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EXHIBIT 1
LETTER OF CONCURRENCE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
NOVEMBER 20, 2012



United States Department of the Interior



FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
South Florida Ecological Services Office
1339 20th Street
Vero Beach, Florida 32960

November 20, 2012

David Valenstein
Federal Railroad Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast
Washington, DC 20590

Service Federal Activity Code: 2013-CPA-0029
Service Consultation Code: 2013-I-0025
Date Received: October 25, 2012
Project: All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail
Service, Miami to West Palm Beach
Counties: Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach

Dear Mr. Valenstein:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has reviewed your letter dated October 19, 2012, and other information submitted by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), for the project referenced above. This letter is submitted in accordance with section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act) (87 Stat. 884; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The FRA is proposing to authorize the "All Aboard Florida" passenger rail service proposed by Florida East Coast Industries (FECI). The project would provide new roundtrip passenger rail service from Miami to West Palm Beach with one stop located in Fort Lauderdale. The proposed project is a segment of a larger passenger rail system proposed by FECI from Miami to Orlando. FECI is currently requesting authorization from the FRA for the segment of the project from Miami to West Palm Beach.

The new railway will be located within the existing Florida East Coast (FEC) rail corridor. The FEC rail corridor historically contained a double-track railroad, but currently contains a single track for freight service with several long sidings. The existing roadbed within the FEC rail corridor would be used for track improvements to allow passenger service. A total of 49.2 miles of new track would be installed within the existing FEC rail corridor and 0.3 miles of existing track would be rehabilitated. The proposed works would also include the reconstruction of existing crossovers and the installation of new crossovers within the FEC rail corridor. In addition, the project would include the construction of passenger stations in Miami, Fort Lauderdale, and West Palm Beach. The stations sites are located in urbanized areas that are either developed (*e.g.*, the Miami station site currently consists of a parking lot) or highly disturbed. The project will not affect wetlands. The project site is located in Miami-Dade County, Broward County, and Palm Beach County, Florida.

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THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

Eastern indigo snake

The project occurs within the geographic range of the threatened eastern indigo snake (*Drymarchon corais couperi*). To minimize adverse effects to this species during construction, FECl has agreed to follow the Service's *Standard Protection Measures for the Eastern Indigo Snake* (Service 2004) during construction of the project. The FRA has determined the project "may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect" the eastern indigo snake. Based on the adherence to the indigo snake protection measures, the Service concurs with this determination.

Wood stork

The project site is located within the geographic range of the endangered wood stork (*Mycteria americana*). The FRA has determined the project "may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect" the wood stork. The Service notes the project will not affect wetlands that may provide foraging habitat for the wood stork. Therefore, the Service concurs with the FRA's determination for the wood stork.

Florida scrub-jay

The project is located within the historic geographic range of the threatened Florida scrub-jay (*Aphelocoma coerulescens*). Currently, the Florida scrub-jay is not known to occur within or near the project footprint in Miami-Dade County, Broward County, and Palm Beach County. The FRA has determined the project "may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect" the Florida scrub-jay. Based on the information provided, the Service concurs with the FRA's determination for the scrub-jay.

This letter fulfills the requirements of section 7 of the Act and further action is not required. If modifications are made to the project, if additional information involving potential effects to listed species becomes available, or if a new species is listed, reinitiation of consultation may be necessary.

Thank you for your cooperation in the effort to protect federally listed species. If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact John Wrublik at 772-469-4282.

Sincerely yours,



for Larry Williams
Field Supervisor
South Florida Ecological Services Office

David Valenstein

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cc:

FWC, Tallahassee, Florida (FWC-CPS, Traci Wallace)

NOAA Fisheries Service, West Palm Beach, Florida (Brandon Howard)

Corps, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida (Garett Lips)

LITERATURE CITED

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 2004. Standard protection measures for the eastern indigo snake. Fish and Wildlife Service, South Florida Ecological Services Office; Vero Beach, Florida.

EXHIBIT 2
LETTER OF CONCURRENCE
FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 26, 2012



November 26, 2012

Florida Fish
and Wildlife
Conservation
Commission

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Re: SAI #FL200610032820C and ETDM#s 7519 and 11860, All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail Project, West Palm Beach to Miami, Environmental Assessment, Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade Counties

Dear Ms. Milligan:

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) staff has reviewed the Environmental Assessment (EA) and Section 4(F) Statement for the above-referenced project, and offers the following comments. The EA was prepared as required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and in compliance with 23 CFR Part 771.

The Federal Railroad Administration proposes to authorize the All Aboard Florida passenger rail service between West Palm Beach and Miami, as proposed by Florida East Coast Industries. A total of 49.2 miles of new track would be installed within the existing Florida East Coast railroad corridor, which historically contained a double-track railroad, but currently has only one track for freight service. The project also includes construction of new passenger stations in West Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale, and Miami. The proposed station locations are all within disturbed urban areas, with minimal value to fish and wildlife resources.

The FWC reviewed the Phase II documents for this project as ETDM 7519 in December 2009. At that time, we made several recommendations on the Draft Environmental Screening Methodology Technical Memorandum, and these were followed in the current EA.

We concur with the EA finding that the West Palm Beach to Miami rail project, as currently proposed, should have minimal impact on fish and wildlife resources. The project construction area contains no natural habitats, so the proposed work is not anticipated to have direct impacts on any listed species. We support the project commitments regarding fish and wildlife resources, including contingency protocols for protection of gopher tortoises, indigo snakes, manatees, and sea turtles, and potential mitigation actions should wildlife "train kill" hotspots be identified.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the EA for the All Aboard Florida project in Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade Counties. If you need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Jane Chabre either by phone at (850) 410-5367 or at FWCConservationPlanningServices@MyFWC.com. If you have specific technical

Lauren P. Milligan
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questions regarding the content of this letter, contact Brian Barnett at (772) 579-9746 or email brian.barnett@MyFWC.com.

Sincerely,



Bonita Gorham
Land Use Planning Program Administrator
Office of Conservation Planning Services

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EXHIBIT 3
LETTER OF CONCURRENCE
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE DIVISION
OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES
NOVEMBER 6, 2012



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of STATE

RICK SCOTT
Governor

KEN DETZNER
Secretary of State

November 6, 2012

Mr. David Valenstein
US Department of Transportation
Federal Railroad Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: DHR Project File No.: 2012-4778 (CRAS)/ 2012-4801 (Case Study)
Received by DHR: October 25, 2012
Project: *Cultural Resources Assessment Report & Section 106 Documentation and
Determination of Effects for the All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail Project from
West Palm Beach to Miami*
Counties: Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade

Dear Mr. Valenstein:

This office received and reviewed the above referenced project in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended, 36 CFR Part 800: Protection of Historic Properties, and Chapter 267, Florida Statutes. It is the responsibility of the State Historic Preservation Officer to advise and assist, as appropriate, Federal and State agencies in carrying out their historic preservation responsibilities; to cooperate with agencies to ensure that historic properties are taken into consideration at all levels of planning and development; and to consult with the appropriate agencies in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended, on undertakings that may affect historic properties and the content and sufficiency of any plans developed to protect, manage, or to reduce or mitigate harm to such properties.

This proposed project involves the restoration of passenger rail service between West Palm Beach and Miami utilizing the existing Florida East Coast Rail (FECR) right-of-way (ROW). The Cultural Resources Assessment Report resulted in the identification of 108 historic resources within the Areas of Potential Effect (APE) for the proposed station locations, 64 historic resources within the mainline ROW, and eight contributing bridges to the overall historic FEC Railway (8DA10107/8BD4087/8PB12102). This office concurs with the determinations of eligibility made by the Federal Railroad Administration with the following two exceptions. This office finds insufficient information to concur with the determinations for resources 8PB602 and 8PB9848, both located at the proposed West Palm Beach – Central station location.



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This office has reviewed the Section 106 Documentation and concurs with the finding of no adverse effect [as per 36 C.F.R. Part 800, § 800.5(d)(2)] for the preferred alternatives conditional on continued consultation with this office and locally affected parties (the cities of West Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale, and Miami) through the station design process.

If you have any questions, please contact Ginny Jones, Architectural Historian, Transportation Compliance Review Program, via email ginny.joncs@dos.myflorida.com, or at 850.245.6333.

Sincerely,

Barbara E. Mattale, DSHPO
for

Robert F. Bendus, Director
Division of Historical Resources
and State Historic Preservation Officer

PC: Sydney Schneir, FRA Environmental Protection Specialist, Washington, D.C.

EXHIBIT 4
PUBLIC COMMENTS
PART 1: OMITTED

EXHIBIT 4
PUBLIC COMMENTS
PART 2: COPIES OF COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

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Subject: All Aboard Florida Comment Form
Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2012 11:07:54 AM

Sent from All Aboard Florida Comment Form

Name: Kasey Hayes
Address: 2850 Coconut Ave. Apt. 11
City: Miami
State: Florida
Zip Code: 33133
Email: kaseyhayes@gmail.com

Message:

All Aboard Florida will provide additional transportation options and connect the region in a way that is very necessary. It will benefit the environment because there will be a decreased need for car travel between Miami and Orlando. It will also create jobs and encourage the use of other forms of transportation. I support this project!

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To: Peate, Martin; mmmiguez@feci.com; john.flint@allaboardflorida.com; colin.henderson@tylin.com; Crowell, Mark; ali.soule@allaboardflorida.com
Subject: All Aboard Florida Comment Form
Date: Wednesday, November 14, 2012 8:50:49 AM

Sent from All Aboard Florida Comment Form

Name: Piret
Address: 2559 Trapp Ave
City: Miami
State: FL
Zip Code: 33133
Email: info@piretdesign.com

Message:
The impact seems completely minimal, and having a functional train would be ideal.

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Subject: All Aboard Florida Comment Form
Date: Wednesday, October 31, 2012 11:23:06 AM

Sent from All Aboard Florida Comment Form

Name: Denis Eirikis
Address: 254 Las Palmas Street
City: Royal Palm Beach
State: FL
Zip Code: 33411
Email: eirikis@clearlightpr.com

Message:

This comment is sent in support of the All Aboard Florida Project that will bring a much-needed alternative transportation mode to the State of Florida. For more than two decades, reestablishing passenger service along Florida's east coast corridor has been a top priority of the residents and business owners in Florida. With the All Aboard Florida Project, South Florida will be able to satisfy the need to enhance the transportation system through the implementation of a fast, dependable and efficient intercity passenger rail service that will benefit our region and the entire state by improving mobility and developing connectivity options.

In addition to enhancing the livability and mobility of the region by providing a transit solution to South Florida's overwhelming traffic problems, the All Aboard Florida Project will also spur economic development within local communities and the State and create jobs. There are also many environmental benefits from the All Aboard Florida Project. Offering this additional transportation option could remove up to one million cars from Florida's roadways annually, mitigating traffic congestion and reducing carbon emissions and Florida's overall carbon footprint. The system will also serve as a link to existing transportation systems in Southeast Florida and offer a more seamless mode of travel for the public, thereby encouraging the use of transit and promoting sustainability.

By creating jobs, stimulating local economies and reducing carbon emissions, the benefits of a new regional passenger rail system will extend beyond the rail's destination points. I support the All Aboard Florida Project and hope that you recognize the transformational effect that it will have for our state and region.

Sincerely,

Denis Eirikis

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Sent from All Aboard Florida Comment Form

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City: Coral Gables
State: FL
Zip Code: 33146
Email: cindyhillcosta@gmail.com

Message:

All Aboard Florida will provide additional transportation options and connect the region. It will benefit the environment, create jobs and encourage the use of other forms of transportation. I support the project.

