIS debe ser desarrollado y hecho público para:
 - Describir el proceso y la necesidad del proyecto.
 - Revisar una variedad de alternativas razonables.
 - Identificar la alternativa preferida para el proyecto.
 - Considerar los impactos de esa alternativa.



Cuáles son las oportunidades para ALL ABOARD FLORIDA participar?



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- Defina una razonable variedad de allternativas
- Identifique preocupaciones ambientales
- Desarrolle el propósito y la necesidad del proyecto

Consulta

- Considere asuntos consultados al público y a agencias afectadas
- Mejore alternativas
- Defina temas y evalúe impactos
- Recomiende una alternativa preferida

Bosquejo de un EIS

- Prepare y publique el bosquejo de un EIS para su revisión pública
- Audiencia pública
- Incorpore comentarios y revise un bosquejo EIS
- Finalice un EIS

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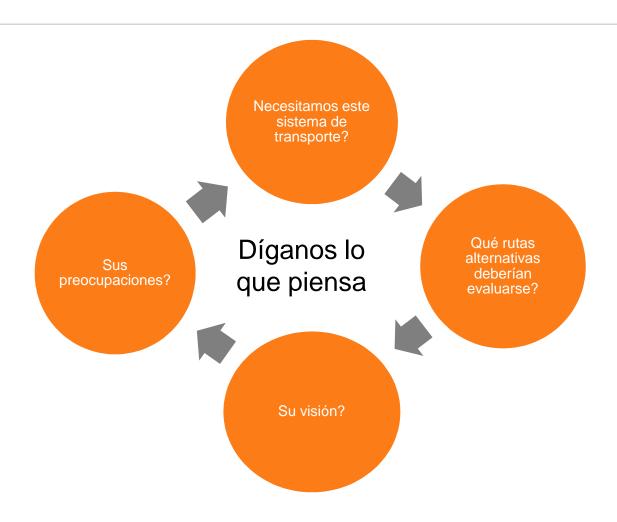
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- Identificar y conocer accionistas interesados
- Escuchar a los probables vecinos
- Reunir información/datos para su evaluación
- Considerar asuntos e intereses
- Definir el propósito y la necesidad del proyecto
- Desarrollar alternativas para evaluar más adelante





Temas a considerar





Temas que debe saber

- La AAF planea completar el proyecto usando un corredor de vías en dirección Norte-Sur, de 195 millas y un corredor de transporte Este-Oeste de 40 millas, que ya existen.
- El proceso NEPA para el servicio de tren de pasajeros interurbano, de 66 millas de extensión, entre Miami y West Palm Beach ha sido finalizado y el FRA determinó en Enero del 2013, que ningún impacto significativo se había producido.



Temas que debe saber

- AAF está negociando con el Departamento de transporte de la Florida y la autoridad de las autopistas del condado de Orange, en Orlando, para rentar parte del derecho de paso de la ruta estatal 528 a fin de completar el corredor Este-Oeste del proyecto.
- AAF está negociando con la autoridad de aviación del Gran Orlando para lograr una vía de acceso al aeropuerto internacional de Orlando. AAF rentará una estación para pasajeros y una planta de mantenimiento de vehículos.



Alternativas a considerar

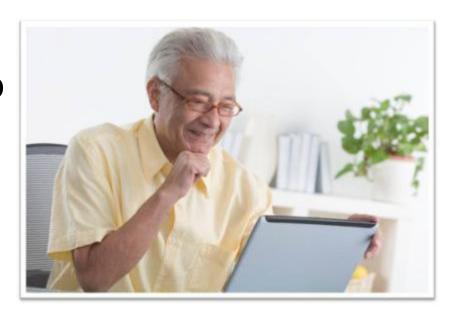


Con su ayuda durante el proceso, pueden desarrollarse y evaluarse alternativas.



Por favor, comparta lo que piensa

- En una carta
- Completando y enviando su comentario a esta reunión
- Enviando su comentario por correo hasta el día 15 de Mayo del 2013





Por favor, infórmese

- Inscríbase en una lista de direcciones electrónicas o emails
- Visite el website de AAF y la página de Facebook
- Siga AAF en Twitter
- Asista a las reuniones futuras que se publiciten en los diarios locales

www.allaboardflorida.com





Cómo contactar la FRA?

Comentarios escritos sobre el contenido del EIS deben ser enviados por correo o por e-mail hasta el día 15 de Mayo del 2013 a:

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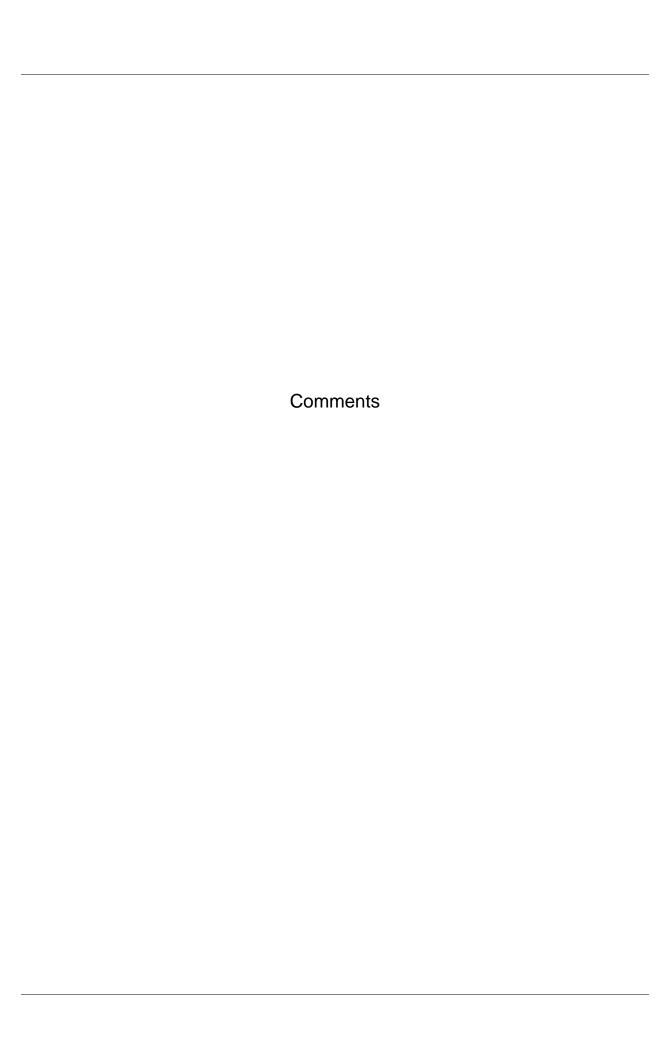
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GRACIAS POR SU PARTICIPACIÓN

Appendix B Public Involvement and Outreach Materials	
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Mailing List and Survey

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Comment Form

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Ms Catherine Dobbs Transportation Industry Analyst, Office of Railroad Policy and Development Federal Railroad Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

Subject All Aboard Florida Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Ms Dobbs,

The Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations is a coalition of homeowner and civic associations in Fort Lauderdale. We have been following the progress of various transportation projects along the Florida East Coast Railroad. We understand that the All Aboard Florida Project will increase the number of trains transiting through Fort Lauderdale and facilitate even additional train traffic with the introduction of commuter rail service in the future and increased freight train traffic associated with improvements at Port Everglades

The Council is devoted to maintaining and improving the quality of life for our residents. Mass transit improvements will increase mobility, reduce congestion, create jobs and protect the environment. These are all worthy goals that we endorse. However, every project has consequences and the Environmental Impact Statement must identity these consequences and possible mitigation actions.

Based on input from our members at various meetings there are a number of issues that must be addressed in the scoping of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project.

1. As the increased train traffic passes through Fort Lauderdale and adjacent to residential neighborhoods the noise impacts must be addressed. We understand that "quiet zones" have been discussed to mitigate this impact but have no

information regarding their effectiveness or cost. The EIS should consider the cost of implementing "quiet zones", who will pay for them and maintain them?

- 2. As increased train traffic passes through Fort Lauderdale there will be and increase in the wait time at the grade crossings. What will the impact be on emergency service vehicles, police and fire services? Does the City have sufficient infrastructure located on both sides of the tracks to handle these issues or will an interruption of services cause harm to the public.
- 3. As increased train traffic passes through Fort Lauderdale, what provisions are being made to protect pedestrians and motorists from accidents at railroad crossing?
- 4. As increased train traffic passes through Fort Lauderdale, recreational boaters living in western neighborhoods will experience significant and potentially dangerous delays at the railroad bridge across the New River. What provisions are proposed to deal with this issue?

