Agenda Report



2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way Viera, FL 32940

New Business - Miscellaneous

1.7.

2/20/2024

Subject:

Approval, Re: Letter to Governor Ron DeSantis supporting Interstate 4 Intercity Passenger Rail Improvements **Appropriations Request**

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Dept/Office:

District 5 Commission Office

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached letter to Governor Ron DeSantis.

Summary Explanation and Background:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached letter to Governor Ron DeSantis in support of the Interstate 4 Intercity Passenger Rail Improvements Appropriations Request.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Return signed letter to the County Manager's Office.



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February 21, 2024

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chair Jason Steele, Commissioner District 5

RE: Item I.7., Approval of Letter to Governor Ron DeSantis Supporting Interstate 4 Intercity Passenger Rail Improvements Appropriations Request

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on February 20, 2024, approved and authorized the Chair to sign the letter to Governor DeSantis supporting Interstate 4 Intercity Passenger Rail improvements appropriations request. Executed letter provided to the County Manager at said Board meeting.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RACHEL M./SADOFF, CLERK

Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

cc: Commissioner District 1,2,4,5

County Manager



Office of Governor Ron DeSantis State of Florida The Capitol 400 South Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor DeSantis,

As Chair of the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners, I am writing to express our strong support for the Interstate 4 Intercity Passenger Rail Improvements Appropriations Request. These funds will benefit communities throughout the state, including Brevard County. We applaud your efforts and that of the Florida Legislature for advancing critical transportation funding for Central Florida.

As the Florida Department of Transportation invests \$2 Billion on Interstate 4 improvements, we believe it is in the best interest of the state and the traveling public to incorporate elements that will ultimately allow for Intercity Passenger Rail within the corridor. This Appropriation will allow for coordinated construction while minimizing future disruption to traffic and optimizing the cost of infrastructure along this corridor.

The Florida Department of Transportation's mission is to provide safe transportation that ensures the mobility of people and goods, enhances economic prosperity, and preserves the quality of our environment and communities. There is no better investment than ensuring that Interstate 4 is an intermodal corridor for generations to come.

The Brevard County Board of County Commissioners is committed to addressing transportation challenges in the larger Central Florida area and supporting opportunities to plan and fund projects that benefit the region. We support the Interstate 4 Intercity Passenger Rail Improvements Appropriations Request and we thank you, Gov. DeSantis, for your leadership and vision.

Sincerely,

Jason Steele

Chair, Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

Donna Scott

From: Roth, Joy <Joy.Roth@brevardfl.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 1:25 PM

To: Clerk to the Board
Cc: Lively, Cathy

Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL]Item 1.7. Letter of Support

Attachments: Interstate 4 Intercity Passenger Rail Improvements Appropriations Request support

letter.pdf

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Good afternoon,

Please find attached signed letter of support (item 1.7.) for your records. This was approved by the Board during this morning's meeting. Our office is mailing it out today. Thank you.

Joy Roth

Administrative Assistant to County Manager Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

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