



# CITY OF PALM BEACH GARDENS

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November 20, 2014

Mr. Michael Lefevre, Operations Planner  
All Aboard Florida  
2855 Le Jeune Road, 4th Floor  
Coral Gables, FL 33134

Dear Mr. Lefevre:

**Subject: All Aboard Florida**

As Florida East Coast Industries' All Aboard Florida project moves forward, questions remain on how the project will be implemented and the specific impacts it will have on the City of Palm Beach Gardens. Although All Aboard Florida has conducted an intense public outreach campaign on the project as a whole, questions remain on the exact details exclusive to the City.

The City Council and I, along with City Staff, are requesting from All Aboard Florida written responses to the following questions and concerns:

- Will plans include pedestrian crossings (especially for the crossings at Lighthouse Drive/A1A and Burns Road/A1A due to children crossing for school)?
- Will crossings be compliant with ADA Standards?
- Will any crossings have overhead / over-the- road crossings?
- What will be done to mitigate the possible delays in response times for First Responders?
- What are the differences between a 'Sealed Corridor' and a 'Quiet Zone' in liability, cost, maintenance, and noise expectations?
- Please confirm the speed that the trains will be traveling through the City of Palm Beach Gardens.
- Which entity (All Aboard Florida, Florida East Coast Industries, and/or the City of Palm Beach Gardens) is financially responsible for the improvements necessary to create the 'Sealed Corridor'?
- Which entity (All Aboard Florida, Florida East Coast Industries, and/or the City of Palm Beach Gardens) will be financially responsible for the future maintenance of the grade crossings?
- How will the new track(s) affect the ditch area on the west side of the track (beginning at C-18 canal to just north of RCA Boulevard)?
- Will the new tracks eliminate all of the vegetation on the west side of the track that is currently helping to mitigate noise issues for nearby residents and businesses (beginning at C-18 canal to Donald Ross Road)?

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- Will the project plans include proposed traffic and pavement markings?
- Will the signal devices and gates installed be of a standard design approved by the City Engineer?
- When will the City of Palm Beach Gardens receive the 90% and the 100% / final drawings?
- What is the current status of the funding of the project?
- Does All Aboard Florida still intend to seek publicly guaranteed loans? If so, how much?
- Does the revised method of payment remove the need for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)?
- In regards to the crossing agreement, what is considered to be “necessary and reasonable capital investments” to which All Aboard Florida is committing?
- Are there future plans to connect the All Aboard Florida project with Tri-Rail services in the City of Palm Beach Gardens?
- What is the anticipated amount of freight train volume projected daily and hourly?

As the Operations Planner for All Aboard Florida, it is the City’s hope that you, or the appropriate party, will address these questions and concerns in writing so that all parties have a mutual understanding of key issues that impact the City’s residents and businesses.

The City thanks you in advance for your responses.

Sincerely,



Robert G. Premuroso  
Mayor

cc: City Council  
Mr. Ronald M. Ferris, City Manager  
Mr. John Winkle, Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)  
Mr. Michael Busha, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council  
Mr. Nick Uhren, Palm Beach MPO