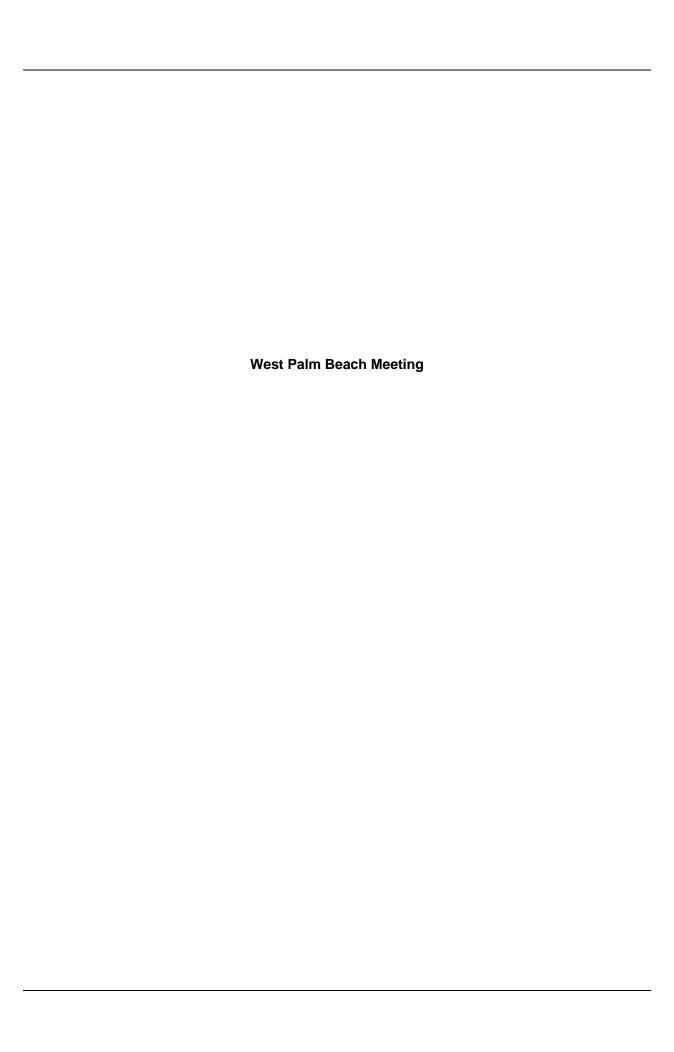
With all of these issues, the EIS should address the responsibility of the private operator to contribute to the cost of mitigation. Also what level of government, Federal, State, County or Local will be responsible for implementing and funding the mitigation? There should also be consideration of impacts associated with other projects that are likely to be facilitated by All Aboard Florida.

Consideration of these issues is imperative. We hope that the EIS will provide definitive answers to these questions.

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Comments For: All Aboard Florida/FEC and the Federal Railroad Administration

Submitted By: Ruth Kurtz, resident of West Palm Beach

Date: May 7, 2013

The Problem. My husband, Robert, and I live in a condo known as CityPlace South Tower which is located on Okeechobee Blvd. in West Palm Beach. The FEC railroad tracks run along the East side of our building. We asked about the train when we bought our condo and we were told that it comes by four times a day. OK, we decided we could live with that. Needless to say, we were shocked beyond description our first night in the condo when we found out that trains go past us all night long with their horns blasting and their train cars rattling on the tracks.

Now All Aboard Florida and FEC want to greatly increase the use of these tracks. Instead of using the tracks for freight service only, FEC's affiliate All Aboard Florida proposes to use the tracks for fast trains to take passengers from Miami to Orlando (16 more trains) and that's just step one. After that, we hear that FEC is expected to press for even more passenger traffic on the tracks.

All Aboard has asked for my comments. I say --- no increase in the use on these tracks without effective noise control! That means getting the blasting horns to stop blasting and minimizing the noise created by the vibrations of the tracks/train.

The History. As All Aboard Florida knows only too well, Henry Flagler got the enormous power of the right-of-way for FEC to run trains into Florida at the turn of the 19th century. Of course, back then, Florida was wilderness occupied by only a few pioneers and a few wealthy winter visitors who stayed on Palm Beach, not along the railroad tracks. Today, of course, the situation is completely different. Thousands of people already live along the tracks in West Palm Beach. More trains, without effective noise abatement, will ruin the quality of life for all of us. More trains, without effective noise abatement, will also hurt the growth outlook for West Palm Beach. Downtown West Palm Beach is only half-built. What is here is wonderful – lots of culture, a beautiful waterfront and lots of lively restaurants. But the very middle of this town is literally empty or strewn with old warehouses like in the Flagler days. If more trains come thru here without effective noise abatement, it will be hard to fill-in this town with more residents and attractive businesses.

Weighing the Costs and the Benefits. As I see it, without effective noise abatement for these new trains, the lives of thousands of folks in this city and the prospects for West Palm Beach itself will be seriously negatively affected in order, principally, to provide an alternative method of transportation for some people to get to Disneyworld in Orlando and for the FEC to make money.

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The Solution. These are not irreconcilable differences. Fortunately, the noise issues – horns and vibrations – can be solved. And they should be solved **NOW**.

- Horn Noise I urge All Aboard Florida/FEC to put the infrastructure in now at
 the intersection of Okeechobee Blvd. and the train tracks and at other places
 along the line in West Palm Beach where necessary in order to secure a Quiet
 Zone for West Palm Beach. West Palm Beach officials will only be successful
 with a request to the Federal Railroad Administration for a Quiet Zone for this
 city if this infrastructure is in place.
- Vibrations I have seen ads on television about technology which reduces track vibrations, less vibrations mean less noise. All Aboard Florida/FEC should use the latest vibration reduction technology **now** in those areas where track noise affects the quality of life of residents of West Palm Beach.

The Role of the Federal Railroad Administration. It is the role of government to help create balance/fairness between the interests of its citizens. In this case, I believe the government should use its considerable influence to press All Aboard Florida/FEC to put the infrastructure and the latest vibration reduction technology in place now which would allow increased use of the FEC tracks without harming the public and the City of West Palm Beach. If All Aboard Florida/FEC undertakes the effective noise abatement actions outlined above NOW, instead of being a detriment, new train service will be an asset for us and City of West Palm Beach as well as for All Aboard Florida/FEC.

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I am here to state that for the sake of a walkable West Palm Beach downtown, All Aboard Florida must include funds in the budget to provide for pedestrian access at Datura and Evernia Streets. Keeping downtown walkable is now at risk from permanent street closures, due to elevated rail lines. It is important to keep transportation in downtown sustainable and keep the heart of the city pedestrian friendly. It is essential to insure that the grid street pattern for downtown West Palm Beach not be permanently destroyed at the intersections of Quadrille and Datura and Evernia Streets. Their closure would be disastrous for development and pedestrians.

There is no doubt that the All Aboard Florida rail service will be an asset for WPB and Palm Beach County. However, after carefully reviewing online the "Environmental Assessment AAF Passenger Rail Project from WPB to Maimi.pdf", the plan calls for <u>permanently closing down Datura and Evernia Streets west of Quadrille.</u> I believe this is a setback for keeping the city pedestrian friendly and the future economic development of these streets and community.

If the streets are permanently closed to car traffic it is an inconvenience to drivers, but for pedestrians it becomes a hardship. Instead of merely crossing the street to arrive at their condo or at a business, <u>pedestrians will have to walk an extra 3 to 4 blocks in the hot sun or rain, for every trip they make, two times a day, forever.</u> The Transit Community, which has been discussed for years at the location between Quadrille and Tamarind, will be destroyed.

I strongly believe an above ground passageway, or other means, must be built for pedestrians to be able to travel east and west on Datura and Evernia.

I own no property at this location nor have any personal interest, but see this as an issue of importance for the health of downtown.

I am hopeful that All Aboard Florida can see the hardship that will be posed for pedestrians. The future of a vibrant downtown development depends on a walkable grid street pattern for pedestrian access. Funds must be allocated in the All Aboard Florida budget to maintain access to these two downtown WPB streets.



