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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Commissioner Kristine Zonka, District 5

RE: Item L.7., Letter of Support to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Funding

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on March 22, 2022, authorized you to send a Letter of Support to the USDOT for expressing strong support of the Florida East Coast Corridor Trespassing Mitigation Project for RAISE grant funding.

Upon Execution of the Letter, please return a copy of the Letter to this office for inclusion in the official minutes.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

Donna Scott
for: Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

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cc: Each Commissioner
County Manager
County Attorney

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L.7.

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to express my strong support for the *Florida East Coast Corridor Trespassing Mitigation Project*. This RAISE grant application is an approximately \$45 million investment by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Brightline Trains Florida LLC (Brightline). The enhancements proposed will provide a safer environment for the more than 7.2 million residents who live in those counties and millions of visitors who traverse the corridor every day.

The Project will construct supplemental safety measures at grade crossings and along segments of the corridor between Miami Dade County and Brevard County. The railroad improvements will include safety features such as channelization fencing and landscaping, crossing delineators, additional dynamic envelope striping and signage upgrades. The grant investment will enable safety enhancements across more than 200 miles of rail corridor that serves both passenger and freight and are proven features that have reduced trespassing in similar applications.

The existing rail corridor currently accommodates freight service with approximately 14 trains per day, and Brightline operates 32 trains per day between Miami and West Palm Beach. In 2023, Brightline will commence operations to Orlando, and the 245-mile corridor between Miami and Orlando will see 32 daily Brightline trains in addition to the existing FECR trains.

I appreciate your consideration and respectfully request you support RAISE grant funding for this vital project. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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