

# **Volusia-Flagler TPO Executive Committee Meeting**

**January 7, 2026  
9:00 a.m.**



Executive Committee Meeting  
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**1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Determination of Quorum**



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## 2. Public Comment/Participation



### **3. Business Items**

#### **A. Review and Approval of a Letter of Support for FDOT's Application to the National Railroad Partnership Program / Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail (FSP) Grant Program**





## Central Florida Rail Corridor (CFRC) Bridge Replacement at MP 784.3 – Maitland, Florida

### FACT SHEET

**Project Title:**  
CFRC Bridge Replacement  
at MP 784.3 – Maitland, Florida

**Applicant:**  
Florida Department of Transportation

**Grant Type:**  
National Railroad Partnership Program/  
Federal-State Partnership (NRP-FSP)

**Project Type:**  
Urban

**Total Project Cost / Amount of Federal  
Funding Requested:**  
\$84.0M / \$42.0M (50% federal share)

**Project Schedule:**  
Construction FY28

**Project Location:**  
Maitland, FL

**Urbanized area where the project is:**  
Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford

**Congressional District & Member:**  
FL-10, Congressman Maxwell Frost

**Was a federal grant application  
previously submitted for this project?**  
No

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is seeking federal funding to support construction of a critical infrastructure project along the Central Florida Rail Corridor (CFRC). The project involves the replacement of the existing railway bridge at milepost (MP) 784.3, which spans US 17/92 (Orlando Avenue) in Maitland, Florida. This bridge serves as a vital rail corridor serving Amtrak intercity passenger trains, SunRail commuter service, and CSX freight operations.

Although the existing structure is currently in a State of Good Repair, it is aging and has been identified through historical incident data and engineering assessments as a priority for replacement.

### OBJECTIVES

This project aims to address several objectives, including rail capacity, improving traffic flow, and increasing safety and structural integrity.

- **Rail Capacity:** The single-track CFRC will be upgraded to a double-track system, allowing concurrent train operations and eliminating a significant operational bottleneck for Amtrak, SunRail, and CSX services.
- **Traffic Flow and Constructability:** Construction is designed to minimize disruption. Crews will build the new substructure while existing operations continue and use prefabricated spans for quick installation during a short track outage. The new, longer, dual bridges will also allow for the US 17/92 road median to be reduced to accommodate an additional northbound lane, directly improving roadway traffic capacity.
- **Safety and Structural Integrity:** The new bridge will meet modern design standards using concrete and steel, increasing its durability. A key safety objective is to increase the vertical clearance at US 17/92 to significantly reduce the frequency of vehicle strikes (bridge hits), which have been an ongoing issue with the existing structure.





## PROJECT CHALLENGES AND BENEFITS

The outdated US 17/92 steel bridge, originally constructed in 1935 and extended in 1959, is a major constraint on the CFRC, creating a 1.9-mile single-track bottleneck. The main challenge is replacing the existing bridge structure while minimizing disruptions to highly active transportation corridors, which include:

- A combined (Amtrak, SunRail and CSX trains) rail traffic of 52 trains weekday;
- Heavy US 17/92 road traffic; and
- Complexity of upgrading a single track to a double track system.

The proposed project offers numerous long-term benefits for the community and transportation network:

- Replacing the aging structure eliminates safety concerns for both train and vehicular traffic;
- Eliminating a single-track chokepoint, provides uninterrupted service for both freight and passenger rail;
- Enhancing the long-term resilience of a key multimodal corridor improves operational reliability;
- Reduced long-term maintenance costs and minimizing the potential for service disruptions.
- Enhancing capacity is crucial for accommodating SunRail's future plans to increase service frequency, including potential night and weekend service;
- Accommodations for a future pedestrian bridge over US 17/92 for the continuation of an existing pedestrian/bike path ultimately linking the two neighboring communities; and
- Enhancing overall safety for CFRC/SunRail and its tenant railroads.

This project is the first phase of a multi-phase effort to eliminate the 1.9-mile operational chokepoint. Phase 1 will replace the aging bridge and add 0.7 miles of double track. Phase 2 completes the remaining 1.2 miles of second track construction and would be proposed as a separate future project.



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

RE: National Railroad Partnership Program / Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail (FSP)  
Grant Program - FM # 452191-1-52-01 - CFRC Bridge Replacement Project over US 17/92 in Maitland, FL

Dear Secretary Duffy,

On behalf of the Volusia-Flagler TPO, I am writing to express support for the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) grant application for the Central Florida Rail Corridor (CFRC) Bridge Replacement Project over U.S. 17/92 in Maitland, Florida (FM # 452191-1-52-01). This vital infrastructure initiative will replace an aging railway bridge that serves a multi-modal corridor supporting SunRail commuter service, Amtrak intercity passenger rail, and freight operations by CSX Transportation (CSXT).