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From: All-Aboard-Florida@urs.ursci.com
To: Peate, Martin; mmmiguez@feci.com; john.flint@allboardflorida.com; colin.henderson@tylin.com; Crowell, Mark; ali.soule@allboardflorida.com
Subject: All Aboard Florida Comment Form
Date: Monday, November 12, 2012 5:18:13 PM

Sent from All Aboard Florida Comment Form

Name: Alicia Banuchi
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City: Hollywood
State: FL
Zip Code: 33020
Email: aliciab26@bellsouth.net

Message:

As opposed to your analysis Preferred Build Project Alternative, the All Aboard Florida Project will have a proportionately high adverse severe noise impact on the low-income minority populations and businesses in the surrounding communities-- and not just minority "Hispanics" as you so predominantly target in your draft proposal dated October 31, 2012. (Ethnicity - Presence of Population.)

As identified in Section 3.1.7 of the Environmental Assessment, the Draft Proposal states that severe noise impacts will directly affect "non-white" racial minorities. (It is not clear whether this includes non-white Hispanics.) Severe noise will affect "5,934 sites within 102" (out of 138 studied) "census tracts." 56.9% of those tracts will be affected.

Additional analysis shows that those 58 (56.9%) affected tracts contain 3,430 (57.8%) of the severe noise impact locations. (Table 3-3.30)

The Preferred Build Project Alternative will not eliminate nor alleviate significant noise impacts. "Warning horns" at grade crossings only create more noise on both sides – train, and stationary wayside horns. People already living and affected by FEC railway noise crossings can testify to the subjection of vibrations and unnecessary prolonged honking of trains running 24/7, which average two (2) passing trains per hour primarily in the A.M. hours. The All Aboard Florida train will only add to the frequency.

Therefore, it is imperative and requested that Public Meetings be held, to include the local businesses and residents of those communities that will be affected directly by the noise and impending disruptions encompassing All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail Project, West Palm Beach to Miami, Florida, before any further approvals and/or

bids are accepted.

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Sent from All Aboard Florida Comment Form

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Message:
All aboard Florida will provide additional transportation options and connect the region.

I support All Aboard Florida

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Message:

As a resident of Florida for over 15 years, I must express my support for this project. It will benefit all of Florida and the environment by taking cars off the road, reducing pollution, and by creating an alternative to building more (and bigger) roads. All Aboard Florida needs to expand to Tampa and Jacksonville as soon as possible. State and federal government agencies need to work with All Aboard Florida as much as they can. Let's get this done!

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Message:

This will provide additional transportation options and connect the South Florida region. Hopefully It will benefit the environment? Create jobs and encourage the use of other forms of transportation for daily and even an alternative to travel for leisure. Our roads are extremely congested and traffic will only continue to worsen as more people move to and visit Florida. This project has potential. It can't come soon enough.

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Subject: All Aboard Florida
Date: Monday, November 26, 2012 9:10:50 PM

Dear Mr. Peate,

My name is Bob Lowry. I am an independent consultant in electronic materials science. You can see my background and experience at www.electronic-materials.com.

This letter is to express support of the All Aboard Florida concept for fast passenger rail service between Miami and Orlando. I have clients and colleagues who spend several days at a time in Florida on business. They visit clients and/or attend conferences in both the South and Central Florida areas. AAF service will clearly benefit them when they travel between the Miami/Ft. Lauderdale and Orlando areas. AAF will allow them to conduct business while traveling between those points, as well as making it unnecessary for them to rent a vehicle for at least a portion of their travels within the state.

I look forward to the startup of All Aboard Florida, and anticipate that it will benefit the state as well as hundreds of thousands of both business and pleasure travelers within Florida.

Best regards,

Bob Lowry

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Sent from All Aboard Florida Comment Form

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Message:

This project will breathe new life & opportunity into downtowns that are in such need of a way to bring people into our cities & to bring these areas to life . jobs , growth, development, cars off the highway, sustainable transportation, just to name a few. After listening to the All Aboard team it seems this company really cares about this project and how it will effect the communities they are going to be a part of in a positive way . Hope to ride the rails soon !

Ms Angela Andreola

Ft Lauderdale business owner.

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Sent from All Aboard Florida Comment Form

Name: Margaret Atkins
Address: 677 Ne 24th St. #301
City: Miami
State: Florida
Zip Code: 33137
Email: mmatkins@gmail.com

Message:

I fully support the All Aboard Florida project. As a frequent traveler from Miami to Orlando for business purposes, having an additional transportation option that provides service directly to the Orlando Airport from downtown Miami in a cost-efficient and environmentally responsible manner is of paramount importance. Currently, the most efficient way of traveling between these two destinations is via car along the already crowded I-95 corridor or Florida Turnpike. As someone who does this drive very often and alone, it is not only contributing to the continued wear and tear on our highways, but pollution from the car exhaust. The All Aboard Florida project will allow my car (and many others) to be removed from the road and our pollutants from the air. I am looking forward to the successful completion of the project.

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BABUN GROUP CONSULTING, INC.

November 13, 2012

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Dear Mr. Peate:

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In addition to enhancing the livability and mobility of the region by providing a transit solution to South Florida's overwhelming traffic problems, the *All Aboard Florida Project* will also spur economic development within local communities and the State and create jobs. There are also many environmental benefits from the *All Aboard Florida Project*. Offering this additional transportation option could remove up to one million cars from Florida's roadways annually, mitigating traffic congestion and reducing carbon emissions and Florida's overall carbon footprint. The system will also serve as a link to existing transportation systems in Southeast Florida and offer a more seamless mode of travel for the public, thereby encouraging the use of transit and promoting sustainability.

By creating jobs, stimulating local economies and reducing carbon emissions, the benefits of a new regional passenger rail system will extend beyond the rail's destination points. Our company supports the *All Aboard Florida Project* and hope that you recognize the transformational effect that it will have for our state and region.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,



Deborah Balliette-Jacobson



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November 30, 2012

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Dear Mr. Peate:

This letter is sent to you in support of the All Aboard Florida Project that will offer an additional transportation mode to the State of Florida. The All Aboard Florida Project will provide South Florida the ability to enhance the transportation system through the implementation of a fast, dependable and efficient intercity passenger rail service that will benefit our region and the entire state by improving mobility and developing connectivity options with all of our transportation modes.

The system will also serve as a link to existing transportation systems in Southeast Florida and offer a more seamless mode of travel for the public, thereby encouraging the use of transit and promoting sustainability.

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Sincerely,

Frank R. Nero
President & CEO

cc: Ali Soule, All Aboard Florida

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November 26, 2012

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Dear Mr. Peate:

This letter is for the purpose of expressing total and absolute support in favor of and on behalf of the plans of All Aboard Florida (AAF) to begin Miami—Orlando passenger train service in the next several years, and I ask that you share this letter with any and all appropriate parties.

Simply put, the steel wheel on the steel rail is the single most efficient way of moving goods or people ever devised and the number of automobiles and buses that the AAF project will remove from our roads and highways, the decrease in congestion, the reduction in airline operations between the two cities, the decrease in pollutants and the business opportunities presented by AAF are inestimable. Simply put, the project is beyond “a good idea” or “should be done,” but rather, it is something that **must** be done, and done in as expedient a manner as possible.

Almost every person who I have spoken with regarding the project is in favor of it and I truly feel as if I am a one-man PR operation on behalf of the project but this initiative warrants this type of individual enthusiasm and I will continue to do what I, as an individual, can do to “talk up” and promote all that All Aboard Florida is proposing.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Seth H. Bramson, Adjunct Professor of History and Historian in Residence,
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RE: Environmental Assessment dated October 31, 2012, for the All Aboard Florida project

Dear Mr. Peate,

On behalf of the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT), we are pleased to write to wholeheartedly support the FEC project, All Aboard Florida intercity passenger rail service.

It appears clear this Project will address South Florida's current and future needs to enhance the transportation system by implementing a privately owned, operated and maintained railway, which will directly connect a Grand Central Station in downtown Miami with a station stop each in downtown Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach. We enthusiastically look forward to its contribution to providing a mobility option that meshes well with our community's transportation vision and optimally integrates with Metrobus, Metrorail and the other transit and travel modes.

The citizens of Miami-Dade County approved a ½ Cent Charter County Sales Surtax on November 5, 2002. The purpose of the surtax is to partially fund the projects of the People's Transportation Plan (PTP). The PTP included a broad range of projects including extensions to the Metrorail system. The voters also approved as part of the ballot question the CITT to oversee the proceeds of the surtax and the implementation of the People's Transportation Plan.

The CITT has been providing support toward the development of the Northeast Corridor, which as one of the PTP Metrorail extensions initially featured heavy rail. As you may be aware, the heavy rail plans were cancelled in light of challenges for financial sustainability; a BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) alternative is being implemented. The Trust has also been exploring, in collaboration with the County and other transportation partners, innovative opportunities in order to maximize and sustain the impact of limited Surtax funds.

This corridor is an essential link between Broward and Miami-Dade Counties. The proposed All Aboard Florida rail project will provide premium transit service connecting key housing, leisure, retail and employment centers, plus reduced travel time to access Metrorail and Miami International Airport.

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Therefore, the proposed Project would continue the implementation of the County's integrated transportation network envisioned in the PTP. We strongly agree All Aboard Florida is entirely consistent with local public policy initiatives and objectives.

Sincerely,



Charles D. Scurr
Executive Director



November 12, 2012

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Sincerely,

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Armando Codina
Chairman / CEO



November 5, 2012

All Aboard Florida c/o URS Group
Attn: Martin A. Peate
7650 Courtney Campbell Causeway
Tampa, FL 33607

Dear Mr. Peate:

It is my pleasure to enclose our letter of support for the All Aboard Florida rail initiative undertaken by Florida East Coast Railway. I am writing on behalf of the Everglades Foundation as well as our environmental partners who have been briefed on the initiative. We agree that this project would be of great benefit to the state of Florida, both economically and environmentally.

We look forward to hearing of All Aboard Florida's continued progress toward this important piece of Florida's transportation future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "EE", positioned above the printed name and title.

Eric Eikenberg
Chief Executive Officer



October 10, 2012

Mr. Husein Cumber
All Aboard Florida
2855 LeJeune Road
Coral Gables, Florida 33134

Dear Mr. Cumber,

We, the undersigned, represent Florida-based organizations with a common interest in preserving and enhancing Florida's natural environment. Each of us in our own organizations have specific priorities and, as a group, we sometimes come together to support a project or policy when we believe it serves the best interests of our state and the priorities we believe are important to Florida's future. We write this letter to specifically support the initiative by All Aboard Florida to develop a passenger train from Miami to West Palm Beach, given the existing tracks and anticipated economic and environmental benefits; we look forward to future discussion about the second segment from West Palm Beach to Orlando.

We have reviewed and studied your company's plan to build, operate, own and maintain a passenger train to/from Orlando to Miami. You have told us that the train will be powered by clean diesel engines which meet the highest emissions standards set by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Department of Transportation. Further, most of the route will be along an existing transportation corridor and there will be minimal disruption to undeveloped areas. In addition, the placement of stations and access points in already developed areas of Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach will be an important economic boost for those communities.

Extensive ridership, engineering and environmental studies also show that there are up to three million people annually who would potentially use this new mode of transportation, thereby removing cars from Florida roadways and decreasing environmental impacts from air pollution, stormwater runoff and the use of fossil fuels to power automobiles.

Additionally, costs for Florida taxpayers will be reduced as highway maintenance and construction costs will be lessened due to fewer cars on the roadways. It is our hope that some of these savings might be deployed for uses that benefit Florida's natural resources.

