

From: "Soule, Ali" <ali.soule@allaboardflorida.com>
Date: January 5, 2015 at 10:05:52 AM EST
To: Steve Stahl <stevemrtna@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: FW: FEC Railroad concern

No worries! 😊

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From: Steve Stahl [<mailto:stevemrtna@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 05, 2015 10:05 AM
To: Soule, Ali
Subject: Re: FW: FEC Railroad concern

Ms. Soule,

Sorry, I grew up in Louisville, KY and every time I see the name Ali, I think of the Champ Boxer, Muhammad Ali.



On Mon, Jan 5, 2015 at 9:50 AM, Soule, Ali <ali.soule@allaboardflorida.com> wrote:
FYI I am a "Ms." Soule. Thanks.

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From: Steve Stahl [<mailto:stevemrtna@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 05, 2015 9:50 AM

To: Soule, Ali
Subject: Re: FW: FEC Railroad concern

Hi Mr. Soule,

THANKS !



On Mon, Jan 5, 2015 at 9:45 AM, Soule, Ali <ali.soule@allaboardflorida.com> wrote:

Good morning. In response to your question, there will be no height change to the bridge. However, the existing spacing between piers is 12' and the new spacing will be 24'.

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From: Steve Stahl [mailto:stevemrtna@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, December 23, 2014 8:21 AM

To: Soule, Ali

Subject: Re: FW: FEC Railroad concern

Mr. Soule,

Thanks,

Just let me know when you can....



On Tue, Dec 23, 2014 at 7:08 AM, Soule, Ali <ali.soule@allaboardflorida.com> wrote:

I will check with the team and let you know. However, most people are on vacation, so it may be after the holiday.

Best, Ali (Ms. Soule)

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From: Steve Stahl [mailto:stevemrtna@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, December 21, 2014 4:20 PM

To: Soule, Ali

Subject: Re: FW: FEC Railroad concern

Mr. Soule,

Thanks again for your reply concerning the railroad bridge. When I replied to our neighbors, another concern was brought up.

There are several boat owners that now can barely get underneath the bridge at high tide. Will there be any height change to the bridge? Will it be easier to cross between the new style 7 sets of pilings?

Let me know.....

Thanks,



Secretary, Middle River Terrace Neighborhood Association

On Mon, Dec 15, 2014 at 5:05 PM, Soule, Ali <ali.soule@allaboardflorida.com> wrote:

Good afternoon, Mr. Stahl. In response to your question, All Aboard Florida and the Florida East Coast Railway will be operating on shared track infrastructure, so the improvements that we are making to the track may reduce noise from freight trains.

Additionally, the existing 55-year old steel and timber bridge, as well as the adjacent bridge-remnant, will be removed in their entirety. Twin, parallel replacement bridges will be constructed, consisting of concrete piles and concrete beams. The span lengths will double so there will only be 7 piers in the water instead of the existing 15. The existing bridge uses a direct connection between the timber ties and the steel girders, whereas the new structure will carry the tracks using ballast rock as a buffer between the concrete bridge beams and the rails. This should greatly reduce vibrations and will similarly reduce noise.

Best, Ali

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From: [steve stahl](#)

Sent: Wednesday, December 3, 2014 11:28 AM

To: [Christopher Ryan](#)

Hi Mr. Ryan,

A member of the Middle River Terrace Neighborhood has asked us to investigate the problems listed below. Is there anyone at the MPO that can address these issues, or can you refer me to the entity that can? The only information that I gave him was that the tracks were supposed to be welded together to reduce noise, is that correct?

"Do you know if any track improvements specific to the freight trains will be made anywhere in quiet zones to reduce noise and vibration impacts? I ask this because I live immediately west of the bridge over the south fork of the Middle River in a 2-story "U" shaped condo complex with the open side of the courtyard facing the track. The unique circumstances here due to the tracks being elevated conspire to amplify the noise as it crosses the surface of the water and then ricochets back and forth in our courtyard. The only effective mitigation I can

envision would be an enclosed covered bridge at this location and new smooth tracks like those the commuter train will have. I'm surprised since the Colohatchee Park wildlife preserve is immediately east of the tracks and the river is a manatee zone at this location there are no sound (and perhaps vibration) mitigation measures with respect to the freight train track since the number of trains is projected to double."

"In addition, are you aware of any mitigation funds available for river bank stabilization either related to the bridge construction (or otherwise)? We are experiencing some sinking and erosion and fear additional vibration from sinking pilings for the new commuter bridge and related construction activities may make the situation worse due to the very close proximity."

Thanks!

Secretary, Middle River Terrace Neighborhood Association

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From: Steve Stahl <stevemrtna@gmail.com>
Date: January 14, 2015 at 10:09:54 AM EST
To: "Phillips, Debra N. (FECR.GPRK)" <Debra.Phillips@fecrwy.com>
Subject: Re: Bridges

Hi Ms. Phillips,

The remnant bridge is the one that has the most damaged piling, but the actual bridge being crossed by FEC trains next to it has strike marks and obvious deterioration (rot). Can the bridge being used be inspected or can you give us a copy of the last inspection report?

Thanks,



On Wed, Jan 14, 2015 at 9:38 AM, Phillips, Debra N. (FECR.GPRK) <Debra.Phillips@fecrwy.com> wrote:

This bridge is currently not in use for train traffic, is inspected on a routine basis and will be repaired and put back in service with the AAF completion. AAF can give you more information regarding when this is scheduled.

*Best regards,
Debra Phillips
Florida East Coast Railway
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