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TO: Greg Stuart, Executive Director
Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization

FROM: Adrian Share, Executive Vice President, Rail Infrastructure

RE: Quiet zone improvements

DATE: Monday, April 9, 2018

Greg, Brightline is delayed with the installation of the remaining supplemental safety measures in Palm Beach County. Therefore, we expect our work in Broward County to be delayed by a few weeks.

The subcontractor responsible for the signal work has limited staffing resources. Currently, all resources are allocated toward finishing the work required to extend Brightline to downtown Miami. Our team is engaged with the subcontractor every day in an attempt to identify additional resources, so the supplemental safety work in Palm Beach and Broward counties can be prioritized.

Our current schedule shows the completion of supplemental safety measures in Palm Beach County in mid-May. After the work is completed in Palm Beach, we will mobilize our efforts in Broward. We expect the work to take approximately six to eight weeks. Construction of the supplemental safety measures should be completed in late June to early July.

We will keep the MPO updated on our construction activities.



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TO: Greg Stuart, Executive Director
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FROM: Adrian Share, Executive Vice President, Rail Infrastructure

RE: Quiet zone improvements

DATE: Wednesday, August 1, 2018

Greg, please be advised the construction of the quiet zones in Broward County is delayed by several months due to unforeseen engineering circumstances. Significant work has been completed, but larger gate houses, which are essential for the proper operation of the four-quadrant gates, need to be manufactured and delivered.

We are working closely with our signal subcontractor and contractor to ensure the work is completed in November. At that time, we will coordinate with the MPO so the Notice of Establishment can be submitted upon the completion of the construction.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions. We will provide the MPO with bi-monthly updates.

Thank you.



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TO: Greg Stuart, Executive Director
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FROM: Adrian Share, Executive Vice President, Rail Infrastructure

RE: Quiet zone improvements

DATE: Friday, January 18, 2019

Greg, I am pleased to write that despite an equipment shortage that created a delay, our team has implemented a recovery plan and now forecasts completion of the construction for the necessary supplemental safety measures for the quiet zone by February 15. Our team will continue to coordinate closely with the MPO staff in order to expedite the filing of the Notice of Establishment.

We would also like to encourage the Broward MPO team and cities along the corridor to start educating the public about the new condition. We are happy to work together as safety is also our top priority.



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TO: Greg Stuart, Executive Director
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FROM: Adrian Share, Executive Vice President, Rail Infrastructure

RE: Quiet zone improvements

DATE: Friday, February 22, 2019

Greg, we have been working closely with members of your staff as we finalize construction of the supplemental safety measures required for the quiet zone in Broward County.

We are still constructing the improvements at the final crossing in Broward County, Commercial Boulevard in the City of Oakland Park. The current schedule has us completing that work on Sunday, March 9.

There is an additional work stream that is currently underway that requires additional coordination. Our contractor has been installing the “no train horn” sign placards along the railroad right of way, which are placed on the masts of existing signs. During the installation, the contractor identified several areas where the necessary sign masts were either damaged or missing, leaving no place to install the quiet zone placard. We are working with Broward MPO staff to set up a call with Broward County, as the county is responsible for maintaining and replacing these signs. This call is scheduled to occur this week.

To conclude, we are working diligently on both workstreams. The only portion under Brightline’s control is the completion of the improvements at Commercial Boulevard, and we’ll continue to update the MPO on this work.

We would also like to encourage the Broward MPO team and cities along the corridor to continue educating the public about the upcoming quiet zone and the changes to what the public will see and hear at grade crossings. We are happy to work together as safety is also our top priority.



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TO: Greg Stuart, Executive Director
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FROM: Adrian Share, Executive Vice President, Rail Infrastructure

RE: Quiet zone improvements

DATE: Thursday, March 7, 2019

Greg, we have been working closely with members of your staff and Broward County as we finalize construction of the supplemental safety measures required for the quiet zone in Broward County.

Broward County staff reported to us they will expect to have the remaining signage installed by March 29. Our installation schedule aligns with this date, as we anticipate completing the work at Commercial by March 31.

We will keep you updated if the timeline changes.