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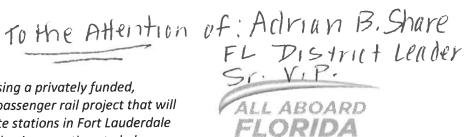


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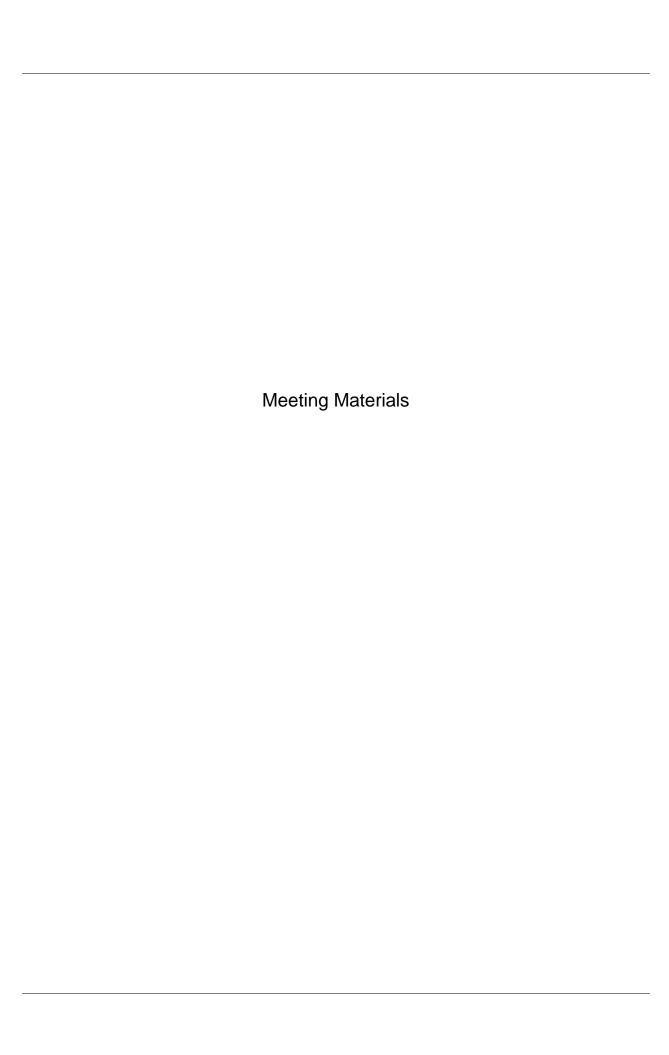
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All Aboard Florida will connect Florida's key cities in a new way to spark social and economic opportunities.

The project is being developed by All Aboard
Florida - Operations LLC, a company that traces its roots
to Henry Flagler. More than a century ago, Flagler transformed
Florida when he developed his railroad and catalyzed the development
of major cities along the east coast.

It's time for another transformative change.

This exciting transportation project will give Florida residents and visitors a new and reliable

transportation option to connect Central and South Florida, two of the state's most visited and populated regions.

Stations are planned in the downtowns of Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach, and at the new intermodal facility at Orlando International Airport.

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These stations will become destinations and revitalize the surrounding areas. By planning connections to existing and future transportation systems and offering additional mobility options -- such as rental cars and local transit -- passengers will be able to access the central business districts, area landmarks and attractions with ease.

All Aboard Florida will connect travelers to what matters.

From beautiful beaches to thrilling theme parks to enticing shopping destinations, South and Central Florida have it all. In 2012.

More than 55 million people visited Central Florida and Miami International Airport served more than 39 million passengers

Almost 8 million people boarded a cruise from PortMiami or Port Everglades, making them the two largest cruise ship ports in the world

The Orange County **Convention Center** hosted 250 events that were attended by more than 1.4 million people

All Aboard Florida will serve the needs of all passengers. The addressable market is more than 50 million customers. The majority travel in groups, whether it's leisure, business or families. Almost 30 percent of the market is business travelers.

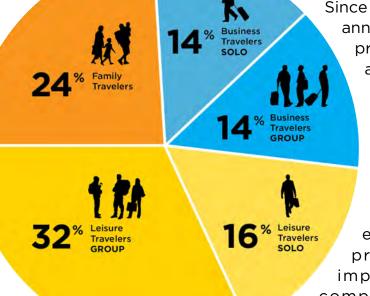
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roads each year, the system will operate within a rail corridor that has existed for more than a century.

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project announced in 2012, the project team has moved at an accelerated pace to deliver this new passenger rail system. An investment grade ridership study and a peer review were finalized, and the company hired key executives to deliver the project. 2013 is an important year for the company as it focuses on securing environmental permits, finalizing the route alignment and



SERVICE OFFERINGS WILL INCLUDE Premium Hour travel Hourly scheduled amenities, time between service including Wi-Fi and Miami and food & beverage Orlando

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All Aboard Florida will:

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- Create tens of thousands of jobs, from construction to operations transit-oriented development opportunities
- Revitalize local economies
- Provide economic development along the route, resulting in a new revenue for Florida's cities and counties
- Increase tourism opportunities

Find out more at www.AllAboardFlorida.com or email us at info@allaboardflorida.com. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter.



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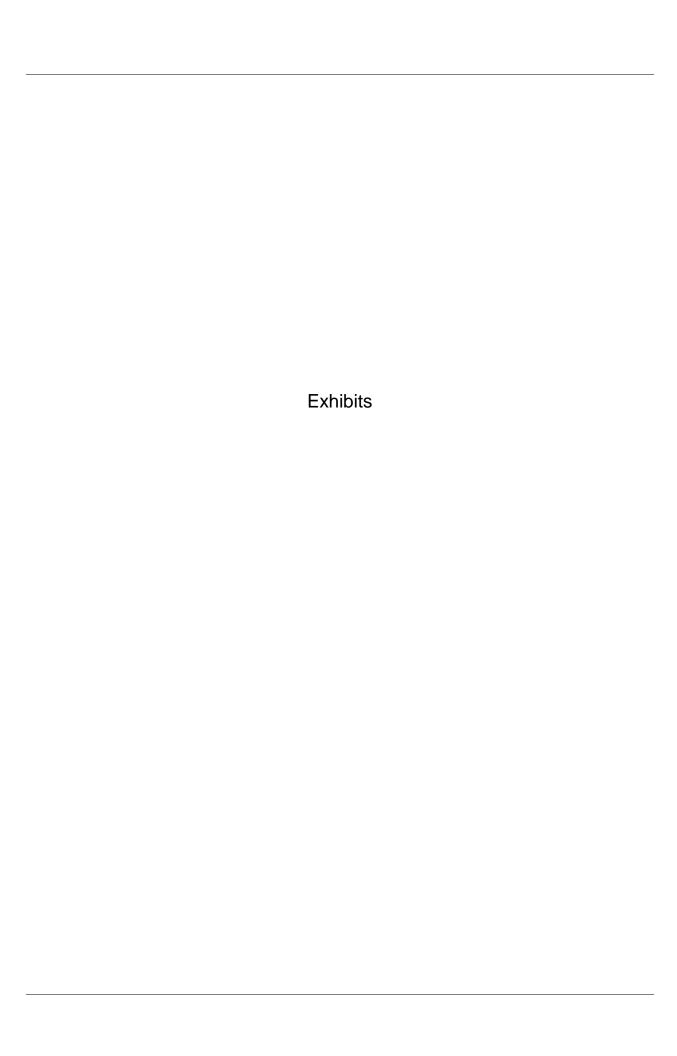


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- The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) welcomes comments and input, both in support as well as to identify any potential issues that can be reasonably addressed as the project advances.
- This meeting is part of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) requirements as described in the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA).

What is the Format of this Scoping Meeting?

- Open-house format
- Visitors invited to arrive and stay as convenient
- Spanish interpreters available
- Questions and comments welcomed





What is All Aboard Florida?

- AAF (All Aboard Florida) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Florida East Coast Industries, Inc. – one of Florida's oldest and largest transportation, infrastructure and commercial real estate companies.
- AAF is proposing to restore passenger rail service in Florida through a privately owned, operated and maintained system.
- The project will connect Miami and Orlando with intermediate stations in West Palm Beach and Fort Lauderdale.

- Train service is planned to run hourly in each direction with a total travel time of approximately three hours.
 - ■Trains will travel
 - •Up to 79 mph between Miami and West Palm Beach
 - ■Up to 110 mph between West Palm Beach and Cocoa
 - ■Up to 125 mph between Cocoa and Orlando



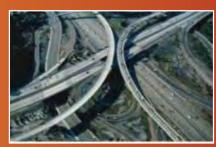




Why Intercity Passenger Rail?

- Florida has seen major population growth, which is expected to increase.
- The State's existing transportation network is congested.
- Efficient and safe travel options are needed.
- Rail presents an efficient and reliable travel alternative that will create jobs, support economic development and reduce both greenhouse gas emissions and America's dependence on fossil fuels.







