



VILLAGE OF TEQUESTA

March 14, 2015

Mr. Robert Ledoux
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Dear Mr. Ledoux:

Thank you for your rapid response to my letter concerning the serious incident that occurred in the Village of Tequesta on March 7, 2015 when the lowering/raising mechanism on the Loxahatchee River bascule bridge malfunctioned and caused a southbound Florida East Coast Railway (FECR) freight train to block all three grade crossings leading to the east. Your phone call to me, just minutes after receipt of the letter, clearly demonstrated the intent of FECR to implement a new set of policy and procedures designed to mitigate the threat to public safety should future breakdowns occur at the bridge.

Although it is apparent that the 90 year-old Loxahatchee River bridge is in dire need of replacement or, at the very least, total restoration, the FECR procedures outlined in your letter of March 13, 2015 will help to alleviate some of the concerns that our first responders have with respect to reaching, treating and transporting a person in need of medical assistance. In addition, the new procedures will ensure that Riverside Drive, a vitally important point of exit and entry to the Tequesta peninsula, will remain open to motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians at all times.

Once again, thank you for your attention and actions to mitigate and prevent future problems that could arise from stopped freight trains in the Village of Tequesta.

Best regards,

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