For these reasons, and because we believe that rail travel can be a mode of the future that benefits our state in many ways, we support the plans for All Aboard Florida and look forward to working with you to bring this project to fruition.

Sincerely,

Eric Draper
Executive Director
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John Adornato
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Dear Ms. Schneir:

On behalf of Floridians for Better Transportation (FBT), a statewide business and transportation association, please accept the following comments and information for the Environmental Assessment (EA)/Section 4(f) Evaluation for the proposed All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail Project – West Palm Beach to Miami, Florida.

As a transportation advocacy organization formed more than 24 years ago, FBT remains dedicated to making transportation safer and more efficient in Florida for users and providers all across the Sunshine State. Florida continues to have one of the highest population and economic growth rates in the United States. This extraordinary growth places pressure on the State's major transportation network to provide mobility for resident and visitor populations.

Today's transportation system serves almost 19 million residents, over 82 million visitors, and vast movements of freight within and across the state's border. By 2040, Florida's transportation system will need to serve a projected population of 26 million residents, 120 million visitors annually, and a monumental increase in freight movement. Vehicle miles of travel are expected to increase over 70 percent, transit trips by 40 percent, air travel will more than double and freight tonnage will increase by 39 percent.

In order to meet the state's mobility needs, Florida has a well developed network of limited access highway facilities, as well as a highly developed airport system that serves intercity and interstate travel markets. The ability to significantly expand those components of the network to meet existing and projected growth is becoming limited due to environmental, social, economic and financial impacts.

As an important component of the vision for rail in Florida, the All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail Project will create jobs, improve mobility, complement the statewide transportation network, provide and enhance economic development opportunities, and reduce green house gas emissions. The American Association of Railroads estimates that every dollar spent on investment in our nation's railroads – including tracks, equipment, locomotives, and bridges – yields \$3 in economic output. In addition, each \$1 billion of rail investment creates 20,000 jobs.

The purpose of an EA is to determine the significance of the environmental effects and to look at alternative means to achieve the agency's objectives. The EA is intended to be a concise document that briefly provides sufficient evidence and analysis for determining whether to prepare an EIS; aids an agency's compliance with NEPA when no environmental impact statement is necessary; and facilitates preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement when one is necessary.

Having reviewed the EA prepared by All Aboard Florida, FBT believes the following case has been made: the need for the proposal; alternative courses of action for the proposal which involves unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources; the environmental impacts of the proposed action and alternatives, and a broad listing of agencies and persons consulted, which included FBT.

We support the All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail Project – West Palm Beach to Miami, Florida.

Sincerely,



Matthew D. Ubben
President

November 2, 2012

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Re: All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail Project for Intercity Passenger Rail Service Connecting Downtown West Palm Beach to Downtown Miami with one stop in Downtown Fort Lauderdale (the "All Aboard Florida Project")

Dear Mr. Peate:

This letter is sent to you on behalf of the Florida State Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in full support of the All Aboard Florida Project that will bring a much-needed alternative transportation mode to the State of Florida. The All Aboard Florida Project will allow South Florida to satisfy the need to enhance the transportation system through the implementation of a fast, dependable and efficient intercity passenger rail service that will benefit South Florida and the entire state by improving mobility and developing connectivity options.

Moreover, the All Aboard Florida Project will also jump-start economic development within local communities and the State and most importantly create jobs. There are also many environmental benefits from the All Aboard Florida Project. Offering this additional transportation option could remove up to one million cars from Florida's roadways annually, mitigating traffic congestion and reducing carbon emissions and Florida's overall carbon footprint.

Job creation is our top priority at the FSHCC, and by creating jobs, stimulating local economies and reducing carbon emissions, the benefits of a new regional passenger rail system will extend beyond the rail's destination points. We fully support the All Aboard Florida Project and hope that you recognize the compelling statewide significance that it will have for our state and region.

Sincerely,



Julio Fuentes
President

cc: Ali Soule, All Aboard Florida



November 5, 2012

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Dear Mr. Peate:

This letter is sent in support of *All Aboard Florida* that will bring a much-needed alternative transportation mode to the State of Florida and improve our state's infrastructure. In my role as President of the Florida Transportation Builders' Association, I recognize the importance of investing in additional transportation infrastructure to promote economic vitality, create jobs and enhance the mobility of the state's transportation network. As Florida's population continues to grow, it is vital additional infrastructure is built to connect two of the state's major metropolitan regions for the millions of passengers who travel within South Florida each year.

South Florida will be able to satisfy the need to enhance the transportation system through the implementation of a fast, dependable and efficient intercity passenger rail service that will benefit the region and the entire state by improving mobility and reducing congestion. The system will integrate with existing transportation systems in Southeast Florida and offer a more seamless mode of travel for the public. *All Aboard Florida* will set a new standard for intercity passenger rail in the U.S. as one of the first privately funded, and operated and maintained systems. This will allow the state to continue investing in highway infrastructure and other transportation corridors as the demands placed on Florida's roads continue to grow.

All Aboard Florida will also spur economic development within local communities and the state as well as create new jobs. The project proposes three stations in the downtowns of the region's major cities, Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach. The transit oriented development that will occur as a result of these stations will be a major economic generator and increase the livability of the urban core.

By creating jobs and stimulating local economies, the benefits of a new regional passenger rail system will extend beyond the rail's destination points and require additional road infrastructure improvements to allow Floridians to move from origin to destination as seamlessly as possible. I support the *All Aboard Florida Project* and hope that you recognize the transformational effect that it will have for our state and region.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Burlerison
President, Florida Transportation Builders' Association

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November 29, 2012

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Re: All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail Project for Intercity Passenger Rail Service Connecting Downtown West Palm Beach to Downtown Miami with one stop in Downtown Fort Lauderdale (the "All Aboard Florida Project")

Dear Mr. Peate:

As President and CEO of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, Broward County's public/private partnership for economic development, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the *All Aboard Florida Project*.

For more than two decades, reestablishing passenger service along Florida's east coast corridor has been a top priority of residents and business owners in Florida. It will bring a much-needed alternative transportation mode to the state. With the *All Aboard Florida Project*, South Florida will be able to satisfy the need to enhance the transportation system through the implementation of a fast, dependable and efficient intercity passenger rail service that will benefit our region and the entire state by improving mobility and developing connectivity options.

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As a part of this support letter, I am pleased to say the Alliance recently convened a meeting of FEC officials and representatives of the marine industry, one of our major industries in Broward County. The marine industry is quite concerned about the potential impact of additional trains on the bridge over the New River in downtown Fort Lauderdale. The New River leads to numerous marine company facilities that service vessels of all sizes from around the world, providing thousands of jobs to South Florida residents. Officials of FEC and the marine industry had a very frank discussion about this issue and I am pleased the marine industry's concerns are being taken under consideration and will be accommodated as much as possible as the *All Aboard Florida Project* moves forward.

By creating jobs, stimulating local economies and reducing carbon emissions, the benefits of a new regional passenger rail system will extend far beyond the rail's destination points. I support the *All Aboard Florida Project* and hope that you recognize the transformational effect that it will have for our state and region.

Sincerely,

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Bob Swindell
President and CEO



Hialeah
Chamber of Commerce & Industries

November 2, 2012

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Sincerely,

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Mandy Llanes
Chairman

cc: Ali Soule, All Aboard Florida



November 14, 2012

Martin A. Peate
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Tampa, FL 33607-1462

Dear Mr. Peate:

I want to express my enthusiastic support for All Aboard Florida, which will be a tremendous asset for our state. It will be a much-needed transportation link between south and central Florida, a route heavily traveled by residents and visitors.

As a businessman, I have meetings in Orlando and look forward to being able to work during those travel hours. Riding All Aboard Florida will eliminate the need to deal with auto traffic or airport delays and will make the distance seem shorter. My family in Orlando is also looking forward to an easier connection between us.

Florida East Coast Industries is to be complimented for undertaking this project. It will be a great benefit to our state and I look forward to its completion.

Sincerely,

Eric S. Katz
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November 28, 2012

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Sincerely,

M. Narendra Kini, M.D.
President & Chief Executive Officer

cc: Ali Soule, All Aboard Florida

From: [Ruth Kurtz](#)
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SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS ON THE EIS FOR PROPOSED ALL ABOARD FLORIDA

November 26, 2012

All Aboard Florida – Stations & Operations

c/o URS Corporation

7650 West Courtney Campbell Causeway

Tampa, Florida

Attn: Martin A. Peate

Dear Mr. Peate:

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Sincerely

Robert Kurtz

550 Okeechobee Blvd., Apt 823

West Palm Beach, Fl 33401

R2kurtz@gmail.com

From: Sydney.Schneir@dot.gov
To: [Peate, Martin](#); Margie.Martinez-Miguez@feci.com
Subject: RE: Written Comments on EIS for Proposed All Aboard Florida
Date: Wednesday, November 28, 2012 3:02:32 PM

Hello,

The response I sent to Mr. Kurth does not seem to be sufficient for his concerns.

I'd recommend treating his email below as another comment that will be addressed, in some way, in the FONSI.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Sydney

From: Ruth Kurtz [mailto:r2kurtz@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2012 4:23 PM
To: Schneir, Sydney (FRA)
Subject: Re: Written Comments on EIS for Proposed All Aboard Florida

Dear Sydney Schneir -- Thank you for your response. We are unclear about the process here. Is this a process of the Federal government or of the private sector? In other words, will the environmental decision document you refer to be prepared by All Aboard Florida or by the Federal Railroad Administration? Which entity will release the decision document to the public? Does the FRA have the responsibility to affect the content of the decision document and to determine whether the final document is acceptable or unacceptable? Also, if the final document does not respond to our specific questions (for example, if it does not indicate whether CityPlace South Tower is one of the two buildings that would be severely affected by train noise and therefore qualify for special noise mitigation), what recourse would we have? Sincerely, Robert Kurtz

On Tue, Nov 27, 2012 at 3:43 PM, <Sydney.Schneir@dot.gov> wrote:

Dear Mr. Kurtz,

Thank you very much for your comment. I have passed your email along to the All Aboard Florida team. Comments to the Environmental Assessment will be catalogued and included in the environmental decision document, that will eventually be released publically. Any concerns that are raised during the public comment period, should be responded to in the decision document.

Thank you again for submitting your comment.

Sincerely,
Sydney Schneir

From: Ruth Kurtz [mailto:r2kurtz@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2012 10:48 AM
To: Schneir, Sydney (FRA)

Subject: Written Comments on EIS for Proposed All Aboard Florida

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FLORIDA

November 26, 2012

Federal Railroad Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590
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November 29, 2012

Mr. Martin A. Peate
All Aboard Florida
c/o URS Corporation
7650 West Courtney Campbell Causeway
Tampa, FL 33607-1462

Re: Support for the *All Aboard Florida Project*

Dear Mr. Peate:

This letter is sent to you in support of the *All Aboard Florida Project* that will bring a much-needed alternative transportation mode to the State of Florida. For more than forty years, the Latin Builders Association has embodied the interests of South Florida's vibrant construction industry and led the way in pursuing opportunities for sustainable development. Reestablishing passenger service along Florida's east coast corridor has been a top priority of the residents and business owners in Florida. With the *All Aboard Florida Project*, South Florida will be able to satisfy the need to enhance the transportation system through the implementation of a fast, dependable and efficient intercity passenger rail service that will benefit our region and the entire state by improving mobility and developing connectivity options.