What is the NEPA Process?

- NEPA is a <u>decision-making process</u> that requires federal agencies to consider the impacts of actions on the human and natural environment and to disclose such impacts in a public document.
- Over 30 categories are evaluated, including the potential impacts to Economic and Social Environments, Cultural Resources, Environmental Justice, Noise and Vibration, Air and Water Quality and Protected Species and Essential Habitats.











What Major Issues will be Addressed in this NEPA Process?

- Through this process, an EIS will be developed and made public to:
 - Describe the purpose and need for the project
 - Review a reasonable range of alternatives
 - Identify a preferred alternative for the project
 - Address the impacts of the preferred alternative





What are the Opportunities for Involvement?

You are here Address scoping issues from the public and • Define reasonable Prepare and publish draft EIS for public review range of alternatives affected agencies Record Identify Draft EIS · Refine alternatives Public Hearing of Decision environmental Scoping Define issues and Incorporate comments concerns evaluate impacts and revise Draft EIS Develop the project's Finalize EIS Recommend a purpose and need Preferred Alternative May 2013 September 2013 April 2014

What are the Goals of this Public Scoping Process?

- Identify and meet interested stakeholders
- Listen to project neighbors
- Gather information/data to be evaluated
- Consider issues and concerns
- Define the project's purpose and need
- Develop alternatives for further evaluation





Things to Consider Do we need this transportation system? Your Concerns? Give us your thoughts What route alternatives should be evaluated? Your Vision?

Things to Know

- AAF plans to complete the project within an existing north-south rail corridor for 195 miles and within an existing east-west transportation corridor for 40 miles.
- The NEPA process for the 66-mile intercity passenger rail service between Miami and West Palm Beach has been completed and a Finding of No Significant Impact was issued in January 2013 by the FRA.

Things to Know

- AAF is in negotiations with Florida Department of Transportation and Orlando Orange County Expressway Authority to lease part of the SR 528 right-of-way to complete the east-west corridor of the project.
- AAF is in negotiations with the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority (GOAA) to obtain a rail easement to access the Orlando International Airport. AAF will also enter into a lease with GOAA for a passenger rail station and vehicle maintenance facility.

Alternative to Consider



With your help, other alternatives will be developed and evaluated during this process.



Please Share Your Thoughts

- In a letter
- By completing and submitting comment cards at this meeting
- By completing and postmarking comment cards by May 15, 2013

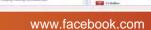




Please Stay Informed

- Sign-in list for mailings or emails
- Check the AAF website and Facebook page
- Follow AAF on Twitter
- Attend future meetings as advertised in your local papers







FRA Contact Information

Written comments on the scope of the EIS may be postmarked or emailed on or before May 15, 2013 to:

Catherine Dobbs
Transportation Industry Analyst
Office of Railroad Policy and Development
Federal Railroad Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590
catherine.dobbs@dot.gov

AAF Contact Information

For further information contact:

Ali Soule Public Affairs Manager All Aboard Florida – Operations, LLC 2855 LeJeune Road 4th Floor Coral Gables, FL 33134

eis@allaboardflorida.com www.allaboardflorida.com







Welcome!

Thank you for your participation



information station to ask

questions
 Comment cards are located at the sign-in table and the display area.
 Please fill one out today or take it

home to fill out later

For more information about this project, visit our website: www.allaboardflorida.com

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This project complements state and local adopted plans

- Intercity passenger rail is part of the State's Transportation Plan
- Passenger rail is supported by many of the local governments, transportation planning organizations and regional planning councils in Southeast and Central Florida
- A passenger rail station at the Orlando International Airport is part of its master plan

As a result of the Environmental Assessment/FONSI issued by the FRA in January 2013, All Aboard Florida is planning

New passenger rail stations in Miami,
 Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach

 New track upgrades in an existing rail corridor between Miami and West Palm Beach

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All Aboard Florida's passenger trains will:

- Be shorter, faster and lighter than the freight trains that currently operate in the existing rail corridor
- Clear the intersections in less than a minute
- Start operating in the morning and end in the evening

Differences Between Freight and Passenger Trains in the Existing Rail Corridor

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	Freight Current Conditions	Passenger Expected Conditions
Average train length	7,800 feet	900 feet
Trains per day	18	32
Average speed	38 - 52 mph	79 - 125 mph

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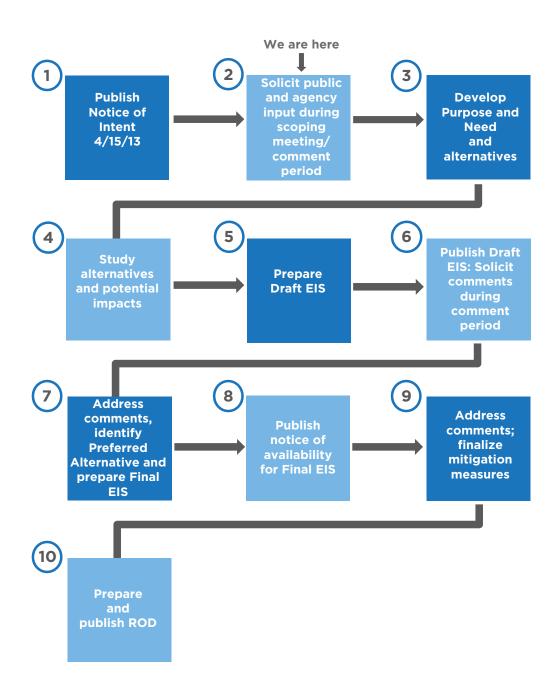
Section 106 Process of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 Procedure for the Protection of Historical and Archaeological Resources

Initiate Section 106 Process Establish undertaking No undertaking/no potential to Identify appropriate SHPO/THPO* cause effects Step 1: Plan to involve the public Identify other consulting parties Undertaking is type that might affect historic properties **Identify Historic Properties** Determine scope of efforts Step 2: No Historic properties affected Identify historic properties Evaluate historic signifigance Historic properties are affected Step 3: **Assess Adverse Effects** No Historic properties adversely Apply criteria of adverse effect affected Historic properties are adversely affected Step 4: **Resolve Adverse Effects** Memorandum of Agreement Continue consultation COUNCIL COMMENT **FAILURE TO AGREE**





The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Impact Statement Process





What does Title VI mean to you?

Title VI prohibits discrimination based on race, color or national origin. This ensures that no one will be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination under this project. We encourage everyone's comments and participation.



This project will proceed in full compliance with Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act (U.S.C. 200d-1) and related regulations.

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Thank you for your interest

Did you submit a comment?

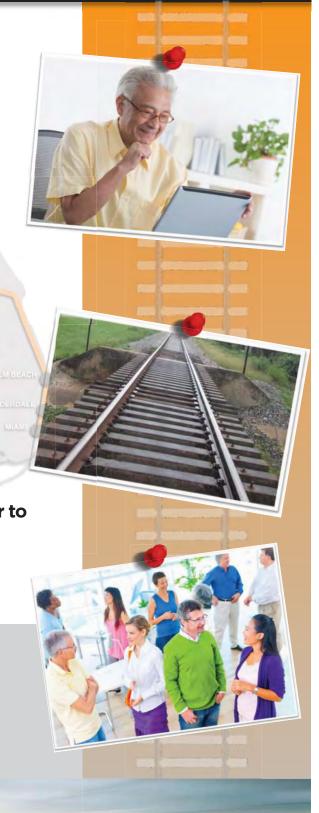
Please share your ideas and thoughts for the project scoping phase on or before May 15, 2013, by submitting them to catherine.dobbs@dot.gov.

Did you sign up to be on our mailing list?

Please speak with a project team member to receive more information on AAF.

For more information about this project, visit our website: www.allaboardflorida.com

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RESOLUTION NO. 05-01-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE ("DDA") OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED FLORIDA" PRIVATELY OWNED. "ALL ABOARD AND MAINTAINED PASSENGER RAIL OPERATED SERVICE BETWEEN DOWNTOWN MIAMI AND ORLANDO BEING DEVELOPED BY FLORIDA EAST INDUSTRIES, INC; FURTHER ENCOURAGING FLORIDA EAST COAST INDUSTRIES, INC. TO CONSIDER PLACING ADDITIONAL STATIONS AT HIGH DENSITY / HIGH COMMERCIAL INTENSITY AREAS ALONG THE ROUTE IN ORDER TO BETTER CONNECT DOWNTOWN FORT LAUDERDALE TO OTHER PARTS OF THE REGION; AND FURTHER URGING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER REGULATORY/FUNDING AGENCIES TO SUPPORT THE PROJECT AS NECESSARY.

