

BRIGHTLINE TO BEGIN HIGH SPEED TESTING AT 110 MPH THROUGH PALM BEACH COUNTY

Residents should follow the law around active railroad tracks and stay off the tracks

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MIAMI, Fla. (January 27, 2023) – Brightline will begin testing trains at 110 miles-per-hour, in northern Palm Beach County as soon as Saturday, February 11. This phase of Brightline testing will occur throughout February and March. The testing will take place in Palm Beach County including Jupiter, Palm Beach Gardens, North Palm Beach, Lake Park, Riviera Beach and West Palm Beach. Testing will take place daily between 7AM and 4PM. Flaggers will be present at railroad crossings when there is ACTIVE testing taking place in the area.

Residents should be alert and follow the law around active railroad tracks and railroad crossings. Testing is expected to bring additional wait times at railroad crossings.

Brightline has made crucial safety improvements at all 156 railroad crossings along the corridor. All safety improvements have been installed at crossings in the testing areas. Those improvements vary per crossing, but may include new crossing gates, signal systems, pedestrian gates, pavement markings and roadway profiles. Where trains will operate at speeds over 79 mph, crossings have quad gates or medians to prevent motorists from driving around lowered crossing gates.

RAILROAD CROSSINGS - PALM BEACH COUNTY

- Center St. (SR A1A)
- Indiantown Rd. (SR 706)
- Toney Penna Dr.
- Frederick Small Rd.
- Donald Ross Rd.
- Hood Rd.
- Kyoto Gardens Dr.
- RCA Blvd.
- Burns Rd.
- Lighthouse Dr.
- Richard Rd.
- North Lake Blvd. (SR 809)
- Park Ave.
- Silver Beach Rd.
- Blue Heron Blvd. (SR 708)
- Flagler St. (West 13th St.)
- Inlet Blvd./MLK Jr. Blvd. (SR 710)
- 49th St.

- 45th St. (CR 702)
- 36th St.
- 30th St.
- 25th St.
- 23rd St.
- 15th St.

Important Safety Reminders:

- Residents should be alert and follow the law around active railroad tracks and railroad crossings.
- Drivers, pedestrians and cyclists should be aware that rail traffic will run on BOTH tracks in BOTH directions.
- Stay off the tracks and never go around crossing gates.
- Only cross the railroad at designated crossings.
- Never stop on the tracks.
- Failure to follow the law could result in fines, points on your license or loss of life.

Brightline began high speed testing at 110 mph in the fall of 2022 through Martin and St. Lucie Counties. The testing is in preparation for opening to Orlando in 2023 and will continue in phases along the 129-mile rail corridor between West Palm Beach and Cocoa.

Brightline is working closely with community partners, government agencies and news media to spread the word and highlight rail safety via multiple channels including on social media and with public service announcements.

The public is encouraged to help spread the message of rail safety with Brightline's safety materials:

- **Download Brightline safety messages** to share on your social media channels.
- **<u>Visit Brightline's new safety website</u>** and take the virtual safety pledge today.
- Share Brightline's 110 mph testing video.

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About Brightline

Brightline is the only provider of modern, eco-friendly, intercity rail in America. The company currently serves Miami, Aventura, Fort Lauderdale, Boca Raton and West Palm Beach with its Orlando station beginning service in 2023. Brightline was recognized by Fast Company as one of the Most Innovative Companies in travel, offering a guest-first experience designed to reinvent train travel and take cars off the road. Brightline plans to bring its award-winning service to additional city pairs and congested

corridors across the country that are too close to fly and too long to drive, with immediate plans to connect Las Vegas to Southern California. For more information, visit<u>www.gobrightline.com</u> and follow us on<u>Facebook, Instagram</u>, and<u>Twitter</u>.