

*****ADD-ON*****

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER 5E

Approval RE: Brevard Rail Safety - Grant Opportunity

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Strategic Plan Emphasis Area: Safety

DISCUSSION

Initial discussions have begun with stakeholders to begin early coordination to apply for a discretionary grant from the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). Through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), several grant opportunities are expected in the coming months.

Brightline has installed all the required safety improvements through their construction phase for the intercity passenger rail. Additional improvements were awarded through a RAISE grant that include signage, delineators and other supplemental safety measures that would improve safety along the Florida East Coast Rail Corridor including Brevard County. Construction of these improvements are forthcoming.

Through a potential new grant opportunity, additional safety improvements will be evaluated at 10 crossing locations in Brevard County. In order to be prepared and ready to submit for this or any other future grant opportunities, it is being requested that the SCTPO Executive Director be granted authorization to utilize consultant services via work orders for grant development support and be authorized to execute all documentation related to grant submission and award of such that would provide additional supplemental safety improvements along the FEC Rail corridor.

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize SCTPO Executive Director to execute consultant Work Orders for grant development and submission support and all subsequent documentation regarding Discretionary Grant Submissions and Award related to rail safety.

ATTACHMENTS

- None