WHEREAS, Downtown Fort Lauderdale is one of South Florida's largest, most utilized transit-oriented neighborhoods, featuring one of the State's largest employment centers, a growing high-density residential community, and major cultural and entertainment destinations; and

WHEREAS, despite these facts, Downtown Fort Lauderdale is not currently served directly by regional or intra-state passenger rail; and

WHEREAS, Florida East Coast Industries, Inc., owners of the FEC corridor, has announced plans to develop privately owned, operated and maintained passenger rail service between Downtown Miami and Orlando, with additional stops at Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach; and

WHEREAS, the DDA finds that this proposed service is consistent with and furthers the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Master Plan's expressed goals for such service; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Downtown Development Authority of Fort Lauderdale of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

- Section 1. The recitals are true and correct and are adopted by reference and incorporated as if fully set forth in this Section.
- Section 2. The DDA Board of Directors supports the proposed "All Aboard Florida" privately owned, operated and maintained passenger rail service between Downtown Miami and Orlando being developed by Florida East Coast Industries, Inc.
- Section 3. The DDA Board of Directors encourages Florida East Coast Industries, Inc. to consider placing additional stations at high density / high commercial intensity areas along the route in order to better connect Downtown Fort Lauderdale to other parts of the region.

Section 3. The DDA Board of Directors urges the Florida Department of Transportation and other regulatory/funding agencies to support the project as necessary.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this $\underline{10th}$ day of May 2012.

Gregory Durd Chairman

Executive Director

ATTEST:

John Ropes

Secretary to the Board of Directors

RESOLUTION NO. 23/2012

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIAMI DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ("DDA") OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED "ALL ABOARD FLORIDA" PRIVATELY OWNED, OPERATED AND MAINTAINED PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE BETWEEN DOWNTOWN MIAMI AND ORLANDO BEING DEVELOPED BY FLORIDA EAST COAST INDUSTRIES, INC; FURTHER ENCOURAGING FLORIDA EAST COAST INDUSTRIES, INC. TO SUPPORT A SEPARATE COMMUTER RAIL SERVICE WITH STATIONS AT HIGH DENSITY / HIGH COMMERCIAL INTENSITY AREAS ALONG THE ROUTE IN ORDER TO BETTER CONNECT DOWNTOWN MIAMI TO OTHER PARTS OF THE REGION; AND FURTHER URGING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER SUPPORT THESE REGULATORY/FUNDING AGENCIES TO PROJECTS AS NECESSARY.

WHEREAS, Downtown Miami is South Florida's largest, most utilized transit-oriented neighborhood, featuring the State's largest employment center, a growing high-density residential community, major cultural and entertainment destinations, and an existing premium transit infrastructure that includes three Metrorail stations, three Metromover loops, and two major Metrobus terminals; and

WHEREAS, despite these facts, Downtown Miami is not currently served directly by regional or intra-state passenger rail; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Downtown Miami Master Plan supports directly linking Downtown to other Florida cities along the FEC corridor (provided herein as Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, Florida East Coast Industries, Inc., owners of the FEC corridor, has announced plans to develop privately owned, operated and maintained passenger rail service between Downtown Miami and Orlando, with additional stops at Ft. Lauderdale and West Palm Beach (provided herein as Exhibit B); and

WHEREAS, the DDA finds that this proposed service is consistent with and furthers the Downtown Miami Master Plan's expressed goals for such service; and

WHEREAS, the DDA wishes to encourage Florida East Coast Industries, Inc. to support a separate commuter rail service with stations at high density / high commercial intensity areas along the route in order to better connect Downtown Miami to other parts of the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Miami Downtown Development Authority of the City of Miami, Florida.

- Section 1. The recitals are true and correct and are adopted by reference and incorporated as if fully set forth in this Section.
- Section 2. The DDA Board of Directors supports the proposed "All Aboard Florida" privately owned, operated and maintained passenger rail service between Downtown Miami and Orlando being developed by Florida East Coast Industries, Inc.
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Section 4. The DDA Board of Directors urges the Florida Department of Transportation and other regulatory/funding agencies to support these projects as necessary.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of May 2012.

Commissioner Marc D. Sarnoff, Chairman

Alyce M. Robertson, Executive Director

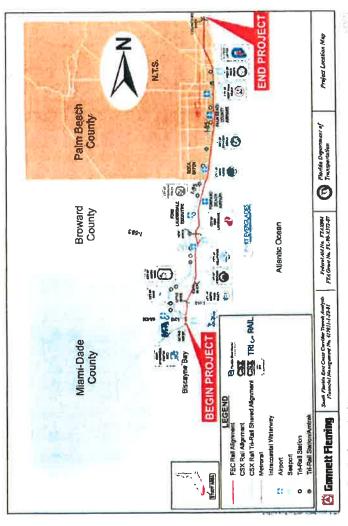
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Secretary to the Board of Directors

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Mary Sudasassi / mary.sudasassi@rbbpr.com / 305-448-6163

Florida East Coast Industries, Inc. Announces Plans for Private Passenger Rail Service in Florida

Nation's First-of-its-Kind Privately Owned and Operated System
Will Connect Florida's Largest Cities

MIAMI (March 22, 2012) — Florida East Coast Industries, Inc. (FECI), the owner of Florida's premier passenger rail corridor, is developing a privately owned, operated and maintained passenger rail service to connect South Florida and Orlando, which will be operational in 2014. By connecting the most visited city in the United States with South Florida's business and vacation destinations, the passenger rail project, called *All Aboard Florida*, is designed to serve Florida's growing number of business travelers, as well as families and tourists traveling for pleasure.

The *All Aboard Florida* passenger rail project will connect South Florida to Orlando through a 240-mile route combining 200 miles of existing tracks between Miami and Cocoa and the creation of 40 miles of new track to complete the route to Orlando. Eventually the system could be expanded with connections to Tampa and Jacksonville.

More than fifty million people travel between South and Central Florida annually, largely over highly congested highways. *All Aboard Florida* is envisioned to transform the way people travel throughout the state, offering a faster, safer, and more enjoyable mode of transportation between Florida's two largest metropolitan areas.

Targeted to begin service in 2014, the approximately \$1 billion project will operate on a regular schedule throughout the day transporting business and leisure passengers between South Florida and Orlando in approximately three hours. This new, convenient, affordable, fast and environmentally friendly intercity passenger rail service is expected to:

- (1) CREATE JOBS AND GROW FLORIDA'S ECONOMY—approximately 6,000 direct jobs will be needed to construct the system and over 1,000 more jobs to operate and maintain it; new economic development opportunities also will be created for communities along the route:
- (2) PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT—the service will take millions of vehicles off Florida's roadways, resulting in a reduction in auto emissions and allowing for a far more fuelefficient alternative to the automobile at this time of escalating gas prices;
- (3) ENSURE SPEED AND RELIABILITY—travel time between regions will be approximately three hours and train service will be frequent throughout the day;

(4) PROTECT EXISTING FREIGHT CAPACITY—the new passenger service will not affect freight capacity in the rail corridor, thereby supporting Florida's role in international commerce and allowing more intermodal freight movements.

By adding an entirely new travel choice, the *All Aboard Florida* passenger rail service will provide a high-quality experience for travelers. The system will include business- and coach-class service with advance purchase reserved seating, gourmet meals, Wi-Fi, and the ability to work productively throughout the entire trip. In addition, stations in Miami, Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach and Orlando mean convenient transfers to Metrorail, Metromover or SunRail, allowing passengers to reach their final destination.

FECI began a feasibility analysis for the project several months ago. Additionally, an investment grade ridership study and engineering work to design the system are underway. Today's announcement marks the beginning of working in depth with local, state and federal officials, as well as the communities along the route.

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Florida East Coast Industries, Inc. (FECI), through its subsidiaries and affiliates, is a major owner and developer of real estate and transportation-related businesses within the State of Florida. Headquartered in Coral Gables, FL, FECI has a rich history dating back over a century when Henry Flagler first established the company and became a pioneer in the development of Florida's eastern coast. Today, the company owns, manages, develops and leases commercial real estate properties, and its affiliate, the Florida East Coast Railway, L.L.C., owns the railroad over which freight is transported.