In addition to enhancing the livability and mobility of the region by providing a transit solution to relieve South Florida's transportation infrastructure, the *All Aboard Florida Project* will also spur economic development within our community and create jobs. There are also many environmental benefits from the *All Aboard Florida Project*. Offering this additional transportation option could remove up to one million cars from Florida's roadways annually, mitigating traffic congestion, reducing carbon emissions and decreasing Florida's overall carbon footprint. The system will also serve as a link to existing transportation systems in Southeast Florida and offer a more seamless mode of travel for the public, thereby encouraging the use of transit and promoting sustainability.

By creating jobs, stimulating local economies and reducing carbon emissions, the benefits of a new regional passenger rail system will extend beyond the rail's destination points. We at the Latin Builders Association support the *All Aboard Florida Project* and recognize the transformational effect that it will have for our state and region.

Sincerely,
LATIN BUILDERS ASSOCIATION, INC. ®

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bernie Navarro', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bernie Navarro
President

From: All-Aboard-Florida@urs.ursci.com
To: [Peate, Martin](mailto:Peate_Martin); mmmiguez@feci.com; john.flint@allaboardflorida.com; colin.henderson@tylin.com; [Crowell, Mark](mailto:Crowell_Mark); ali.soule@allaboardflorida.com
Subject: All Aboard Florida Comment Form
Date: Wednesday, October 31, 2012 8:03:27 PM

Sent from All Aboard Florida Comment Form

Name: Marianna Lopez
Address: 1200 Brickell Bay Drive, Apt. 3905
City: Miami
State: Florida
Zip Code: 33131
Email: 1mslopez@gmail.com

Message:

All Aboard Florida will provide additional transportation options and connect the region. It will benefit the environment, create jobs and encourage the use of other forms of transportation. I support the project.

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Coming from (referer): <http://ursci.com/All-Aboard-FL/comments.php>
Using (user agent): Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 5.1) AppleWebKit/537.4 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/22.0.1229.94 Safari/537.4

Peate, Martin

From: All-Aboard-Florida@urs.ursci.com
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2012 1:00 PM
To: Peate, Martin; mmmiguez@feci.com; john.flint@allaboardflorida.com; colin.henderson@tylin.com; Crowell, Mark; ali.soule@allaboardflorida.com
Subject: All Aboard Florida Comment Form

Sent from All Aboard Florida Comment Form

Name: Alexander Martinez
Address: 7841 Coral Blvd
City: Miramar
State: FL
Zip Code: 33023
Email: amart117@fiu.edu

Message:

How will the trains be powered? Are there alternative energy sources that can be less impactful on the environment?

Sent from (ip address): 108.87.190.128
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Using (user agent): Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64)
AppleWebKit/537.4 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/22.0.1229.94 Safari/537.4

Peate, Martin

From: All-Aboard-Florida@urs.ursci.com
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2012 7:04 AM
To: Peate, Martin; mmmiguez@feci.com; john.flint@allaboardflorida.com; colin.henderson@tylin.com; Crowell, Mark; ali.soule@allaboardflorida.com
Subject: All Aboard Florida Comment Form

Sent from All Aboard Florida Comment Form

Name: Kerri McNulty
Address: 1965 Ne 176 Street
City: North Miami Beach
State: Florida
Zip Code: 33162
Email: kerri.mcnulty@gmail.com

Message:

All Aboard Florida will provide a, much needed, alternative mode of transportation between South Florida and Orlando. With the current state of gas prices and security screenings at airports, rail service to Orlando will be a convenient and, hopefully, affordable alternative to flying or driving for both the business and leisure traveler. Rail travel is popular, convenient, and affordable in other areas of the country. It is about time that Florida got on board! I support the project.

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November 27, 2012

All Aboard Florida – Stations LLC
All Aboard Florida – Operations LLC
c/o URS Corporation
7650 West Courtney Campbell Causeway
Tampa, FL 33607-1462
Attn: Martin A. Peate, AICP

Dear Mr. Peate,

This letter provides the City of Hollywood's comments on the proposed expansion of passenger service on the Florida East Coast Railway corridor. While the City is generally supportive of the project and the potential benefits of increased transportation options and enhanced economic development, we have concerns with the noise associated with expansion.

Although properties directly adjacent to the rail corridor are commercial in nature, there are hundreds of existing single and multi-family dwellings just east and west of these businesses. In addition, there are two parks/ball fields (Dowdy and Boggs fields) and an elementary school (Beachside Montessori Village) just west of Dixie Highway. An increase in the use of train horns is expected as each train must pass through ten crossings as it travels through approximately 2.5 miles of Hollywood.

While we recognize that the project will have significant regional benefits, we expect significant negative impact as the number of trains increases and the use of train horns is frequent. We ask that noise mitigation, specifically whistle ban improvements, becomes part of the project.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at 954-921-3599 or lm-b@hollywoodfl.org.

Sincerely,

Lorie Merters-Black
Director of Parking & Intergovernmental Affairs

C: Mayor & City Commissioners
City Manager



Our Mission: We are dedicated to providing municipal services for our diverse community in an atmosphere of cooperation, courtesy and respect.
We do this by ensuring all who live, work and play in the City of Hollywood enjoy a high quality of life.

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Peate, Martin

From: All-Aboard-Florida@urs.ursci.com
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2012 2:25 PM
To: Peate, Martin; mmmiguez@feci.com; john.flint@allaboardflorida.com; colin.henderson@tylin.com; Crowell, Mark; ali.soule@allaboardflorida.com
Subject: All Aboard Florida Comment Form

Sent from All Aboard Florida Comment Form

Name: Natalie Green Moore
Address: 10130 Northlake Blvd
City: West Palm Beach
State: FL
Zip Code: 33412
Email: neg2030@bellsouth.net

Message:

I am interested in public outreach in support of this needed project.

Sent from (ip address): 208.54.85.190 (mbe5536d0.tmodns.net) Coming from (referer): <http://ursci.com/All-Aboard-FL/comments.php>
Using (user agent): Mozilla/5.0 (compatible; MSIE 9.0; Windows NT 6.1; WOW64; Trident/5.0)

October 10, 2012

Mr. Husein Cumber
All Aboard Florida
2855 LeJeune Road
Coral Gables, Florida 33134

Dear Mr. Cumber,

We, the undersigned, represent Florida-based organizations with a common interest in preserving and enhancing Florida's natural environment. Each of us in our own organizations have specific priorities and, as a group, we sometimes come together to support a project or policy when we believe it serves the best interests of our state and the priorities we believe are important to Florida's future. We write this letter to specifically support the initiative by All Aboard Florida to develop a passenger train from Miami to West Palm Beach, given the existing tracks and anticipated economic and environmental benefits; we look forward to future discussion about the second segment from West Palm Beach to Orlando.

We have reviewed and studied your company's plan to build, operate, own and maintain a passenger train to/from Orlando to Miami. You have told us that the train will be powered by clean diesel engines which meet the highest emissions standards set by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Department of Transportation. Further, most of the route will be along an existing transportation corridor and there will be minimal disruption to undeveloped areas. In addition, the placement of stations and access points in already developed areas of Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach will be an important economic boost for those communities.

Extensive ridership, engineering and environmental studies also show that there are up to three million people annually who would potentially use this new mode of transportation, thereby removing cars from Florida roadways and decreasing environmental impacts from air pollution, stormwater runoff and the use of fossil fuels to power automobiles.

Additionally, costs for Florida taxpayers will be reduced as highway maintenance and construction costs will be lessened due to fewer cars on the roadways. It is our hope that some of these savings might be deployed for uses that benefit Florida's natural resources.

For these reasons, and because we believe that rail travel can be a mode of the future that benefits our state in many ways, we support the plans for All Aboard Florida and look forward to working with you to bring this project to fruition.

Sincerely,

Eric Draper
Executive Director
Audubon Florida



John Adornato
Regional Director
National Parks Conservation Association



Eric Eikenberg
Chief Executive Officer
Everglades Foundation



Charles G. Pattison
Executive Director
1000 Friends of Florida



From: All-Aboard-Florida@urs.ursci.com
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Subject: All Aboard Florida Comment Form
Date: Friday, November 16, 2012 11:19:49 AM

Sent from All Aboard Florida Comment Form

Name: Shannon
Address: 186 Se 12th Terrace
City: Miami
State: FL
Zip Code: 33131
Email: smbeach01@aol.com

Message:

All Aboard Florida will provide a much needed form of transportation in the form of intercity passenger rail. The service will connect the region and be used by many of south Florida's residents and tourists. In this failing economy, it will create jobs and encourage the use of other forms of transportation. I support this project.

Sent from (ip address): 108.223.248.9
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November 8, 2012

Mr. Martin A. Peate
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Re: All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail Project for Intercity
Passenger Rail Service Connecting Downtown West Palm
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Lauderdale (the "*All Aboard Florida Project*")

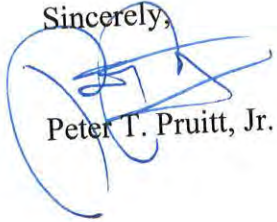
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By creating jobs, stimulating local economies and reducing carbon emissions, the benefits of new regional passenger rail system will extend beyond the rail's destination points. I support the *All Aboard Florida Project* and trust you see the benefits of the project also.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Peter T. Pruitt, Jr.", written over a circular stamp or seal.

Peter T. Pruitt, Jr.



13002 San Jose Street
Coral Gables, FL 33156
305 447 8697

November 12, 2012

Mr. Martin A. Peate
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Re: All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail Project for Intercity Passenger Rail Service Connecting Downtown West Palm Beach to Downtown Miami with one stop in Downtown Fort Lauderdale (the "*All Aboard Florida Project*")

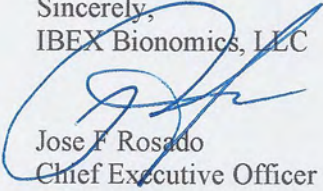
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Sincerely,
IBEX Bionomics, LLC



Jose F Rosado
Chief Executive Officer

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Edward J. Rosasco
President

November 19, 2012

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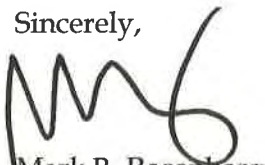
Dear Mr. Peate:

FIU supports the *All Aboard Florida Project*. For more than two decades, reestablishing passenger service along Florida's east coast corridor has been a top priority of the residents and business owners in Florida. Our faculty and staff will utilize this transportation to deepen ongoing partnerships with the University of Central Florida. With the *All Aboard Florida Project*, South Florida will be able to satisfy the need to enhance the transportation system through the implementation of a fast, dependable and efficient intercity passenger rail service that will benefit our region and the entire state by improving mobility and developing connectivity options.

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Sincerely,



Mark B. Rosenberg
President

cc: Jack Lowell, Flagler Real Estate Services, LLC



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November 20, 2012

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Jorge P. Roviroso
Executive Vice President

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From: All-Aboard-Florida@urs.ursci.com
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2012 9:08 AM
To: Peate, Martin; mmmiguez@feci.com; john.flint@allaboardflorida.com; colin.henderson@tylin.com; Crowell, Mark; ali.soule@allaboardflorida.com
Subject: All Aboard Florida Comment Form

Sent from All Aboard Florida Comment Form

Name: Cameron Sisser
Address: 2000 South Bayshore Drive
City: Miami
State: FL
Zip Code: 33133
Email: csisserinc@aol.com

Message:

All Aboard Florida will be a welcome addition for South Florida.

Adding an alternate mode of transportation in the form of intercity passenger rail will help alleviate congestion, enhance the downtown's, especially Miami, and create jobs. This service can't happen soon enough.

