



All Aboard Florida (AAF) Intercity Passenger Rail Project: Request for Federal Financing

PROJECT FACTS

Project Lead: Florida East Coast Industries, Inc. (FECI)

Financing Request: FECI submitted an application to the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing (RRIF) Program.

Route: 235 mile corridor, spanning from Miami to Orlando Airport (MCO)

- **Phase I** – Miami to West Palm Beach; 66.5 miles of existing track (see red on map); Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) issued January 30, 2013.
- **Phase II** – West Palm Beach to MCO; 128.5 miles of existing track (see blue), which connects to a 40-mile, east-westerly extension of new track between Cocoa and MCO (see green). *The recently released Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) covers Phase II.*

Speed:

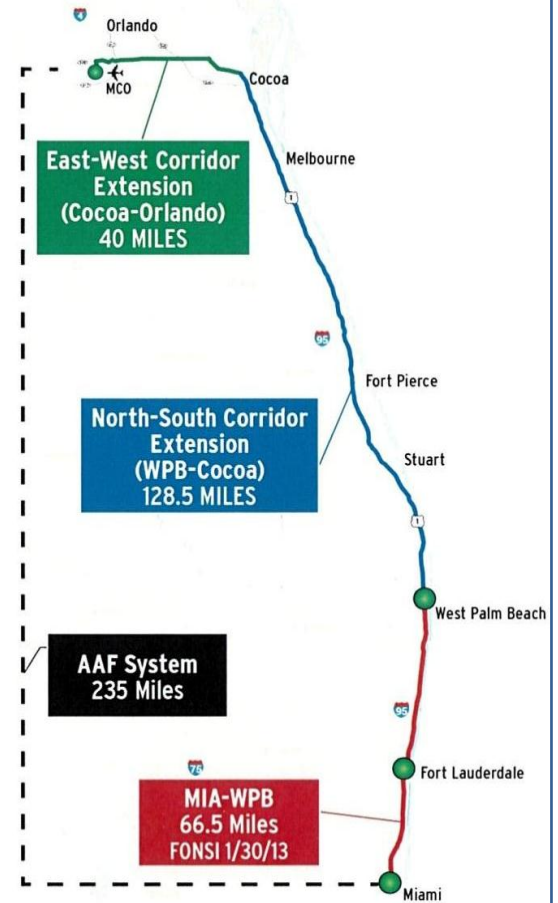
- South of West Palm Beach, average 60 mph up to 79 mph
- North of West Palm Beach, up to 110 mph
- Between Cocoa and Orlando, as high as 125 mph

Number of Passenger Trains: 32 a day; 16 in each direction

Approximate Travel Times:

- 3 hours between Miami and MCO
- 2 hours, 20 minutes between Fort Lauderdale and MCO
- 1 hour, 45 minutes between West Palm Beach and MCO

Capacity: Each 9-car train (seven single-level coaches with a locomotive on each end) is capable of handling 400 passengers.



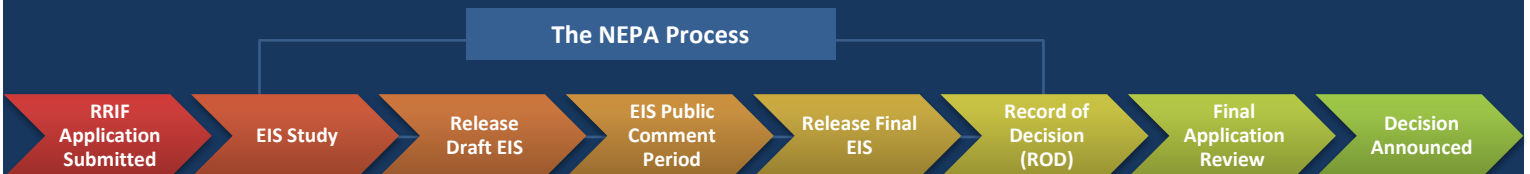
RRIF Program: Background

- The RRIF Program was established to provide up to \$35 billion in direct loans and loan guarantees to finance railroad infrastructure.
- To date, FRA has issued 33 RRIF loans totaling \$1.7 billion in obligated funds.
- Out of the 33 loans, 82 percent (or 27 loans) has been for Class II and Class III railroads.
- FRA gives priority to projects that provide public benefits such as improving public safety, enhancing the environment, and promoting economic development.

Status of RRIF Loan Application Review and Publication of EIS

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance is a prerequisite to approval for a RRIF loan.

The NEPA Process



FRA has published the Draft EIS in the *Federal Register* and will hold eight public meetings during the course a 75-day public comment period. These public meetings, focused on educating Florida residents on the AAF Project EIS, will be held in the following cities: Miami, Oct. 27th; Fort Lauderdale, Oct. 28th; West Palm Beach, Oct. 29th; Stuart, Oct. 30th; Vero Beach, Nov. 5th; Port St. Lucie, Nov. 6th; Cocoa, Nov. 12th; Orlando, Nov. 13th.

To learn more about the FRA RRIF Program, please visit our website at www.fra.dot.gov/Page/PO128.