All Aboard Florida is an intercity passenger rail project that will connect South Florida to Orlando with intermediate stations in Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach. This rail service will give Floridians and visitors a viable transportation alternative to congested highways and airport terminals. **All Aboard Florida** will provide a high-quality experience for passengers and will be the first privately owned, operated, and maintained passenger rail system in the United States.



July 23, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

The Florida State Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Florida's leading Hispanic economic development organization is an ardent supporter of the All Aboard Florida project. Furthermore, we are excited at the prospect All Aboard Florida presents to enhance and <u>ignite</u> the economic ties between Florida's largest marketplaces and the robust, influential Hispanic business communities that thrive there. As a traveler, All Aboard Florida will be a welcome option to enjoy when visiting our state. As a business leader, All Aboard Florida holds great promise to strengthen workforce, consumer and business initiatives in various sectors that will ultimately benefit all Floridians."

Very truly yours

Julio Fuentes

President & CEO

Res. No. 193-12 Matter No. 11898

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ("MOU") is made and entered into this 23rd day of _______, 2012 by and between **THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH**, a Florida municipal corporation, with an address of 401 Clematis Street, West Palm Beach, FL 33401 (the "City") and **FLORIDA EAST COAST INDUSTRIES**, **INC.**, a Florida corporation, with offices at 2855 LeJeune Road, 4th Floor, Coral Gables, FL 33134, ("FECI") for purposes of memorializing the City's support for the All Aboard Florida Project, as described below, and setting forth a framework under which the City and FECI will work together to identify potential sites in downtown West Palm Beach for the location of a station for a downtown stop.

- The objective of the City and FECI (collectively, the "Parties" and, 1. individually, each shall be referenced as a "Party") is to advance intrastate passenger rail service that will include a stop in downtown West Palm Beach, which will increase transportation options for passengers in, and visitors to, Florida. Specifically, FECI is seeking to develop a privately-owned, operated and maintained passenger rail service in Florida. This passenger rail project, called All Aboard Florida, is a private initiative that, among other things, is being planned to transport individuals between major metropolitan areas in Florida which will include a stop in West Palm Beach (the "Project"). The current plan is to have the service operational by the end of 2014. In order to meet this timeline, it is critical to develop plans for the station to be located in West Palm Beach (the "Station"). FECI currently does not own any land in downtown West Palm Beach, but the City owns properties which may be candidates for the Station. As such, the Parties plan to work together collaboratively in an effort to analyze options for locating the Station in an area that will effectively and efficiently connect passengers of the Project to other modes of transportation, including, for example, the existing trolley system, Palm Tran, and other modes of transportation present in the area. To achieve this objective, the City and FECI shall cooperate in exploring various alternatives, including, without limitation, consideration of possible street closures, granting of air rights for development over public right-of-ways and the identification of opportunities that may be available in order for the parties to maximize benefits for the Project.
- Concept. Once a location is selected, (the "Selected Site") the Parties would then work together in an effort to establish the framework by which FECI would bring passenger rail service to the Selected Site in a manner beneficial to the City. The Station at the Selected Site may initially include support facilities that FECI determines to be reasonably necessary for its development. FECI and the City would also work together to establish a framework by which to expand the Station to include other components, including transit-oriented development. The parties understand and agree, however, that nothing in this MOU would require either party to make commitments that would violate any existing agreements with third parties. Notwithstanding anything in this MOU to the contrary, the Parties acknowledge that to the extent that the Selected Site is owned by the City, all dispositions of City owned property, by lease or conveyance, are subject to the City's disposition process and approval by the City Commission.

- 3. Coordination with Other Modes of Ground Transportation and Other Stakeholders. In the ultimate development of the Project, a wide range of ground transportation services are proposed to be offered at or near the Station. Each Party will provide further information regarding such full service operations and different approaches thereto. The City and FECI agree to cooperate in the effort to accelerate access by such other modes of transportation to the Station. The City and FECI also agree to cooperate in the effort to generate interest and cooperation from other possible stakeholders, including other governmental entities.
- 4. <u>Train Maintenance</u>. The City will consider requests by FECI for leasing of property for the construction of a maintenance or repair facility or yard for FECI's maintenance of the train cars.
- Non-Binding Obligations. It is understood by the Parties hereto that any discussions and negotiations concerning the Project may be lengthy and complex. If the Parties are able to negotiate mutually-acceptable terms by which to proceed to memorialize a formal written agreement between the City and FECI (or one of FECI's affiliates) (the "Definitive Agreement"), then, upon the execution of such Definitive Agreement, it shall supersede this MOU and will form the complete agreement between the Parties for the Project. Pending execution of any such Definitive Agreement, however, either Party may terminate any and all discussions and negotiations with respect to the Project at any time, in such Party's sole discretion, without any liability to the other, by providing notice of termination to the other Party.
- Notice. Any notices which may be permitted or required hereunder shall be in writing, and shall be deemed to have been duly given (i) one day after depositing with a nationally recognized overnight courier service, or (ii) on the day of hand delivery (provided such delivery occurs prior to 5:00 pm, E.S.T. or E.D.T., as applicable), to the address listed below or to such other address as a Party may from time to time designate by written notice in accordance with this paragraph:

To FECI:

Florida East Coast Industries, Inc.

2855 LeJeune Road, 4th Floor Coral Gables, Florida 33134

Attention: Rafael Rodon and Kolleen Cobb

To CITY:

City of West Palm Beach 401 Clematis Street

West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Attention: City Administrator

- 7. <u>Applicable Law.</u> This Agreement and the rights of the Parties hereto will be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.
- 8. <u>Jurisdiction and Venue</u>. The Parties hereto submit to the jurisdiction of Florida courts with respect to matters arising out of this Agreement. The Parties agree that exclusive venue for any suit concerning this Agreement shall be the court with appropriate jurisdiction in Palm Beach County, Florida.

- Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterpart and, when all counterpart 9. documents are executed, the counterparts shall constitute a single binding instrument. In addition, any execution transmitted by facsimile or by electronic mail shall be deemed to constitute an original signature of a Party for purposes of enforcing this Agreement.
- Assignment. FECI may assign, or partially assign, this Agreement to any of its affiliates, 10. including any person or entity which (either directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries) controls, is in common control with or is controlled by FECI or its principals.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

ATTEST

THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH

Printed Name: Date:

Office of the City Attorney Approved as to form and legality

By: Date: _

[Signatures Continue on Next Page]

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

Printed Name:

FLORIDA EAST COAST INDUSTRIES,

INC., a Florida corporation

By:_

Printed Name: Kullean Cobb
Title: Executive Via President

Date:_



Mr. David Valenstein
Supervisor Environmental Protection Specialist
Federal Railroad Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast
Washington, DC 20590

Dear David:

For more than two decades, passenger service on the Florida East Coast (FEC) Corridor has been a desire of the residents and business owners in Southeast Florida. Hundreds of public meetings have been held in support of passenger service on the FEC. The "All Aboard Florida" project will Implement passenger service that has been part of our long range transportation plan.

The "All Aboard Florida" project contemplates three stations in Southeast Florida—downtown Mlami, downtown Fort Lauderdale, and downtown West Palm Beach. Each of these stations would increase the livability qualities of the urban core by taking automobiles off the road and providing a much needed transportation alternative that does not exist today. Environmental benefits would also be significant. Emissions in the region would be reduced by introducing environmentally friendly train sets and the downtown locations would encourage more pedestrian and bike travel.

The intercity passenger rail system would also serve as a link into other transportation systems in Southeast Florida, specifically MetroRail, The Miami People Mover, The Fort Lauderdale Wave Streetcar, the Sun Trolley, and the local bus systems operated by Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties. Providing a more seamless mode of travel for the public will help encourage the non-highway mindset that is much needed in Southeast Florida.

We support the "All Aboard Florida" initiative and hope you recognize the net positive environmental benefits of this project.

Best Regards,

Gregory Stuart, Executive Director

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Mr. David Valenstein Supervisor Environmental Protection Specialist Federal Railroad Administration U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Valenstein:

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Introduction of intercity passenger service in the FEC corridor is consistent with the goals and purposes of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development funding for the development of a sustainable region planning process (www.Seven50.org) in Southeast Florida.

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Sincerely

Executive Director

South Florida Regional Planning Council

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Chairman

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RE: All Aboard Florida

Dear Mr. Valenstein:

As President and CEO of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, Broward County's public/private partnership for economic development, I am writing in support of the All Aboard Florida project which will bring a much needed alternative transportation mode to Florida. For more than two decades, passenger service in the Florida East Coast (FEC) Corridor has been discussed by the community and several hundred public meetings have taken place to date. Passenger service in the corridor has been part of medium- and long-term transportation plans in South Florida.