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November 21, 2012

Mr. Martin A. Peate
All Aboard Florida
c/o URS Corporation
7650 West Courtney Campbell Causeway
Tampa, FL 33607-1462

Re: All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail Project for Intercity Passenger Rail Service
Connecting Downtown West Palm Beach to Downtown Miami with one stop in
Downtown Fort Lauderdale (the "All Aboard Florida Project")

Dear Mr. Peate:

On behalf of the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization and our 37-Member Board of Directors, this letter is being sent in recognition of our support for the *All Aboard Florida Project*. This project will bring an alternative form of transportation that will benefit the residents and businesses in Southeast Florida and the rest of the State. Our Organization, along with our counterparts in Miami-Dade and Palm Beach, has been encouraging the reestablishment of passenger service along Florida's east coast corridor for approximately two decades. When the *All Aboard Florida Project* starts, it will satisfy the need to enhance our transportation system by operating a fast, dependable and efficient intercity passenger rail service that will benefit Southeast Florida and the entire state by improving mobility and developing connectivity options.

We have significant congestion problems in Southeastern Florida that can only be solved by providing an enriched transit service, which *All Aboard Florida Project* offers. The project will greatly improve our livability and mobility, spur economic development and create jobs. There are also environmental benefits from the *All Aboard Florida Project* by removing up to one million cars from Florida's roadways annually, mitigating traffic congestion and reducing carbon emissions. The system will also serve as a link to existing transportation systems (Metro-Rail, Metro-Mover, the Wave Streetcar, Broward County Transit, Miami Dade Transit, Palm-Tran and Tri-Rail) in Southeast Florida and offer a more seamless mode of travel for the public, thereby encouraging the use of transit and promoting sustainability.

By creating jobs, stimulating local economies and reducing carbon emissions, the benefits of a new regional passenger rail system will extend beyond the rail's destination points. We support the *All Aboard Florida Project* and hope that you recognize the transformational effect that it will have for our state and region.

Sincerely,


Gregory Stuart, AICP
Executive Director

cc: Board of Directors

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November 21, 2012

Mr. Martin A. Peate
All Aboard Florida
c/o URS Corporation
7650 West Courtney Campbell Causeway
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RE: All Aboard Florida Project

Dear Mr. Peate:

I am writing this letter in support of the *All Aboard Florida Project* that will bring an alternative mode of transportation to the State of Florida by improving mobility; developing connectivity options; and enhancing the transportation system in South Florida from West Palm Beach to Downtown Miami. The *All Aboard Florida Project* also has numerous environmental benefits including fewer cars on Florida's roadways; less traffic congestion; and a reduction of carbon emissions.

In addition to providing a transit solution to South Florida's overwhelming traffic problems, the *All Aboard Florida Project* will create jobs and stimulate economic growth at the local and State levels. By creating jobs, stimulating local economies and reducing carbon emissions, the benefits of this passenger rail system will extend far beyond just being an alternative mode of transportation.

I support the *All Aboard Florida Project* because I recognize the transformational effect it will have for the State of Florida, South Florida, and, in particular, Greater Miami.

Sincerely,



William D. Talbert, III, CDME
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November 26, 2012

Mr. Martin A. Peate
All Aboard Florida
c/o URS Corporation
7650 West Courtney Campbell Causeway
Tampa, FL 33607-1462

Dear Mr. Peate:

The Urban Land Institute has long been a vocal and proactive supporter of improved transit service, as well as transit-oriented development here in Southeast Florida. This letter is sent in support of reintroducing transit on the FEC lines throughout Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties, as proposed by the All Aboard Florida plan. Typical commute times for South Florida residents continue to be significantly above the national averages, and over the past several years existing ridership increases for current transit service certainly reflect both consumer frustration with crowded roadways and need for more transit service.

Important factors such as enhanced livability and mobility for the region are critical factors to attracting more economic development and jobs to this region, which will see more than 2 million new residents over the next twenty years. Current roadways cannot handle such an increase of population and mobility tied only to automobiles, and transit will be an affordable, viable option. Transit will also assist in lowering pollution levels and lead to improved air quality.

Reintroducing passenger service on the FEC has been studied for many years, and now it is time to make it a reality. Such economic investment in today's marketplace is certainly a welcome sign for our region and our state.

If you need additional information or have other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Carla Coleman
Executive Director

November 13, 2012

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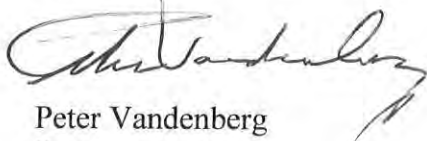
Dear Mr. Peate:

This letter is sent to you in support of the *All Aboard Florida Project* that will bring a much-needed alternative transportation mode to the State of Florida. For more than two decades, reestablishing passenger service along Florida's east coast corridor has been a top priority of the residents and business owners in Florida. With the *All Aboard Florida Project*, South Florida will be able to satisfy the need to enhance the transportation system through the implementation of a fast, dependable and efficient intercity passenger rail service that will benefit our region and the entire state by improving mobility and developing connectivity options.

In addition to enhancing the livability and mobility of the region by providing a transit solution to South Florida's overwhelming traffic problems, the *All Aboard Florida Project* will also spur economic development within local communities and the State and create jobs. There are also many environmental benefits from the *All Aboard Florida Project*. Offering this additional transportation option could remove up to one million cars from Florida's roadways annually, mitigating traffic congestion and reducing carbon emissions and Florida's overall carbon footprint. The system will also serve as a link to existing transportation systems in Southeast Florida and offer a more seamless mode of travel for the public, thereby encouraging the use of transit and promoting sustainability.

By creating jobs, stimulating local economies and reducing carbon emissions, the benefits of a new regional passenger rail system will extend beyond the rail's destination points. I support the *All Aboard Florida Project* and hope that you recognize the transformational effect that it will have for our state and region.

Sincerely,



Peter Vandenberg
Partner



Ethics and Leadership Are the Keys to Success

November 19, 2012

Dr. J. Antonio Villamil
Dean
Research Professor of Economics

Mr. Martin A. Peate
All Aboard Florida
c/o URS Corporation
7650 West Courtney Campbell Causeway
Tampa, FL 33607-1462

Re: All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail Project for Intercity Passenger Rail Service
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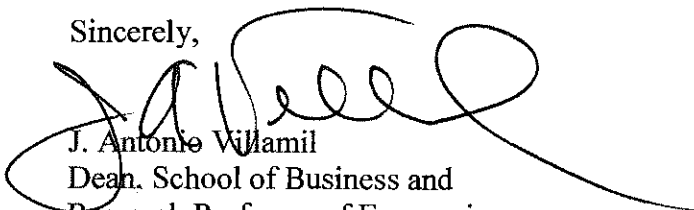
Dear Mr. Peate:

I am writing this letter on a personal basis in support of the *All Aboard Florida Project* that will bring a much-needed alternative transportation mode to the State of Florida. For more than two decades, reestablishing passenger service along Florida's east coast corridor has been a top priority of the residents and business owners in Florida. With the *All Aboard Florida Project*, South Florida will be able to satisfy the need to enhance the transportation system through the implementation of a fast, dependable and efficient intercity passenger rail service that will benefit our region and the entire state by improving mobility and developing connectivity options.

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By creating jobs, stimulating local economies and reducing carbon emissions, the benefits of a new regional passenger rail system will extend beyond the rail's destination points. [We][I] support the *All Aboard Florida Project* and hope that you recognize the transformational effect that it will have for our state and region.

Sincerely,



J. Antonio Villamil
Dean, School of Business and
Research Professor of Economics

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Subject: All Aboard Florida Comment Form
Date: Thursday, November 01, 2012 1:38:57 PM

Sent from All Aboard Florida Comment Form

Name: Zach Vogelsang
Address: 4008 Madison St
City: Hollywood
State: Florida
Zip Code: 33021
Email: zvogels1@gmail.com

Message:

I think the restoration of a dual track railroad is a great idea. It will help relieve some of the traffic so many of us experience in those areas. Plus the project will create a number of desperately needed jobs for the South Florida area. This project has my two thumbs up!

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From: [N S JR WEAVER](#)
To: [Peate, Martin](#)
Subject: All Aboard Florida
Date: Tuesday, November 27, 2012 11:39:21 PM

3119 Oakland Shores Drive, C-112
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November 28, 2012

Mr. martin Peate
All Aboard Florida
c/o URS Corporation
7650 West Courtney Campbell Causeway
Tampa, Florida, 33607-1462

Dear Sir,

My friend Seth Bramson has advised me of his full support for All Aboard Florida. I fully agree with his position on this very needed project.

Corridor type rail services have been very successful throughout the United States from Maine to the Northeast Corridor to North Carolina, Illinois, California and elsewhere as well. We need to add Florida to this successful run and I truly believe that All Aboard Florida will help accomplish that. I wish all concerned all the best in this very worthy project, we need it the sooner the better.

Regards,

Noel Weaver
Retired railroader 41 years



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November 8, 2012

Mr. Martin A. Peate
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Re: All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail Project for Intercity Passenger Rail Service
Connecting Downtown West Palm Beach to Downtown Miami with one stop in
Downtown Fort Lauderdale (the "*All Aboard Florida Project*")

Dear Mr. Peate:

The Fort Lauderdale Downtown Development Authority (DDA) strongly supports the *All Aboard Florida Project*. The downtown residents, workers, and visitors have long called for reestablishing passenger service along Florida's east coast corridor. The *All Aboard Florida Project* will complement the planned downtown streetcar known as the Wave Streetcar, by adding a seamless transportation experience for those traveling to Downtown Fort Lauderdale. This system will greatly benefit our region and the entire state by improving mobility and connectivity.

In addition to enhancing the livability and mobility of the region, the *All Aboard Florida Project* will also spur economic development within local communities and the State and create jobs. By creating jobs, stimulating local economies and reducing carbon emissions, the benefits of a new regional passenger rail system will extend beyond the rail's destination points. We support the *All Aboard Florida Project* and hope that you recognize the profound transformational effect that it will have for our state and region.

Sincerely,

Chris Wren
Executive Director

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Subject: All Aboard Florida Comment Form
Date: Monday, November 26, 2012 11:10:15 PM

Sent from All Aboard Florida Comment Form

Name: Barry Yablen
Address: 1331 Brick Ell Bay Drive
City: Miami
State: Miami
Zip Code: 33131
Email: barry@yablenlaw.com

Message:
I support this project

It would be great

I hope it becomes a reality

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EXHIBIT 4
PUBLIC COMMENTS
PART 3: COPIES OF COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS



November 28, 2012

STEVEN L. ABRAMS
Commissioner, District 4

All Aboard Florida
c/o URS Corporation
7650 W. Courtney Campbell Causeway
Tampa, FL 33606-1462

Attn: Martine Peate

Re: All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail Project for Intercity Passenger Rail Service Connecting Downtown West Palm Beach to Downtown Miami with one stop in downtown Fort Lauderdale (the "*All Aboard Florida Project*")

Dear Mr. Peate:

I am writing to express my personal support of the *All Aboard Florida Project*. The *All Aboard Florida Project* will bring a much-needed alternative transportation mode to the State of Florida. For more than two decades, reestablishing passenger service along Florida's east coast corridor has been a top priority of the residents and business owners in Florida. With the *All Aboard Florida Project*, South Florida will be able to satisfy the need to enhance the transportation system through the implementation of a fast, dependable and efficient intercity passenger rail service that will benefit our region and the entire state by improving mobility and developing connectivity options.

