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TO: Commissioner Thad Altman, District 5

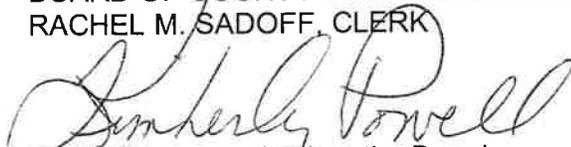
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December 2, 2025

The Honorable Sean P. Duffy
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Duffy:

As the Chair representing the Brevard Board of County Commissioners, I write to express my vigorous support for the application submitted by the City of Cocoa and the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization (SCTPO) for USDOT/FRA Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Program for Projects Not Located on the Northeast Corridor (FSP-National). If awarded this grant, the City of Cocoa and the SCTPO, partnering with the Brevard County, Brightline, and Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway, will use these funds to complete the Cocoa Multimodal Station and Rail Project. This *project* aims to create a thriving intermodal hub by constructing a Brightline station in the City of Cocoa that connects various modes of transportation, including rail, air, sea, space travel and roadway, including bicycle and pedestrian.

The FSP-National program seeks to provide funding for capital projects that reduce the state of good repair backlog, improve performance, or expand or establish new intercity passenger rail service, including privately operated intercity passenger rail service, if an eligible applicant is involved.

This project will help our community by improving access to some of the places we all use and enjoy such as the Kennedy Space Center, Port Canaveral, Cocoa Beach, and nearby airports. The station will connect Brevard County with rail service to Orlando and South Florida, linking communities and making it easier for families, workers, and visitors to travel. It will also help reduce congestion on I-95 and S.R. 528, improving safety and travel times for everyone on the road. By strengthening connections and creating intercity mobility, this project supports a more accessible, vibrant, and connected Brevard County. The family-friendly amenities included in the project will also provide a safe and comfortable travel option for families with children, in addition to serving the needs of work commuters and others.

Brevard County has committed \$5 million to the Project from the Tourism Development Tax to implement this long-awaited goal.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge your favorable consideration and approval of this project and join the Space Coast community to invest in regional intercity and intermodal mobility for millions of travelers within Florida.

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Chair, Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

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Cocoa Multimodal Station and Rail Project

Project Details:

#1 Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Priority for the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) and included in the Central Florida MPO Alliance Transit Priorities

Supported by **Florida's Transportation Plan and Florida Rail System Plan**. The plan is aimed at connecting communities, reducing roadway congestion, supporting economic development, and enhancing regional mobility through rail services.

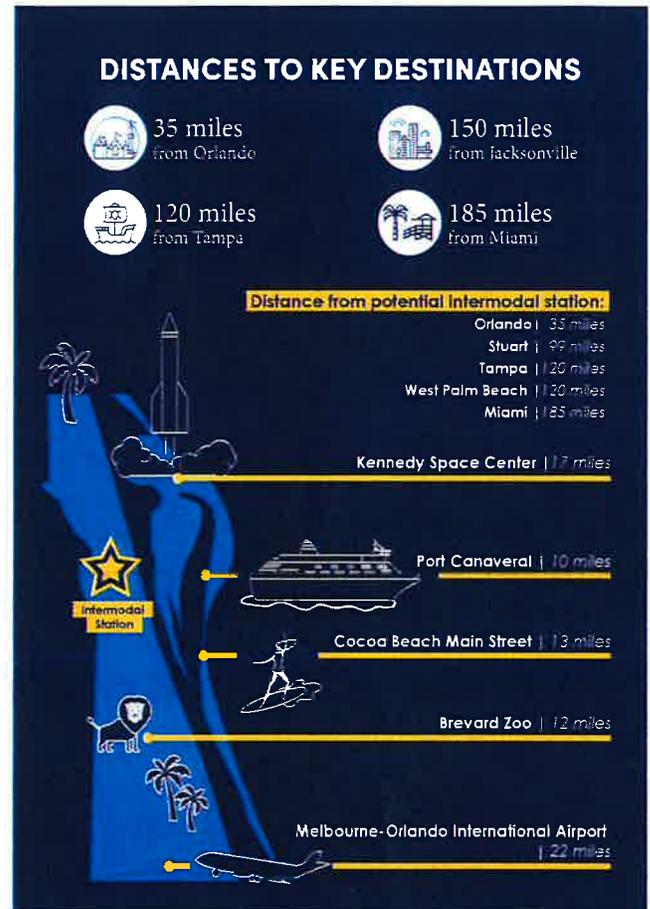
Project Location: Located in Cocoa, Florida on the Space Coast. Conveniently located to Kennedy Space Center and Port Canaveral.

Increased Capacity: Project will include an additional 4 miles of track.

Safety: Passenger rail has the potential to reduce traffic crashes by encouraging mode shift. Station will be built with safety in mind.

American Family Focused: Station to include family friendly features. Supports travel and quality of life of families.

Project Readiness: Feasibility and NEPA documents completed. Access road is designed. Preliminary designs to go under contract shortly.



Project Schedule