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TO: Greg Stuart, Executive Director
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FROM: Adrian Share, Executive Vice President, Rail Infrastructure

RE: Quiet zone improvements

DATE: Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Greg, please be advised we have completed construction of the supplemental safety measures required for the implementation of the quiet zone in Broward County.

We delivered the "No Train Horn" placards to Broward County, and it is our understanding that Broward County is coordinating with FDOT on the installation of roadway signage advising motorists of the quiet zone.

Quiet zones are quality of life improvements that can only be applied for by the cities or counties with jurisdiction over the adjacent roadway. As you know, Brightline has engaged in an aggressive safety outreach campaign over the past few years. Now is the time for cities and the county to start educating their residents and stakeholders on what the quiet zone will mean when implemented. We reemphasize our commitment to being your partner and educating the communities about rail safety.

Please keep us updated on the filing of the Notice of Establishment and expected date of the implementation of the quiet zone. We will coordinate with the Florida East Coast Railway. Thank you.



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Brightline Continues PTC Field Integration Testing

MIAMI, FL. (March 25, 2020) – Brightline is upgrading its existing corridor from Miami to West Palm Beach, conducting positive train control (PTC) field integration testing and implementing signalization updates along the rail corridor and at crossings. Brightline has completed all installation of infrastructure, including hardware and updated communication lines, and continues field testing on the 70-mile track between Miami and West Palm Beach. Brightline expects to operate in PTC revenue service demonstration (RSD) from Miami to West Palm Beach by third-quarter 2020 and is on track to meet the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) deadline of December 31, 2020.

Brightline has a full-time team in place overseeing PTC work, who came to Brightline from the freight industry, where they were responsible for implementing PTC on over 3000 miles of Class 1 railroad. The Brightline Public Affairs team continues to monitor community questions and concerns and provide timely updates to elected officials, community leaders, members of the news media and residents.

PTC work requires that trains be present along the corridor and that horns sound during off hours, including overnight. The following information, also available on the [Brightline website](#), provides detailed locations and times for PTC work along the corridor.

Broward County

Ft. Lauderdale

Locations between Milepost 344-346

Continuous testing, 11 p.m. to 11 a.m., Thursday night, March 26 through Sunday morning, March 29. Testing will include flaggers at crossings and horn sounding, including in quiet zones.

Locations include:

Griffin Rd.
Old Griffin Rd.
NW 1st St.

Broward County

Ft. Lauderdale

Locations between Milepost 341-346

Continuous testing, 11 p.m. to 11 a.m., Friday night, April 3 through Monday morning, April 6. Testing will include flaggers at crossings and horn sounding, including in quiet zones.

Locations include:

Broward St.

SW 2nd St.

River Walk Ped.

SW 5th St.

SW 6th St.

SW 7th St.

SW 9th St.

Davie Blvd.

SW 15th St.

SW 17th St.

SW 22nd St.

SW 24th St.

Griffin Rd.

Old Griffin Rd.

NW 1st St.

About Brightline

Brightline is the first privately funded passenger rail system in America in over a century. Brightline is designed to reinvent travel and take cars off the road by connecting city pairs and congested corridors that are too close to fly and too long to drive. Providing fast, efficient, hospitality-driven transportation featuring the latest in customer-friendly amenities, Brightline currently operates in Florida between Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach, with plans to expand to Orlando, Boca Raton, Aventura and PortMiami. The company is also on track to break ground between Las Vegas and Southern California in 2020.

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December 10, 2018

Dear Residents of Broward County:

In the next few weeks, the City of Hollywood will send a new Notice of Establishment on behalf of the cities along the Florida East Coast (FEC) corridor with a new start date for the quiet zone. We have waited years for the quiet zone, and we have never been closer to establishing it than we are now. The quiet zone is coming, and it's coming soon.

By creating the longest single quiet zone in the country, we have also come across an equally long list of challenges. As you are aware, there have been several delays in establishing the quiet zone. The reasons for delays have been a combination of construction delays and technical challenges. Our partners at Brightline recognize the delay in the quiet zone is affecting the quality of life for our residents.

The Broward MPO is working with Brightline to bring the quiet zone online as quickly, efficiently, and safely as possible. As new, definitive information come available to us, we will post the information on the Broward MPO website. If you have additional questions/concerns, please contact me at calvaresip@browardmpo.org or (954) 876-0037.

Sincerely,

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