In addition to enhancing the livability and mobility of the region by providing a transit solution to South Florida's overwhelming traffic problems, the *All Aboard Florida Project* will also spur economic development within local communities and the State and create jobs. There are also many environmental benefits from the *All Aboard Florida Project*. Offering this additional transportation option could remove up to one million cars from Florida's roadways annually, mitigating traffic congestion and reducing carbon emissions and Florida's overall carbon footprint. The system will also serve as a link to existing transportation systems in Southeast Florida and offer a more seamless mode of travel for the public, thereby encouraging the use of transit and promoting sustainability.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven L. Abrams", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steven L. Abrams, Chairman
Commissioner, District 4

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Subject: All Aboard Florida Comment Form
Date: Monday, December 03, 2012 3:16:50 PM

Sent from All Aboard Florida Comment Form

Name: Congresswoman Corrine Brown
Address: 2336 Rayburn House Office Building
City: Washington
State: District Of Columbia
Zip Code: 20515
Email: nick.martinelli@mail.house.gov

Message:

I am writing to express my strongest support for Florida East Coast Railway's All Aboard Florida initiative and an expedited environmental assessment that will allow this project to swiftly move to completion.

The All Aboard Florida project matches well with President Obama's "We Can't Wait" initiative, which aims to accelerate delivery for projects that can create jobs and facilitate economic recovery. I am convinced that by having the appropriate agencies working together we can expedite the permitting process for critical infrastructure projects like All Aboard Florida without jeopardizing community involvement or the environment.

This project serves as a perfect example of how the private market has come to recognize the public's desire for transportation options as our roads become more and more crowded in all of our nation's metropolitan areas. This environmentally responsible option will bring more jobs and get commuters and tourists moving faster than they would be able to travel on any highway. Furthermore, these new lines will work hand-in hand with Sunrail to enhance the multimodal system that is expanding throughout the state.

I will continue to work with the Florida East Coast Railway, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), and the Department of Transportation to secure the funding and necessary permits to make this project a success.

Hon. Corrine Brown FL-05

Member of COngress

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Subject: All Aboard Florida Comment Form
Date: Tuesday, November 27, 2012 12:58:29 PM

Sent from All Aboard Florida Comment Form

Name: Broward County Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, District 6
Address: 115 S. Andrews Avenue/Suite 437c
City: Fort Lauderdale
State: Florida
Zip Code: 33301
Email: sgunzburger@broward.org

Message:

The Environmental Assessment and Section 4(F) Evaluation for the All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail Project, West Palm Beach to Miami, Florida, clearly states the positive environmental and economic impacts and offsets for the Southeast Florida Region. However, the document's scope is limited to those impacts and offsets and does not encompass a very significant health and safety issue of mine.

Specifically, I am very concerned the increased train traffic resulting from the addition of up to 16 to 19 roundtrip passenger rail trains per day will impede my constituents' abilities to access emergency medical care. With only at-grade crossings throughout Southeast Broward County, the frequency of those crossings being closed to vehicles at peak hours for train traffic will surely delay timely access to trauma and emergency hospital care. This is especially so for the large population residing east of the FEC Corridor and having to travel west to reach hospitals such as Hollywood Memorial, etc.

Accordingly, while I can favorably comment on the Environmental Assessment and Section 4(F) Evaluation of the All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail Project, I cannot give my unequivocal support for this venture until such time as my health and safety issues are directly addressed and resolved, and/or mitigated.

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Bruno A. Barreiro
Miami-Dade County Commissioner

November 27, 2012

Mr. Martin A. Peate
All Aboard Florida
c/o URS Corporation
7650 West Courtney Campbell Causeway
Tampa, FL 33607-1462

Re: All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail Project for Intercity Passenger Rail Service Connecting
Downtown West Palm Beach to Downtown Miami with one stop in Downtown Fort Lauderdale
(the "*All Aboard Florida Project*")

Dear Mr. Peate:

This letter is sent to you in support of the *All Aboard Florida Project* that will bring a much-needed alternative transportation mode to the State of Florida. For more than two decades, reestablishing passenger service along Florida's east coast corridor has been a top priority of the residents and business owners in Miami-Dade County. With the *All Aboard Florida Project*, South Florida will be able to satisfy the need to enhance the transportation system through the implementation of a fast, dependable and efficient intercity passenger rail service that will benefit our region and the entire state by improving mobility and developing connectivity options.

The *All Aboard Florida Project* will spur economic development within local communities and the State by creating jobs. There are also many environmental benefits from the *All Aboard Florida Project*. Offering this additional transportation option could remove up to one million cars from Florida's roadways annually, mitigating traffic congestion and reducing carbon emissions and Florida's overall carbon footprint. The system will also serve as a link to existing transportation systems in Southeast Florida and offer a more seamless mode of travel for the public, thereby encouraging the use of transit and promoting sustainability.

By creating jobs, stimulating local economies and reducing carbon emissions, the benefits of a new state passenger rail system will extend beyond the rail's destination points. I support the *All Aboard Florida Project* and hope that you recognize the transformational effect that it will have for our state and region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bruno Barreiro".

Bruno A. Barreiro
Miami-Dade County Commissioner
District 5

Bab/ma



Lynda Bell

COUNTY COMMISSIONER
DISTRICT 8

November 5, 2012

Mr. Martin A. Peate
All Aboard Florida
c/o URS Corporation
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Tampa, Florida 33607-1462

Re: All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail Project for Intercity Passenger Rail Service Connecting Downtown West Palm Beach to Downtown Miami with one stop in Downtown Fort Lauderdale (the "All Aboard Florida Project")

Dear Mr. Peate:

The purpose of this letter is to extend my support of the *All Aboard Florida Project* that promises to bring an alternative transportation mode to the residents of South Florida. For more than two decades, re-establishing passenger service along Florida's east coast corridor has been a top priority of the residents and small business owners within the State. With the *All Aboard Florida Project*, South Florida will be able to enhance its transportation system through the implementation of a fast, dependable and efficient intercity passenger rail service that will benefit our region and the entire state by improving mobility and developing connectivity options.

In addition to enhancing the livability and mobility of the region by providing a transit solution to South Florida's overwhelming traffic problems, the *All Aboard Florida Project* will also spur economic development within local communities and the State to create jobs. There are also many environmental benefits from the *All Aboard Florida Project*. Offering this additional transportation option could remove up to one million cars from Florida's roadways annually, alleviating traffic congestion and reducing overall carbon emissions. The system will also serve as a link to existing transportation systems in Southeast Florida and offer a more seamless mode of travel for the public, thereby encouraging the use of transit and promoting sustainability.

By creating jobs, stimulating local economies, and respecting the environment, the benefits of this new, regional passenger rail system will surpass its intended goals. For these reasons, I am delighted to support the *All Aboard Florida Project* and hope that you recognize the beneficial effects that it will have for our state and the region.

Sincerely,

Lynda Bell

Lynda Bell
County Commissioner

City of Miami



JOHNNY MARTINEZ, P.E.
City Manager

December 3rd, 2012

Mr. Martin A. Peate
All Aboard Florida
c/o URS Corporation
7650 West Courtney Campbell Causeway
Tampa, FL 33607-1462

Re: City of Miami Letter of Support for *All Aboard Florida Project*

Dear Mr. Peate:

This letter is sent to you in support of the *All Aboard Florida Project* that will bring a needed interregional transportation mode to the City of Miami. The City of Miami welcomes the development of a system that expands mobility options between South and Central Florida.

By creating jobs, stimulating local economies and reducing carbon emissions, the benefits of a new regional passenger rail system will extend beyond the rail's destination points. The City of Miami recognizes the transformational potential the *All Aboard Florida Project* may have on the region and supports the project. We look forward to, and reserve the right to comment on the project as a whole or in part during review of subsequent documents as they are released.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 305-250-5400.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Bravo, P.E.
Assistant City Manager – Chief of Infrastructure

cc: The Honorable Tomas P. Regalado, Mayor
Johnny Martinez, P.E., City Manager
Carlos Cruz-Casas, P.E., Assistant Transportation Coordinator



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November 28, 2012

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Dear Mr. Peate:

I am writing this letter in support of the *All Aboard Florida Project* that will bring a much-needed alternative transportation mode to the State of Florida. For more than two decades, reestablishing passenger service along Florida's east coast corridor has been a top priority of the residents and business owners in Florida. This project will offer an additional transportation mode for employees of businesses located within this corridor. With the *All Aboard Florida Project*, South Florida will be able to satisfy the need to enhance its transportation system through the implementation of a fast, dependable and efficient intercity passenger rail service that will benefit our region and the entire state by improving mobility and developing connectivity options.

In addition to enhancing the livability and mobility of the region by providing a transit solution to South Florida's overwhelming traffic problems, the *All Aboard Florida Project* will also spur economic development within local communities and the State and create jobs. There are also many environmental benefits from the *All Aboard Florida Project*. Offering this additional transportation option could remove up to one million cars from Florida's roadways annually, mitigating traffic congestion, reducing carbon emissions and Florida's overall carbon footprint. This project would also help decrease our reliance on foreign oil. Additionally, the system will serve as a link to existing transportation systems in Southeast Florida and offer a more seamless mode of travel for the public, thereby encouraging the use of transit and promoting sustainability.

By creating jobs, stimulating local economies and reducing carbon emissions, the benefits of a new regional passenger rail system will extend beyond the rail's destination points. I wholeheartedly support the *All Aboard Florida Project* and hope that you recognize the transformational effect that it will have for our state and region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne M. Gannon". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Anne M. Gannon
Constitutional Tax Collector of Palm
Beach County

/mv

cc: Heather L. Turnbull, Esq.
The Rubin Group,



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November 14, 2012

Martin A. Peate
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Dear Mr. Peate,

I write this letter to you in support of the *All Aboard Florida Project* that will bring a much-needed alternative transportation mode to the State of Florida. For more than two decades, reestablishing passenger service along Florida's east coast corridor has been a top priority of the residents and business owners in Florida. With the *All Aboard Florida Project*, South Florida will be able to satisfy the need to enhance the transportation system through the implementation of a fast, dependable and efficient intercity passenger rail service that will benefit our state.

In addition to enhancing the livability and mobility of the region by providing a transit solution to South Florida's overwhelming traffic problems, the project will also spur economic development and create jobs. By offering this additional transportation option, up to one million cars can be removed from Florida's roadways annually. *All Aboard Florida* will encourage the use of public transit and promote sustainability.

By creating jobs, stimulating local economies and reducing carbon emissions, the benefits of a new regional passenger rail system will extend beyond the rail's destination points. I support the *All Aboard Florida Project* and hope that you recognize the transformational effect that it will have for our state and region.

Sincerely,


René García
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November 16, 2012

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Re: All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail Project for Intercity Passenger Rail Service Connecting Downtown West Palm Beach to Downtown Miami with One Stop in Downtown Fort Lauderdale (the "*All Aboard Florida Project*")

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In addition to enhancing the livability and mobility of the region by providing a transit solution to South Florida's overwhelming traffic problems, the *All Aboard Florida Project* will also spur economic development within local communities and the State and create jobs. There are also many environmental benefits from the *All Aboard Florida Project*. Offering this additional transportation option could remove up to one million cars from Florida's roadways annually, mitigating traffic congestion and reducing carbon emissions and Florida's overall carbon footprint. The system will also serve as a link to existing transportation systems in Southeast Florida and offer a more seamless mode of travel for the public, thereby encouraging the use of transit and promoting sustainability.

