



The Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations

CFLCA Board of Directors Resolution regarding New River Crossing/Increase in Commuter Train Traffic Concerns

At a duly held meeting of the Board of Directors of the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations (CFLCA) held on May 23rd 2022 at 5:30pm via Zoom, at which a quorum was present, after lengthy discussion, a motion was made to create the following resolution:

Whereas:

An elevated 56 foot or 80-foot platform elevated track would socially divide the future downtown into two sections.

Whereas:

Much has been accomplished over the past several years to revitalize and reconnect the Sistrunk Community to the city, an elevated track would once again separate Sistrunk Boulevard, the primary street in the city's historic black community, from downtown and the adjacent Flagler Village Community.

Whereas:

The elevated track and tunnel both have monetary costs to construct but the elevated track is the only option with a social and economic cost to the citizens.

Whereas:

Operations on a platform bridge will cause substantial noise created by dozens of trains making daily and nightly trips disturbing and troubling all downtown residential and workforce residents.

Whereas:

The current costs of tunnel are large but new technology now and, in the future, would lower those costs.

Whereas:

Payment of a tunnel could come from several sources both Federal and State and not only the city or county.

Resolved:

The Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations Board of Directors believes a tunnel should be the preferred option for the New River Crossing. A tunnel will have the least negative impact on our neighborhoods. A tunnel will not disrupt the continued development of our downtown as a vibrant place to live work and visit. We will continue to educate and advise our members on increased commuter train traffic concerns throughout the city.

Signed:

Mary Peloquin
President, CFLCA
June 14, 2022