



# Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson  
Way  
Viera, FL 32940

## New Business - County Manager

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5/21/2024

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### **Subject:**

Approval, Re: Letter to Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary of Transportation, supporting Cocoa Multi-Modal Passenger Station and Rail Project

### **Fiscal Impact:**

N/A

### **Dept/Office:**

County Manager's Office

### **Requested Action:**

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached letter to Secretary Pete Buttigieg.

### **Summary Explanation and Background:**

The attached letter expresses support for the Cocoa Multi-Modal Passenger Station and Rail Project that the City of Cocoa is pursuing through the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements discretionary grant program.

### **Clerk to the Board Instructions:**

Please provide one signed letter to the County Manager's Office.



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May 22, 2024

**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Frank Abbate, County Manager

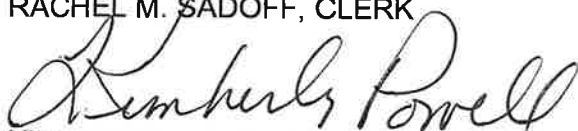
**RE:** Item J.3., Approval of Letter to Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary of Transportation, Supporting Cocoa Multi-Modal Passenger Station and Rail Project

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on May 21, 2024, approved and authorized the Chair to sign the Letter to the Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary of Transportation, in support of the Cocoa Multi-Modal Passenger Station and Rail Project. Enclosed is the Letter.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

  
Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

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May 21, 2024

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

RE: Cocoa Multi-Modal Passenger Station and Rail Project - Consolidated Rail Infrastructure & Safety Improvements Grant Program.

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

As the Chair representing the Brevard Board of County Commissioners, I write to express my vigorous support for the *Cocoa Multi-Modal Passenger Station and Rail Project ("Project")* that City of Cocoa is pursuing through the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements ("CRISI") discretionary grant program. This transformative project represents a critical investment in our community's economic development, increased regional mobility options, and environmental sustainability.

This *Project* will enhance our transportation network, offering residents and businesses enhanced connectivity on this passenger rail spine that connects different modes of transportation. The *Project* also offers substantial economic benefits including the creation of numerous jobs, stimulating local business, and attracting development into the area. Tourism will also see a large boost from this project by making our area a more attractive destination for riders.

The *Cocoa Multi-Modal Passenger Station and Rail Project* is a critical step in providing a mobility option that will improve safety and quality of life for residents and visitors. Investing in our transportation infrastructure is crucial not just for today's needs, but also for accommodating Florida's future growth.

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

I appreciate your consideration and respectfully request you consider this vital project for funding.

Sincerely,

Jason Steele, Chair  
Brevard County Board of County Commissioners