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Carlos A. Gimenez
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Eduardo Gonzalez
Representative-District 111

City of Miami, Florida



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November 2, 2012

Mr. Martin A. Peate
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Re: All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail Project for Intercity Passenger Rail Service Connecting
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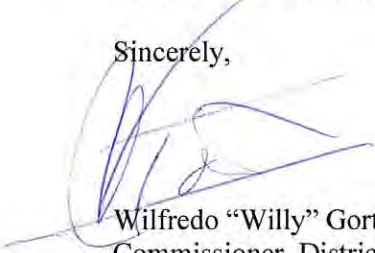
This letter is sent to you in support of the All Aboard Florida Project, *which* will offer an additional transportation mode to the State of Florida. The All Aboard Florida Project will provide South Florida the ability to enhance the transportation system through the implementation of a fast, dependable and efficient intercity passenger rail service that will benefit our region and the entire state by improving mobility and developing connectivity options with all of our transportation modes.

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Sincerely,



Wilfredo "Willy" Gort
Commissioner, District 1
City of Miami

cc: Ali Soule, All Aboard Florida



BERTHA W. HENRY, County Administrator
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November 30, 2012

Mr. Rafael Rodon
Executive Vice President
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Mr. Martin A. Peate
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Dear Mr. Rodon and Mr. Peate:

Re: All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail Project for Intercity Passenger Rail Service Connecting Downtown West Palm Beach to Downtown Miami with one stop in Downtown Fort Lauderdale (the "All Aboard Florida" Project)

Broward County is aware that the Environmental Assessment for the "All Aboard Florida" project has been released and we are pleased that no significant impacts to the environment were identified. We reiterate our support for the *All Aboard Florida* project that is anticipated to bring a much-needed alternative transportation mode to the State of Florida.

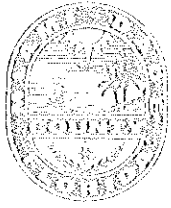
The Florida Department of Transportation, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority and Broward's Metropolitan Planning Agency (MPO) have unveiled their proposed alignment for the Central Broward East-West project, and the two projects have tremendous synergy.

There is clearly excitement in the southeast region about the prospect of serving commuters, in and around its downtown cores. By creating jobs, stimulating local economies and reducing carbon emissions, the benefits of a new regional passenger rail system will extend beyond the rail's destination points. Broward County supports the *All Aboard Florida Project* and hope that you recognize the transformational effect that it will have for our state and region.

Sincerely,

Bertha Henry
County Administrator

cc: Chris Walton, Director, Broward Transportation Department



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November 27, 2012

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Re: All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail Project for Intercity Passenger Rail Service
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Downtown Fort Lauderdale (the "*All Aboard Florida Project*")

Dear Mr. Peate:

This letter is sent to you in support of the *All Aboard Florida Project* that will bring a much-needed alternative transportation mode to the State of Florida and especially the high density areas of Southeast Florida. For more than two decades, reestablishing passenger service along Florida's east coast corridor has been a top priority of the residents and business owners in Florida. With the *All Aboard Florida Project*, South Florida will be able to satisfy the need to enhance the transportation system through the implementation of a fast, dependable and efficient intercity passenger rail service that will benefit our region and the entire state by improving mobility and developing connectivity options.

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Sincerely,


Sally A. Heyman
Commissioner, District 4



DALE V.C. HOLNESS, Commissioner, District 9
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November 1st, 2012

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Sincerely,

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The Honorable Dale V.C. Holness
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November 26, 2012

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Chip LaMarca
Commissioner – District 4

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November 8, 2012

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Sincerely,

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Jean Monestime
Commissioner, Miami-Dade County
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Stacy Ritter

Commissioner – District 3

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing in support of All Aboard Florida. As a Broward County Commissioner, and having served as Broward County Mayor, I have addressed issues of transportation and have seen the challenge of efficient transportation. When we increase efficiency, the entire community benefits. The residents of Broward business and tourism all directly benefit when people can move to anywhere they need to be.

I have seen high speed rail initiatives several times in my 16 years in public office. I believe this effort has the best chance for long term success. The challenges in transportation with street traffic, airport and seaport are traditionally very costly to any local government. The task of running a rail service through multiple counties is magnified and complex, with each local government having a priority to their home community. The All Aboard Florida initiative is promising as a privately run initiative. The public will receive benefits simultaneously. Taking cars off the road both reduces traffic for those who require an automobile and also reduces carbon emissions directly benefiting all who live in South Florida.

Finally, this initiative will create new jobs. For some, this will be the most critical portion of the initiative. I work every day to create new jobs in Broward and I will always support their creation. They are critical to our community.

I look forward to the development and success of All Aboard Florida. I support the efficiency in transportation, the creation of new jobs and the overall impact to Broward County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stacy Ritter".

Stacy J. Ritter
Broward County Commissioner
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DAVID RIVERA
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December 3, 2012

Mr. Martin A. Peate
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Dear Mr. Peate:

I would like to commend you for your tireless work and leadership on the *All Aboard Florida Project* and offer my full support for this vital, job-creating project. The *All Aboard Florida Project* will provide South Florida the ability to enhance the transportation system through the implementation of a fast, dependable and efficient intercity passenger rail service that will benefit our region and the entire state by improving mobility and developing connectivity options with all of our transportation modes.

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The *All Aboard Florida Project* has the potential to have a transformational effect for our state and region. Please keep me updated on your progress on this project and if I can ever be of assistance in advancing our mutual goals.

Sincerely,

David Rivera

cc: Ali Soule, All Aboard Florida



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November 29, 2012

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Dear Mr. Peate:

I am writing to express my support for the concept of a passenger rail line connecting Miami and Orlando, with a station in Broward County, like the one being proposed with the *All Aboard Florida Project*. Florida community leaders, elected officials, business owners and residents have made it clear that passenger rail connecting South Florida to the rest of the State is a top priority. Doing so would not only offer commuters with a much-needed alternative to car travel in densely populated Southeast Florida, but would also enable international visitors to travel quickly and conveniently between two of our state's most popular tourist destinations.

The implementation of fast, dependable and efficient intercity passenger rail service in our region will expand mobility for our visitors, and will enhance the quality of life for our residents by reducing congestion on our roadways. In addition, such service would create jobs and spur economic development within local communities and across the state. Finally, intercity rail service would connect existing transit systems in Southeast Florida, which would encourage greater use of public transit, and lead to reduced automobile traffic and decreased carbon emissions.

For these reasons, I am pleased to support the concept of intercity passenger rail service between Miami and Orlando, like that being proposed by the *All Aboard Florida Project*. Thank you for your consideration of my comments on this issue. I welcome any questions or comments you may have.

Sincerely,



Timothy M. Ryan
County Commissioner
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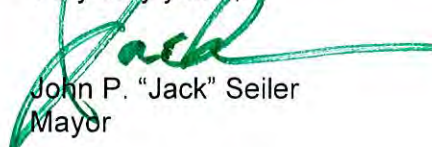
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Very truly yours,



John P. "Jack" Seiler
Mayor





Barbara Sharief, M.S.N., A.R.N.P.
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November 26, 2012

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Re: All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail Project for Intercity Passenger Rail Service Connecting Downtown West Palm Beach to Downtown Miami with one stop in Downtown Fort Lauderdale (the "All aboard Florida Project")

Dear Mr. Peate:

Please allow this letter to serve as an official statement of support for the All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail Project. This long awaited alternative to the existing methods of transportation will have a tremendous positive impact not only South Florida, but to the entire State of Florida.

The value and job opportunities this passenger rail brings in connecting residents and the business communities of Dade, Broward and Palm Beach are endless. Florida's east coast corridor has been a top priority of the residents and business owners in Florida. With the All Aboard Florida Project, South Florida will be able to satisfy the need to enhance the transportation system through the implementation of a fast, dependable and efficient intercity passenger rail service that will benefit our region and the entire state by improving mobility and developing connectivity options.

All Aboard Florida will unclog overpopulated roadways and save thousands of lives every year and have a positive impact on the environment by reducing carbon monoxide emission. This project will also interface with existing transportation systems in South Florida and bring to life what has been a dream for so many years of reliable public transportation in the overly congested South Florida communities.

Sincerely,

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Barbara Sharief, MSN, ARNP
Vice-Mayor
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Rebeca Sosa
COMMISSIONER
DISTRICT 6

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Rebeca Sosa
County Commissioner, District 6

cc: Ali Soule, All Aboard Florida

City of Miami, Florida

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November 16, 2012

Re: All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail Project for Intercity Passenger Rail Service
Connecting Downtown West Palm Beach to Downtown Miami with one stop in
Downtown Fort Lauderdale (the "*All Aboard Florida Project*")

To whom it may concern:

I write this letter to express my support for the *All Aboard Florida Project* that will bring a much-needed alternative transportation mode to the State of Florida. For more than two decades, re-establishing passenger rail service along Florida's east coast corridor has been a top priority of the residents and business owners in Florida. With the *All Aboard Florida Project*, South Florida will be able to satisfy the need for enhanced regional transportation options through the implementation of a fast, dependable, and efficient intercity passenger rail service.

In addition to enhancing the livability and mobility of the region, the *All Aboard Florida Project* will help ameliorate traffic congestion, spur economic development, and create jobs. There are also many environmental benefits from the *All Aboard Florida Project*. Offering this additional transportation option could remove up to one million cars from Florida's roadways annually, reducing carbon emissions and Florida's overall carbon footprint. The system will also serve as a link to existing transportation systems in Southeast Florida and offer a more seamless mode of travel for the public, thereby encouraging the use of transit and promoting sustainability.

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Sincerely,

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Francis Suarez
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Priscilla A. Taylor

County Commissioner, District 7
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All Aboard Florida
c/o URS Corporation
Attn: Martin A. Peate
7650 West Courtney Campbell Causeway
Tampa, FL 33607-1462

Re: All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail Project for Passenger Rail Service Connecting Miami to Downtown West Palm Beach with one stop in Ft. Lauderdale

Dear Martin Peate:

Please allow this letter to serve as an endorsement of the All Aboard Florida passenger rail project connecting downtown Miami to downtown West Palm Beach. South Florida has much needed this alternative mode of transportation along the east coast corridor connecting the tri-county downtown areas. The residents and business will prosper from this alternative transportation; it will alleviate much of the overly congested traffic ways and decrease carbon emissions.

The All Aboard Florida Project will also create hundreds or thousands of jobs in the short and long term and allow persons searching for jobs to expand the scope of the search to areas they will now more easily be afforded the opportunity to travel in a convenient, cost effective and safe manner.

Sincerely,

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Priscilla A. Taylor
County Commissioner, District VII
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November 26, 2012

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Sincerely,

Shelley Vana
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Commissioner Lois Wexler

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November 29, 2012

Re: All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail Project for Intercity Passenger Rail Service Connecting Downtown West Palm Beach to Downtown Miami with one stop in Downtown Fort Lauderdale (the "*All Aboard Florida Project*")

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Lois Wexler

Broward County Board of County Commissioners
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Juan C. Zapata
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSIONER
DISTRICT 11

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Warm Regards,

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Juan C. Zapata
County Commissioner, District 11

EXHIBIT 4
PUBLIC COMMENTS
PART 4: COPIES OF COMMENTS FROM AGENCIES

From: All-Aboard-Florida@urs.ursci.com
To: Peate, Martin; mmmiguez@feci.com; john.flint@allboardflorida.com; colin.henderson@tylin.com; Crowell, Mark; ali.soule@allboardflorida.com
Subject: All Aboard Florida Comment Form
Date: Monday, December 03, 2012 12:33:54 PM

Sent from All Aboard Florida Comment Form

Name: Keith Melton
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City: Atlanta
State: Ga
Zip Code: 30002
Email: keith.melton@dot.gov

Message:
Comments to Federal Railway Administration – “All Aboard Florida”
(AAF)Environmental Assessment

Submitted by the Federal Transit Administration – Region IV to FRA

December 3, 2012

As an FTA Regional Office, we offer the following comments to the EA and suggest some discussion of the following may be in order in the EA and between FRA and FTA.