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The intercity passenger rail system would also serve as a link into other transportation systems in South Florida, specifically MetroRail, The Miami People Mover, The Wave, and local bus transit systems. Providing a more seamless mode of travel for the public will help encourage the non-highway mindset that is much needed in South Florida.

We support the All Aboard Florida initiative and hope you recognize the net positive environmental benefits of this project.

With warm regards, I am

President and CEO

Alliance: Partnership for Economic Growth
Broward County's Official Economic Development Partnership
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce, one of the premier business development organizations in our community, strongly supports the *All Aboard Florida* project. Understanding that the intercity passenger rail service will give business and leisure passengers a new, convenient and environmentally friendly way to travel between south Florida and Orlando – and eventually Tampa and Jacksonville – the *All Aboard Florida* project is a valuable resource for all Floridians.

Furthermore, we are excited at the opportunity *All Aboard Florida* offers to enhance and ignite the economic ties between Florida's largest marketplaces and the robust, influential business centers that currently thrive there. In addition, the project is expected to create nearly 6,000 direct construction jobs and another 1000 jobs for permanent rail operations. There is no doubt that this facet of the project comes at an important time for those seeking employment opportunities in our state.

Finally, as a traveler, *All Abourd Florida* will be a welcome option to enjoy when visiting our state and a game changer in the hospitality business. As a business leader, *All Abourd Florida* holds great promise to strengthen workforce, consumer and business initiatives in various sectors that will ultimately create greater opportunities for all Floridians. The benefits are real and the impacts even more significant and longterm.

We appreciate the opportunity to offer our support to such a worthy project.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Trowbridge President & CEO

TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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July 25, 2012

Mr. David Valenstein Supervisor Environmental Protection Specialist Federal Railroad Administration U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Letter of Support for the "All Aboard Florida" Project

Dear Mr. Valenstein:

The restoration of passenger rail service on the Florida East Coast (FEC) rail corridor has been a top priority of the Treasure Coast Region for decades. The original FEC rail line and its stations are the key organizing element for Florida's historic development pattern along its east coast. Each of the historic stations became a town center for the dozens of small and large cities that evolved along the corridor. Since passenger rail service was disbanded in 1968, automobiles and an expanding roadway network has characterized the coast, contributing to inefficient, sprawling development patterns in the absence of multi-modal alternatives. The "All Aboard Florida" project, recently proposed by Florida East Coast Industries (FECI), presents a much needed alternative for today's transportation network.

The "All Aboard Florida" project proposes three stations in Southeast Florida—downtown Miami, downtown Fort Lauderdale, and downtown West Palm Beach. Each of stations would be embedded in ongoing redevelopment efforts within these communities, enabling transit-oriented development and improved land use/transportation relationships. In addition to servicing central business districts, each of these potential station areas also has a strong track record for infill housing in the past several decades, resulting in a mix of uses that corresponds well to transit use. Accordingly, expanded transit service, such as "All Aboard Florida," can promote trip capture and remove cars from the roadway network, thereby increasing efficiency and reducing carbon emissions.

It is also important to emphasize the importance of FECI's "All Aboard Florida" project in the context of the multi-modal transportation system for Southeast Florida. This critical north/south link will include immediate connections into the local transit systems in each county as well as other local premium transit, including MetroRail, MetroMover, the West Palm Beach downtown trolley, and pending Fort Lauderdale "Wave" streetcar.

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The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council strongly supports the expansion of passenger rail in the Region, and the "All Aboard Florida" project represents a tremendous opportunity to enhance the sustainability of the Region with premium transit service.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Busha, AICP Executive Director

MJB/KD:kd



BERTHA W. HENRY, County Administrator 115 S. Andrews Avenue, Room 409 • Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301 • 954-357-7362 • FAX 954-357-7360

July 31, 2012

Rafael Rodon
Executive Vice President
Florida East Coast Industries, Inc.
2855 LeJeune Road, 4th Floor
Coral Gables, FL 33134

Re: All Aboard Florida

Dear Rafael:

Please allow this letter to serve as notification of Broward County's continued interest in participating with Florida East Coast Industries, Inc. (FECI) on the "All Aboard Florida" passenger rail project. There is clearly excitement in our community about the prospect of serving commuters, in and around our downtown core. Recently, we were notified of a potential federal grant in the amount of \$18 Million for the WAVE light rail project, which links portions of downtown, judicial complex, hospital complex and other areas of interest in Fort Lauderdale. Additionally, after years of study, the Florida Department of Transportation, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority and Broward's Metropolitan Planning Agency (MPO) are prepared to unveil their proposed alignment for the Central Broward East-West project, which also has a rail component.

We would be happy to work with FECI to establish a framework by which FECI would bring passenger rail service to a site or station in a manner beneficial to the County and FECI. As such, we would like to work with FECI in an effort to analyze options for locating the FECI project in an area that will effectively and efficiently connect passengers of the FECI project to other modes of transportation, including, for example, The Wave light rail project referenced above and the Broward County bus terminal, along with other modes of transportation present in the area. To achieve this objective, the County will cooperate with FECI in exploring various alternatives. We will provide information available to the County regarding the various projects described above and explore different approaches to accelerate access by such other modes of transportation to the FECI project. We also agree to cooperate with FECI in its efforts to generate interest and cooperation from other possible stakeholders, including other governmental entities. The synergy amongst these projects makes it critical that there be as much coordination as possible and we look forward to our continued discussions.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

County Administrator

Bertha W. Henry

C: Joni Armstrong Coffey, County Attorney Evan Lukic, County Auditor

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ("MOU") is made and entered into this 31st day of July, 2012 by and between CITY OF MIAMI, a Florida municipal corporation, with an address of 3500 Pan American Drive, Miami, FL 33401 (the "City") and FLORIDA EAST COAST INDUSTRIES, INC., a Florida corporation, with offices at 2855 LeJeune Road, 4th Floor, Coral Gables, FL 33134, ("FECI") for purposes of memorializing the City's support for the All Aboard Florida Project, as described below, and setting forth a framework under which the City and FECI will work together to allow the development of a station for a downtown stop at the property owned by FECI in downtown Miami (the "Station").

- The objective of the City and FECI (collectively, the "Parties" and, 1. Objective. individually, each shall be referenced as a "Party") is to advance intrastate passenger rail service that will include a stop in downtown Miami at the Station, which will increase transportation options for passengers in, and visitors to, Florida. Specifically, FECI is seeking to develop a privately-owned, operated and maintained passenger rail service in Florida. This passenger rail project, called All Aboard Florida, is a private initiative that, among other things, is being planned to transport individuals between major metropolitan areas in Florida which will include a stop in Miami at the Station (the "Project"). The current plan is to have the service operational by the end of 2014. In order to meet this timeline, it is critical to develop plans for the Station which effectively and efficiently connects passengers of the Project to other modes of transportation, including, for example, the existing MetroRail, MetroMover and other modes of transportation present in the area. To achieve this objective, the City and FECI shall cooperate in exploring various alternatives, including, without limitation, consideration of possible street closures, grade crossings, grade separation (aerial) crossings, granting of air rights for development over public right-of-ways, easements for access and the identification of opportunities that may be available in order for the Parties to maximize benefits for the Project, such as funding opportunities.
- 2. Concept. The Parties shall work together in an effort to establish the framework by which FECI would bring passenger rail service to the Station in a manner beneficial to the City. The Station may initially include support facilities that FECI determines to be reasonably necessary for its development. FECI and the City would also work together to establish a framework by which to expand the Station to include other components, including transit-oriented development. The Parties understand and agree, however, that nothing in this MOU would require either Party to make commitments that would violate any existing agreements with third parties.
- 3. <u>Cooperation</u>. The City and FECI shall cooperate in exploring various alternatives in order for the Parties to maximize benefits for the Project, including helping to identify possible funding opportunities. Further, to expedite FECI's application process, the City shall work together with FECI regarding platting and zoning issues. This MOU shall not be used to circumvent the platting process (Chapter 55 of the Code).

