

RESOLUTION REQUESTING RE-ROUTING OF ALL ABOARD FLORIDA TO AVOID ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND QUALITY OF LIFE IMPACTS TO BUSINESSES, BOATERS, RESIDENTS, VISITORS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

WHEREAS The Guardians of Martin County acknowledges the efforts of All Aboard Florida to construct a high-speed rail passenger system from Miami to Orlando along existing Florida East Coast Railway ("FEC") tracks ("All Aboard Florida") and

WHEREAS The Guardians of Martin County supports increased availability of rail service to provide affordable, safe and efficient transportation within the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS All Aboard Florida will increase railroad traffic and noise throughout the Treasure Coast; and

WHEREAS All Aboard Florida will cause delays and obstructions for vehicular traffic as well as delays and navigational risks for marine traffic; and

WHEREAS thousands of people work or reside in close proximity to the FEC tracks; and

WHEREAS existing CSX tracks are in place and available westerly of the FEC tracks which could be utilized by All Aboard Florida to provide high-speed rail service from Miami to Orlando without creating serious negative impacts on local communities along the eastern coast; and

WHEREAS All Aboard Florida poses a serious threat to the economic health of communities which will be impacted by the current route without any benefits to those communities; and

WHEREAS the increase in trains moving through our communities poses threats of air and noise pollution as well as interruption of vehicular and marine traffic as they move through the downtown districts of our communities; and

WHEREAS federal and state courthouses, post offices, banks, and offices that operate in the downtown districts will be adversely impacted by the present All Aboard Florida route; and

WHEREAS local businesses and tourism will be adversely impacted by the present All Aboard Florida route near the Indian River Lagoon and St. Lucie Estuary; and

WHEREAS the quality of life for residents who now enjoy relative freedom from noise pollution and traffic problems will be adversely impacted by the present All Aboard Florida route; and

WHEREAS an alternate route using the CSX tracks will avoid most of the negative impacts to businesses, residents, and local governments on the Treasure Coast; and

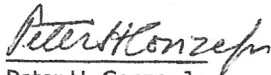
WHEREAS the cost of providing "quiet zones" will be dramatically reduced by using the CSX tracks.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The Board of The Guardians of Martin County oppose ALL ABOARD FLORIDA. The Guardians call upon elected leaders to protect Martin County from the disruption, potential danger and devastating impact to the local economy that AAF poses.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that The Guardians of Martin County requests and encourages the owners and operators of All Aboard Florida, the owners of the FEC and CSX tracks, our local, state, and federal representatives to

1. Require All Aboard Florida to re-design its route to use existing tracks west of the FEC tracks or, if necessary, to install new tracks to avoid populated areas where no train stations are to be constructed; and
2. Require All Aboard Florida to ensure that scheduled train service does not disrupt boating and marine traffic by limiting the lowering of railroad bridges over any navigable water body to no more than 15 minutes per hour during daylight hours; and
3. Require All Aboard Florida to protect all businesses, residents, and visitors in our communities from noise pollution by requiring All Aboard Florida to pay to construct and maintain "quiet zones" for all crossings within the boundaries of any municipality.

RESOLVED this 13th day of April, 2014.



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The Guardians of Martin County