

December 12, 2019

Mayor Buddy Dyer
Chairman, Central Florida Commuter
Rail Commission
400 South Orange Avenue
Orlando, Florida 32801

Re: SunRail Phase II North

Dear Mayor Dyer:

As you are aware, each of the five Local Government Partners to the Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission (CFCRC) have been requested to consider a draft letter dated October 28, 2019 to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Secretary Thibault, to make Debary the north terminus of SunRail operations and have FDOT hold the \$34M of Federal Transit Authority (FTA) Flex Funds (previously allocated for construction of the Debary to Deland SunRail segment) for other SunRail capital improvements. This draft letter will be considered by the CFCRC Board at its meeting of January 30, 2020.

The Seminole County Board of County Commissioners reviewed the draft letter at a Board Work Session on December 10, 2019. While there appeared to be consensus to support the draft letter two (2) important questions were raised that Seminole County would like answered by the CFCRC.

First, please confirm that FTA will not take issue with SunRail, the CFCRC or the Local Government Partners if SunRail, for the foreseeable future, terminates in Debary. Further, please confirm that terminating commuter rail service in Debary will not jeopardize, or put at risk, future funding and funding opportunities from FTA.

Second, could the \$34M in FTA Flex Funds be used, in part, for last mile BRT projects to enhance SunRail ridership?

During the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners Work Session, several other SunRail related questions were raised.

In regards to the Agreement with CSX, what is the status of, and plans for, the three (3) spur line options which will expire in 2021?

In regards to the SunRail financial numbers, while it is acknowledged the flow of this information from FDOT to CFCRC has improved in recent months, several questions still exist:

1. Please supply the 2019 SunRail budget and actual expenditures;
2. Please supply the 2020 SunRail budget; and
3. Please supply an estimate of forthcoming Capital Improvements and include the source of the estimates, and the year those estimates were made.


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Thank you for your attention to these matters. Seminole County looks forward to a positive continuing relationship as a Local Government Partner with the CFCRC.

Sincerely,



Jay Zembower
Chairman, Seminole County
Board of County Commissioners

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