- 4. Coordination with Other Modes of Ground Transportation and Other Stakeholders. There is a wide range of ground transportation services offered at or near the Station. The City and FECI agree to cooperate in the effort to accelerate access by such other modes of transportation to the Station. The City and FECI also agree to cooperate in the effort to generate interest and cooperation from other possible stakeholders, including other governmental entities.
- Non-Binding Obligations. It is understood by the Parties hereto that any discussions and negotiations concerning the Project may be lengthy and complex. Nothing in this letter is intended to be contractual in nature and neither party shall be bound by the terms and conditions provided herein unless and until a formal written agreement is entered into between the City and FECI (or one of FECI's affiliates) (the "Definitive Agreement"). Upon execution of such Definitive Agreement, it shall supersede this MOU and will form the complete agreement between the Parties for the Project.
- Notice. Any notices which may be permitted or required hereunder shall be in writing, and shall be deemed to have been duly given (i) one day after depositing with a nationally recognized overnight courier service, or (ii) on the day of hand delivery (provided such delivery occurs prior to 5:00 pm, E.S.T. or E.D.T., as applicable), to the address listed below or to such other address as a Party may from time to time designate by written notice in accordance with this paragraph:

To FECI: Florid

Florida East Coast Industries, Inc.

2855 LeJeune Road, 4th Floor Coral Gables, Florida 33134

Attention: Rafael Rodon and Kolleen Cobb

To CITY:

City of Miami

3500 Pan American Drive Miami, Florida 33133

Attention: John Martinez, City Manager

- 7. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in counterpart and, when all counterpart documents are executed, the counterparts shall constitute a single binding instrument. In addition, any execution transmitted by facsimile or by electronic mail shall be deemed to constitute an original signature of a Party for purposes of enforcing this Agreement.
- 8. <u>Assignment</u>. FECI may assign, or partially assign, this MOU to any of its affiliates, including any person or entity which (either directly or indirectly, through one or more

intermediaries) controls, is in common control with or is controlled by FECI or its principals.

CITY OF MIAMI
Printed Jame: John Madines Date: 8-1-12
Approved as to Form and Legality On this day of, 2012 By:
Printed Name: Date: Date: FLORIDA EAST COAST INDUSTRIES,
INC., 4 Florida corporation
By: Kollven Cobb, Executive Vice President Date: Mly 31, 2012



July 31, 2012

Mr. David Valenstein
Supervisor Environmental Protection Specialist
Federal Railroad Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast
Washington, DC 20590

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Because travel by rail is safe, energy efficient, cost effective, and convenient, the state's long term intermodal system plan proposes investing in all transportation modes and acknowledges the need for adding new capital investments and expanding transit and rail options. Passenger rail offers great potential for meeting future travel needs, given current and future transportation challenges.

The state of Florida is the third-largest consumer of energy in the nation, and our demand for energy will increase by as much as 76 percent between now and 2030. The transportation sector accounts for nearly a third of U.S. energy consumption. Cars and light trucks account for 60% of U.S. energy consumption, domestic air carriers 7%, Class I freight railroads 2%, and commuter and intercity rail 0.2%. On the basis on energy consumed per passenger mile, passenger rail is estimated to use at least 15% less energy than the airlines and 21% less than the automobile.

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We support the All Aboard Florida initiative and recognize the net positive environmental benefits of this project.

Sincerely,

David A Hart

David A. Hart

Executive Vice President , Florida Chamber of Commerce

CC: Mark Wilson, President & CEO

Anthony Connelly, Chair, Florida Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

THE MIAMI-DADE BEACON COUNCIL



RESOLUTION OF THE BEACON COUNCIL IN SUPPORT THE PROPOSED "ALL ABOARD FLORIDA" PROVATELY OWNED, OPERATED AND MAINTAINED PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE BETWEEN DOWNTOWN MIAMI AND ORLANDO BEING DEVELOPED BY FLORIDA EAST COAST INDUSTRIES, INC.; FURTHER **ENCOURAGING FLORIDA EAST COAST INDUSTRIES** INC. TO SUPPORT A SEPARATE COMMUTER RAIL SERVICE WITH STATIONS AT HIGH DENSITY / HIGH COMMERCIAL INTENSITY AREAS ALONG THE ROUTE IN ORDER TO BETTER CONNECT DOWNTOWN MIAMI TO OTHER PARTS OF THE REGION; AND FURTHER URGING THE **FLORIDA** DEPARTMENT **OTHER TRANSPORTATION** AND **REGULATORY/FUNDING AGENCIES** TO SUPPORT THESE PROJECTS AS NECESSARY.

August 13, 2012

WHEREAS, South Florida has underutilized transit-oriented neighborhoods that feature the State's largest employment center, a growing high-density residential community, major cultural and entertainment destinations, and an existing premium transit infrastructure that includes three Metrorail stations, Metromover loops, and two major Metrobus terminals; and

WHEREAS, despite these facts, South Florida is not currently served directly by regional or intra-state passenger rail; and

WHEREAS, More than fifty million people travel between South and Central Florida annually, largely over highly congested highways; and

WHEREAS, Florida East Coast Industries, Inc. owners of the FEC corridor, has announced plans to develop privately owned, operated and maintained passenger rail service between Downtown Miami and Orlando, with additional stops at Ft. Lauderdale and West Palm Beach; and

WHEREAS, Florida East Coast Industries, Inc. has announced that approximately 6,000 direct jobs will be needed to construct the system and over 1,000 more jobs to operate and maintain it; new economic development opportunities also will be created for communities along the route; and

WHEREAS, The Beacon Council finds that this proposed service is consistent with the Beacon Council's mission to encourage economic development through the creation of jobs and new opportunities to diversify and grow the economy in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, The Beacon Council wishes to encourage Florida East Coast Industries, Inc. to support a separate commuter rail service with stations at high density / high commercial intensity areas along the route in order to better connect Downtown Miami to other parts of the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BEACON COUNCIL, that:

- <u>Section 1.</u> The Beacon Council supports the proposed "All Aboard Florida" privately owned, operated and maintained passenger rail service between Downtown Miami and Orlando being developed by Florida East Coast Industries, Inc.
- Section 2. The Beacon Council encourages Florida East Coast Industries, Inc. to support a separate rail service with stations at high density / high commercial intensity areas along the route in order to better connect Downtown Miami to other parts of the region.
- <u>Section 3.</u> The Beacon Council urges the Florida Department of Transportation and other regulatory / funding agencies to support these projects as necessary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The undersigned have executed this Resolution effective as of August 17, 2012.

THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BEACON COUNCIL

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Secretary

Alan Becker

Chair

Frank R. Nero

President & CEO



FEC All Aboard Florida to offer exciting train service from Miami to Orlando

The Miami Herald Editorial HeraldEd@MiamiHerald.com

As the PortMiami tunnel gets built to take trucks off Biscayne Boulevard and rail lines get spiffed up to bring port cargo to the Hialeah area for distribution centers north, there's an exciting new passenger rail project in the works that will add to downtown Miami's resurgence without weighing down our roadways with more cars.

All Aboard Florida, the proposed passenger rail service from Miami to Orlando, with stops in Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach, promises to add a new dimension to downtown Miami's vitality. Florida East Coast Industries, the company that began as Henry Flagler's railroad, has big plans to connect two major tourist destinations as early as 2014.

In an environmental report to federal regulators, the FEC details a 21st century station on nine acres in downtown Miami that eventually would include residential and office towers and a hotel, lots of shops and parking for about 1,000 cars. The elevated tracks would stop four stories high, connecting to rail lines on Northwest Eighth Street, an area now used mostly as a parking lot between Government Center and the Overtown Metrorail stations.

With the platform and a portion of the tracks built in the air there would be open access to busy local traffic going east-west without train interruptions, and it would offer an eye-popping view for arriving passengers who would travel on the FEC above the existing Metromover at Northwest Fifth Street.

Unlike previous fast-train proposals, this is a private, for-profit endeavor that won't require state or federal funding. The FEC trains wouldn't travel as fast as the high-speed rail proposal that Gov. Rick Scott turned down from the federal government two years ago, but the travel time — at three hours between Miami and Orlando — would remain competitive, attracting tourists and locals alike.

Amtrak already provides train travel between Miami and Orlando twice a day, but its frequent stops make the trip a five-hour adventure. FEC plans to offer hourly service and shave the travel time by two hours.

Drivers need not worry about getting bogged down at train stops. The FEC passenger cars should take less than a minute — 52 seconds, according to the FEC report — to clear street crossings. That's about what it takes to wait at a stoplight for the green.

There are steps to go to ensure the project gets the nod from regulators looking at environmental impacts, but, once approved, travelers can expect a topnotch experience, FEC officials told The Herald's Editorial Board recently.

Taken together with the Tri-Rail commuter rail service between Palm Beach to a metro stop near Hialeah, and the potential for sharing tracks with FEC to add more stops to Tri-Rail, South Florida is heading in the right direction.

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