

# **bright**line



# Boca Raton & Aventura: Coming December 21





## Brightline: Safety is our top priority

- Trespassing and motor vehicle incidents on active railroad tracks is a nationwide problem
- Broward and Palm Beach Counties are in the top 10 counties for railroad fatalities
- The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) governs the operations of FEC Railway and Brightline
- More than \$100 million has been invested in upgrading the Brightline/ FEC Railway
- Brightline continues to evaluate and research innovative and compliant ways to enhance safety and reduce incidents
- BUT... we cannot do it alone. Safety is a community effort.



# Safety & Security

# **Engineering**





CRISI/RAISE

**FECR Coordination** 

Channelization

Safety Signage

#### **Enforcement**





FRA Grants

**Directed Patrols** 

**LEO Training** 

Security Managers

#### **Education**





First Responders

Community Engagement

Tri-Lingual PSAs



## **Engineering**

- 2017 CRISI Grant
  - Total investment: \$5.4m
  - \$2.3m award by federal government; \$1.4m BL investment, \$564,000 Palm Beach TPA investment and \$1.12m local partner investment
  - 48 grade crossings in tri-county area upgrades; 14 crossings in Palm Beach County
  - Scope: Center-line delineators, channelization devices, exit gates, active message signs, and lane edge markings
  - Expected completion January 2023
- 2021 Channelization Pilot Project
  - Total investment: \$1m funded by Brightline
  - Scope: 10 miles in southern Palm Beach County received installation of fencing and landscaping to deter trespassers, including installation of 3,000 native trees and shrubs



## **Engineering**

- 2022 RAISE Grant
  - Total investment: \$45m
  - \$25m award by federal government; \$10m FDOT and \$10m Brightline investment
  - Scope: Improvements to 328 roadway-railroad grade crossings and installing 33 miles of pedestrian protection channelization features in seven counties. Improvements include: Rail dynamic envelopes, delineators, raised pavement markers and edge striping, fencing and/or landscaping and signage
  - Expected start date 2023
- 2022 CRISI Grant Application (recent submittal)
  - Total investment: \$2.06m
  - \$1.648m request from FRA; \$206,000 Brightline investment and \$206,000 Wi-Tronix investment
  - Scope: Provide real-time computer-driven analysis and data aggregation of trespass activity along the rail corridor; locations of events will be compiled into heat maps of trespassing and potential collision events

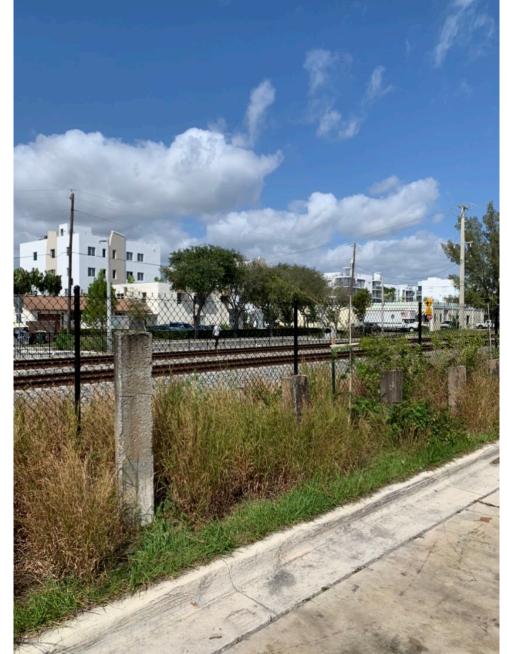












#### **Enforcement**

- FRA grants
- Ongoing partnerships with all law enforcement organizations (LEO)
- Rail Safety Week 2022 launched first ever tricounty enforcement effort
  - Issued 2,100+ citations
- Palm Beach Sheriff's Office
  - Initial push in Lake Worth Beach after series of incidents
  - Continued enforcement
- Broward Sheriff's Office
  - Launched "Operation Crossing Guard" in June
  - 2-week enforcement effort in partnership with city PDs in Broward County
  - Issued more than 2,000 citations, 500 were rail-related

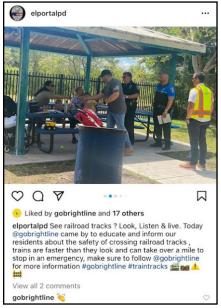








#### **Enforcement: Outreach and Education**





education, traffic safety, and public awareness regarding

train track safety within the Village





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@gobrightline to help raise awareness to residents and





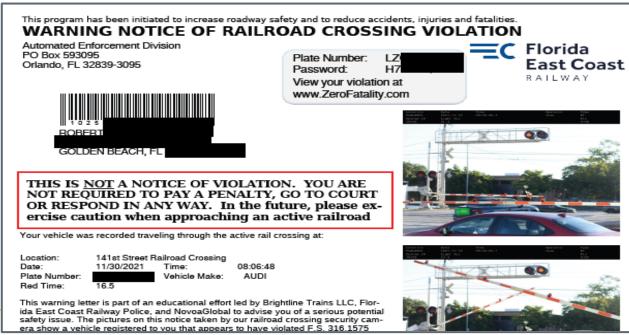


## **Enforcement: Red Light Camera Projects**



#### **RLC Data Leveraged to Further Engage Police**

- 7100+ warnings issued since the launch in December 2021
- 6 cameras deployed through South Florida
- Sharing data with local PDs led to several departments deploying decoy vehicles, messaging boards, and safety patrols





#### **Education**

- 2021 and 2022 Operation Lifesaver Grants
- BuzzBoxx more than 75 activations throughout South Florida
- 211 partnerships
- Waze app railroad crossing integration
- New Brightline safety website launched
- PSA campaign to launch in early 2023
- Tri-lingual rail safety materials
- Partnerships with school districts
- Media interviews and campaigns
- Partner initiatives City of West Palm Beach









## How can **YOU** help?

- Prioritize safety and change the way people think about behavior near railroad tracks
- Support Brightline grant applications OR work with us on city or county specific ones
- Engage with FRA Office of Research on innovative ideas/approaches
- Share safety materials and work with local law enforcement on outreach and education
- Make improvements to public roadways
  - Dynamic envelopes
  - Delineators
  - Medians
- Review crossings to determine potential for grade crossing separation or closure



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