BRIGHTLINE TEST TRAINS TO INCREASE SPEEDS TO 79 MPH IN BREvard COUNTY

ORLANDO (July 22, 2022) – Brightline’s construction team will continue critical work on its Orlando extension, increasing maximum speeds to 79 mph in Brevard County, to integrate a new second railroad track into the corridor. The work, known as a signal and track cutover, will affect the seven railroad crossings through Rockledge and Melbourne listed below. **Trains will operate at speeds of up to 79 miles per hour to perform the necessary testing.** Both drivers and pedestrians should be aware that once the second track is commissioned trains could continue to operate at higher speeds and rail traffic could run on ONE OR BOTH tracks in either direction at any time. Flaggers will be present at the affected crossings from 6 a.m., Sunday, July 24 through 6 p.m., Friday, July 29 while the new systems are commissioned, and work could result in additional wait times.

Brightline is reminding the public, pedestrians, motorists and cyclists to make safe choices around trains and crossings, obey all traffic laws around crossings, never stop on the tracks and don’t drive around crossing gates! Remain alert and aware when near railroad tracks and only cross the tracks at a railroad crossing. The safety message is simple: look, listen, live.

We encourage press to post on social media to alert the public on Brightline’s work. Brightline will be posting announcements on its social channels as well: Twitter and Instagram. The following information is also available on the Brightline website.

**Brightline Testing (79 MPH/flagging operations/cutover work):**
6 a.m., Sunday, July 24 through 6 p.m., Friday, July 29

**Rockledge**
Barnes Blvd. (SR 502)
Carver St.
Ansin Rd.
Viera Blvd.

**Melbourne**
Suntree Blvd.
Post Rd.

About Brightline
Brightline is the only provider of modern, eco-friendly, higher-speed rail service in America. The company currently serves Miami, Fort Lauderdale, and West Palm Beach, with stations in Aventura and Boca Raton opening at the end of 2022 and 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 [www.gobrightline.com](http://www.gobrightline.com) and follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

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