

LEGISLATIVE FACT SHEET

DATE: 02/05/26

BT or RC No: _____
(Administration & City Council Bills)

SPONSOR: Public Works
(Department/Division/Agency/Council Member)

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PURPOSE: White Paper (Explain Why this legislation is necessary? Provide; Who, What, When, Where, How and the Impact.) Council Research will complete this form for Council introduced legislation and the Administration is responsible for all other legislation. (Minimum of 350 words - Maximum of 1 page.)

The City of Jacksonville is in the process of constructing the Cecil Mega Site Rail Spur project. The new rail spur will cross a park access road, Otis Road, which will require the establishment of a public railroad-highway grade crossing. Pursuant to FS 14-57.012, the City must close at least one existing grade crossing to offset the opening of a new one. An abandoned crossing at 8th Street East was identified as a candidate for closure and pursued as part of this process. The Stipulation of Parties (SOP) was drafted by FDOT with input from the City and the owner of the rail crossing identified for closure, Norfolk Southern. The SOP outlines the conditions and requirements associated with the closure of the 8th Street crossing and the opening of the Otis Road crossing. The City must enter this agreement and complete the stipulated work in order to legally establish the at-grade crossing needed at the City's new rail spur. The costs associated with these requirements will be paid out of the Cecil Mega Site Rail Spur project account. A rough preliminary estimate is \$1,000,000 and will be refined as design of the Otis Road crossing protection infrastructure progresses.

APPROPRIATION: Total Amount Appropriated: \$0.00 as follows:

List the source name and provide Object and Subobject Numbers for each category listed below:

(Name of Fund as it will appear in title of legislation)

Name of Federal Funding Source(s):	From: _____	Amount: _____
	To: _____	Amount: _____
Name of State Funding Source(s):	From: _____	Amount: _____
	To: _____	Amount: _____
Name of City of Jacksonville Funding Source(s):	From: _____	Amount: _____
	To: _____	Amount: _____
Name of In-Kind Contribution(s):	From: _____	Amount: _____
	To: _____	Amount: _____
Name & Number of Bond Account(s):	From: _____	Amount: _____
	To: _____	Amount: _____

PLAIN LANGUAGE OF APPROPRIATION / FINANCIAL IMPACT / OTHER:

Explain: Where are the funds coming from, going to, how will the funds be used? Does the funding require a match? Is the funding for a specific time frame? Will there be an ongoing maintenance? ... and staffing obligation? Per Chapters 122 & 106 regarding funding of anticipated post-construction operation costs.

(Minimum of 350 words - Maximum of 1 page.)

ACTION ITEMS: Purpose / Check List. If "Yes" please provide detail by attaching justification, and code provisions for each.

ACTION ITEMS:

	Yes	No	
Emergency?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Justification of Emergency: If yes, explanation must include detailed nature of emergency. <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>
Federal or State Mandate?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Explanation: If yes, explanation must include detailed nature of mandate including Statute or Provision. Pursuant to FS 14-57.012, the City must close at least one existing grade crossing to offset the opening of a new one. An abandoned crossing at 8th Street East was identified as a candidate for closure and pursued as part of this process.
Fiscal Year Carryover?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Note: If yes, note must include explanation of all-year subfund carryover language. <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>
CIP Amendment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Attachment: If yes, attach appropriate CIP form(s). Include justification for mid-year amendment.
Contract / Agreement Approval?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Attachment & Explanation: If yes, attach the Contract / Agreement and name of Department (and contact name) that will provide oversight. Indicate if negotiations are on-going and with whom. Has OGC reviewed / drafted? Public Works will provide oversight. <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>
Related RC/BT?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Attachment: If yes, attach appropriate RC/BT form(s).
Waiver of Code?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Code Reference: If yes, identify code section(s) in box below and provide detailed explanation (including impacts) within white paper. <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>
Code Exception?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Code Reference: If yes, identify code in box below and provide detailed explanation (including impacts) within white paper. <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>
Related Enacted Ordinances?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Code Reference: If yes, identify related code section(s) and ordinance reference number in the box below and provide detailed explanation and any changes necessary within white paper. <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED: Purpose / Check List. If "Yes" please provide detail by attaching justification, and code provisions for each.

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	Yes	No	
Continuation of Grant?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Explanation: How will the funds be used? Does the funding require a match? Is the funding for a specific time frame and/or multi-year? If multi-year, note year of grant? Are there long-term implications for the General Fund? <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"></div>
Surplus Property Certification?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Attachment: If yes, attach appropriate form(s).
Reporting Requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Explanation: List agencies (including City Council / Auditor) to receive reports and frequency of reports, including when reports are due. Provide Department (include contact name and telephone number) responsible for generating reports. <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"></div>

BUSINESS IMPACT ESTIMATE

Pursuant to Section 166.041(4), F.S., the City is required to prepare a Business Impact Estimate for ordinances that are NOT exempt from this requirement.

A list of ordinance exemptions are provided below. Please check all exemption boxes that apply to this ordinance. If an exemption is applicable, a Business Impact Estimate IS NOT required.

- The proposed ordinance is required for compliance with Federal or State law or regulation;
- The proposed ordinance relates to the issuance or refinancing of debt;
- The proposed ordinance relates to the adoption of budgets or budget amendments, including revenue sources necessary to fund the budget;
- The proposed ordinance is required to implement a contract or an agreement, including, but not limited to, any Federal, State, local, or private grant or other financial assistance accepted by the municipal government;
- The proposed ordinance is an emergency ordinance;
- The ordinance relates to procurement;
- The proposed ordinance is enacted to implement any of the following:
 - a. Part II of Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, relating to growth policy, county and municipal planning, and land development regulation, including zoning, development orders, development agreements and development permits;
 - b. Sections 190.005 and 190.046, Florida Statutes, regarding community development districts;
 - c. Section 553.73, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Building Code;
 - d. Section 633.202, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

If none of the boxes above are checked, then a Business Impact Estimate **IS REQUIRED** to be prepared by the using agency/office/department and submitted in the MBRC filing packet along with the memorandum request, legislative fact sheet, etc. A Business Impact Estimate form can be found at:

<https://www.coj.net/departments/finance/budget/mayor-s-budget-review-committee>

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Prepared By: [Signature]
(signature)

Date: 2-5-2026
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Legislation from Independent Agencies requires a resolution from the Independent Agency Board approving the legislation.

Independent Agency Action Item: Yes No
Boards Action / Resolution? Attachment: If yes, attach appropriate documentation. If no, when is board action scheduled?

FACT SHEET IS REQUIRED BEFORE LEGISLATION IS INTRODUCED