Commuter Rail – SFRTA and FTA's Role

As you know, the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) operates Tri Rail Commuter Rail service on a CSX rail track west of the AAF target area. SFRTA and Tri Rail serve the Miami International Airport (three S. Florida counties within the Miami UZA and cities with daily commuter service). SFRTA is an FTA grantee and we understand SFRTA is desirous of discussing “a possible cross-over” to the Florida East Coast (FEC) track to provide some commuter rail service on FEC tracks. Tri Rail moves about 14,000 riders per day. While the characteristics of the trips may be different, a significant public investment in Tri Rail may be impacted by the AAF project in S. Florida.

When the SFRTA began its service, the FEC tracks through S. Florida downtowns were not available to SFRTA. FTA would like to note SFRTA's desire to make sure the possible AAF service is a) coordinated with Tri Rail service on the FEC line' and b) would like to suggest this coordination attempt to ensure that the AAF service not compete with or degrade the existing Tri Rail service within the Miami UZA; and c) that AAF work with Tri Rail and others on stations area plans. Also, in light of the above, and the fact that this AAF service described within the EA is entirely within the Miami UZA, would it not be

prudent to further discuss FTA as a a) cooperating agency or b) a co-lead agency on the EA?

Other Transit & Traffic Impacts

We appreciate the traffic crossing information but wonder if this is sufficient. Other FTA transit grantees in the Miami UZA include Palm Tran, Broward Co. Transit and Miami Dade Transit. As such, FTA notes there may be a) bus route impacts from the siting of the AAF stations and b) wonder if those impacts should be further documented and discussed?

Financing

We understand that All Aboard Florida (AAF) may be considering a large public FRA loan guarantee as public backing for private financing. We suggest that the FRA and FTA further discuss this project guarantee in light of previous FTA funding for Tri Rail within the Miami UZA and on-going SFRTA and other transit grantee plans in the Miami UZA. We note that AAF's public posture of saying that no public funds will be needed has been widely publicized. We also understand the AAF project may require use of public ROW to connect with Orlando in a subsequent phase. FTA suggests that further consideration be given to the possibility of a large public loan guarantee to back private financing of the AAF project be included within the EA. We did not see a cost or financing section in the EA and feel this may be appropriate.

Cumulative Effects, MPO Involvement & TOD

The possibility of "cumulative effects" on public loan guarantees; public ROW and financing, Tri Rail service, traffic and land use in the S. Florida downtowns as well as the possible accommodation of future Tri Rail commuter service should be further examined. The three MPO's in the Miami UZA and SFRTA should be given every opportunity to review the impacts of possible station locations, opportunities for Transit Oriented Development (TOD), a possible Tri Rail cross-over and the parking assessments. Further, the Ft. Lauderdale and W. Palm Beach station area impacts (10,000 SF of retail) seem low – and perhaps should be higher with mixed use impacts noted. Hence, more land area may be required as a result of the project. Also, will public parking beyond a few surface spaces be required? Will AAF assist with station area planning?

Thank you for the opportunity to submit.

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From: [Milligan, Lauren](#)
To: [Peate, Martin](#)
Subject: FW: All Aboard Florida - Environmental Assessment - Public Comments Requested
Date: Friday, November 30, 2012 4:39:46 PM

A “no comment” response from the SFWMD below.

Lauren

From: Oblaczynski, Deborah [mailto:doblaczy@sfwmd.gov]
Sent: Thursday, November 29, 2012 11:15 AM
To: Milligan, Lauren
Cc: Schneider, Natalie; Braun, Rod
Subject: RE: All Aboard Florida - Environmental Assessment - Public Comments Requested

Hi Lauren,
The District staff has reviewed the Final Environmental Assessment for the All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail Project. The District has no comments to forward on the referenced documents.

Thank you for the opportunity.
Deborah Oblaczynski

Deborah Oblaczynski, AICP, Policy and Planning Analyst-Specialist
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South Florida Water Management District
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Cc: Stahl, Chris
Subject: FW: All Aboard Florida - Environmental Assessment - Public Comments Requested

Dear Clearinghouse Reviewers:

RE: U.S. Department of Transportation – Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing Program – Environmental Assessment and Section 4(f) Evaluation (EA) for the All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail Project, West Palm Beach to Miami – Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties, Florida.
Reference Previous SAI # FL200610032820C and ETDM #s 7519 and 11860
http://www.fra.dot.gov/rpd/freight/fp_West_Palm_Beach_to_Miami_Florida.shtml
<http://www.allaboardflorida.com/> (Link to EA Appendices at the bottom of this page)
Public Comment Due Date: 12/03/2012

FYI -- Please see the message below and above website links for further information and an opportunity to comment on the referenced Federal Railroad Administration EA. This project

follows the same existing Florida East Coast (FEC) railroad corridor as the previously reviewed South Florida East Coast Corridor Transit Analysis (SFECCTA) and FEC Amtrak High Speed Rail: Mainline projects.

A federal consistency review under the Coastal Zone Management Act was already conducted on this corridor as part of the previous State Clearinghouse and ETDM project reviews, so I do not believe it would be necessary to conduct another for this proposal. If your agency would like to comment or has concerns that were not previously addressed, however, please let me know and we can send a state comment letter through the State Clearinghouse review process. Thank you!

Lauren

Lauren P. Milligan, Environmental Manager
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Please take a few minutes to share your comments on the service you received from the department by clicking on this link. [DEP Customer Survey](#).

From: Peate, Martin [<mailto:martin.peate@urs.com>]

Sent: Monday, November 05, 2012 6:09 PM

Subject: RE: All Aboard Florida - Environmental Assessment

Importance: High

Attached below are links to downloadable copies of the ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND SECTION 4(F) STATEMENT FOR THE ALL ABOARD FLORIDA PASSENGER RAIL PROJECT WEST PALM BEACH TO MIAMI, FLORIDA as required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and submitted in compliance with 23 CFR Part 771.

All Aboard Florida – Stations LLC and All Aboard Florida – Operations LLC (AAF) jointly prepared this Environmental Assessment (EA)/Section 4(f) Evaluation for their proposed All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail Project – West Palm Beach to Miami, Florida. AAF prepared the EA/Section 4(f) Statement to support an application to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for funding under the Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing Program to construct the Project. FRA reviewed and commented on draft versions of the document and approved this version for release for public circulation and comment. Written comments should be provided in writing to AAF at the address noted below on or before December 3, 2012.

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1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590
Attn: Sydney Schneir
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Sydney.Schneir@dot.gov

All Aboard Florida – Stations LLC
All Aboard Florida – Operations LLC
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Attn: Martin A. Peate, AICP
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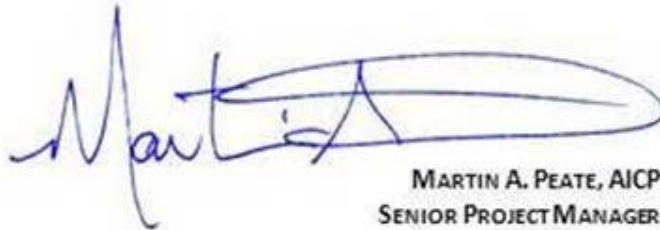
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Notice of Availability

http://www.fra.dot.gov/rpd/freight/fp_West_Palm_Beach_to_Miami_Florida.shtml

All Aboard Florida Website Link to EA

<http://www.allaboardflorida.com/>



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December 3, 2012

Federal Railroad Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590
Attn: Sydney Schneir

Subject: Letter of Support for the All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail Project

Dear Ms. Schneir:

Council has reviewed the Environmental Assessment and Section 4(F) Evaluation for the All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail Project (West Palm Beach to Miami, Florida), dated October 31, 2012, prepared by All Aboard Florida. The purpose of the project is to establish intercity passenger rail service between West Palm Beach and Miami utilizing the existing Florida East Coast (FEC) rail corridor, including the installation of a second railroad track, necessary infrastructure improvements, and the construction of three new passenger rail stations in downtown Miami, downtown Fort Lauderdale, and downtown West Palm Beach. The Assessment is comprehensive, thorough, and complete in its analysis of the improvements necessary to enable the construction of the proposed service.

The restoration of passenger rail service on the FEC rail corridor has been a top priority of the Treasure Coast Region for decades. The original FEC rail line and its stations are the key organizing element for Florida's historic development pattern along its east coast. Each of the historic stations became a town center for the dozens of small and large cities that evolved along the corridor. Since passenger rail service was disbanded in 1968, automobiles and an expanding roadway network has characterized the coast, contributing to inefficient, sprawling development patterns in the absence of multi-modal alternatives. The All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail project, recently proposed by Florida East Coast Industries, presents a much needed alternative for today's transportation network.

The project is consistent with Council's Strategic Regional Policy Plan, and several key goals and strategies are noted accordingly. The project will advance progress to reduce the Region's vulnerability for fuel price increases and conversely reinforce a pattern of development that reduces dependency on the automobile, encourages transit, and reduces the overall use of fossil fuels (Future of the Region, Goal 9.1 and Policy 9.1.1.1). The project will also help encourage compact, mixed-use development and redevelopment that enhances the preferred form of development and helps contain suburban sprawl, as noted in the Future of the Region, Goal 15.1 and Policy 15.1.3.3. The "All Aboard Florida" project will also help advance the Region

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Ms. Sydney Schneir

December 3, 2012

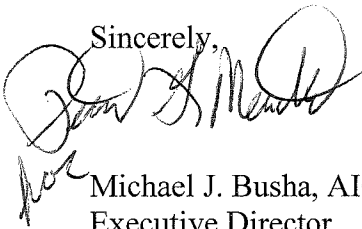
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towards a balanced and integrated transportation system (Transportation Goal 7.1), with infrastructure to encourage a higher density and intensity of development within core downtown areas (Policy 7.1.2.3). As the project proceeds, Council notes the need for continued coordination with local governments and residents regarding a variety of local issues, including municipal interest in the construction of quiet zones, potential impacts to locally-funded infrastructure improvements (such as parking and landscaping) constructed by local governments in and along the rail corridor, and the maintenance of mobility and street networks around proposed station areas.

The All Aboard Florida project will also help advance the long-range plans of the Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Martin County MPO, and St Lucie Transportation Planning Organization. In addition, the passenger rail initiative is consistent with Council's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, or CEDS Plan.

The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council strongly supports the expansion of passenger rail in the Region, and the All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail project represents a tremendous opportunity to enhance the sustainability of the Region with premium transit service.

Sincerely,

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Michael J. Busha, AICP
Executive Director

cc: Martin A. Peate, AICP, URS Corporation

TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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November 7, 2012

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The "All Aboard Florida" project proposes three stations in Southeast Florida—downtown Miami, downtown Fort Lauderdale, and downtown West Palm Beach. Each of stations would be embedded in ongoing redevelopment efforts within these communities, enabling transit-oriented development and improved land use/transportation relationships. In addition to servicing as central business districts, each of these potential station areas also has strong track records for infill housing in the past several decades, resulting in a mix of uses that corresponds well to transit use. Accordingly, expanded transit service, such as "All Aboard Florida," can promote trip capture and remove cars from the roadway network, thereby increasing efficiency and reducing carbon emissions.

It is also important to emphasize the importance of FECI's "All Aboard Florida" project in the context of the multi-modal transportation system for Southeast Florida. This critical north/south link will include immediate connections into the local transit systems in each county as well as other local premium transit, including MetroRail, MetroMover, the West Palm Beach downtown trolley, and pending Fort Lauderdale "Wave" streetcar.

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