As Florida experiences continued population growth, the demand for safe, efficient, and sustainable transportation options has never been greater. The CFRC and SunRail have become a model of federal, state, and local collaboration, delivering mobility solutions that enhance regional connectivity and economic vitality. SunRail's true success is a testament to this partnership and the importance of maintaining and upgrading the corridor's infrastructure.

The proposed bridge replacement will:

- Improve rail capacity and operational reliability
- Enhance safety for both rail and roadway users
- Support future service expansion and multimodal integration
- Reduce maintenance costs and potential service disruptions

This project directly aligns with the Administration's goals to advance transformative rail infrastructure projects, promote economic competitiveness, and invest in resilient infrastructure. FDOT's proposal represents a strategic investment in a critical corridor for the movement of people and goods across Central Florida.

I respectfully urge your full consideration of FDOT's application. This project is a crucial step in ensuring the safety, reliability, and growth of Central Florida's rail infrastructure.

Respectfully,

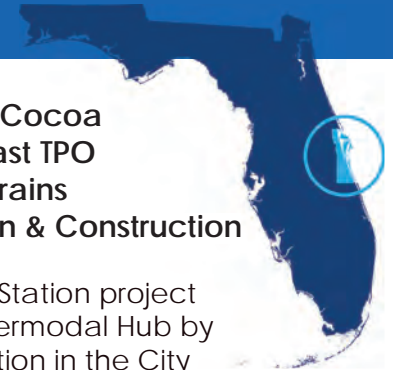
City of South Daytona Councilman Eric Sander  
Volusia-Flagler TPO Board Chairperson

### **3. Business Items**

**B. Review and Approval of a Letter of Support for the Space Coast TPO's Application to the National Railroad Partnership Program / Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail (FSP) Grant Program**



# Cocoa Multimodal Station and Rail Project



**Project Applicant:** City of Cocoa  
**Co-Applicant:** Space Coast TPO  
**Sub Recipient:** Brightline Trains  
**Project Phase:** Final Design & Construction

The Cocoa Multimodal Rail Station project aims to create a thriving Intermodal Hub by constructing a Brightline station in the City of Cocoa that connects various modes of transportation, including rail, air, sea, space travel, and roadway, including bicycle and pedestrian. This critical node will enable regional intercity mobility for millions of travelers within Florida.

The goal of the project is to address the area's lack of intermodal facilities and transit options by leveraging the existing Brightline operations that currently travel non-stop through Cocoa. The intended outcome of the project is new intercity passenger rail service that will provide increased travel mode options, enhanced connectivity, and future economic development because of the intermodal facility.

Central Florida's substantial projected growth will increase demands on the existing transportation network. High-speed rail delivered through the Cocoa Multimodal Station and Rail Project would foster intercity connectivity and provide another option to road travel in a rapidly growing region.

The Project activities would include the **Final Design and Construction of a new in-line station, four miles of double tracking, and all necessary signals to support efficient operations for new rail service in Cocoa.** The station and double-track will be contained within the Brightline Corridor; parking and on-site circulation will be developed on land already owned by the project partners.

## Federal investment will:

- Accelerate the investments that **aerospace** and **national defense** companies are making while supporting the mission readiness of **Space Force**
- Facilitate easier access to nationally renowned, but parking-constrained destinations like **Kennedy Space Center, Port Canaveral, Cocoa Beach, and major airports at OIA and MLB**
- Advance Brevard County as a **regional hub** between rail stations in South Florida and Orlando, **linking cities** together and creating a stronger and more integrated **economy**
- Provide **critical relief** to facilities such as I-95 and SR 528 that results in travel **delays, crashes, and bottlenecks in freight movements**
- Create a **seamless travel experience** for **travelling families**



# Cocoa Multimodal Station and Rail Project



## Project Details:

**#1 Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Priority** for the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) and included in the Central Florida MPO Alliance Transit Priorities

Supported by **Florida's Transportation Plan and Florida Rail System Plan**. The plan is aimed at connecting communities, reducing roadway congestion, supporting economic development, and enhancing regional mobility through rail services.

**Project Location:** Located in Cocoa, Florida on the Space Coast. Conveniently located to Kennedy Space Center and Port Canaveral.

**Increased Capacity:** Project will include an additional 4 miles of track.

**Safety:** Passenger rail has the potential to reduce traffic crashes by encouraging mode shift. Station will be built with safety in mind.

**American Family Focused:** Station to include family friendly features. Supports travel and quality of life of families.

**Project Readiness:** Feasibility and NEPA documents completed. Access road is designed. Preliminary designs to go under contract shortly.

## DISTANCES TO KEY DESTINATIONS

 35 miles from Orlando

 150 miles from Jacksonville

 120 miles from Tampa

 185 miles from Miami

### Distance from potential intermodal station:

Orlando | 35 miles

Stuart | 99 miles

Tampa | 120 miles

West Palm Beach | 120 miles

Miami | 185 miles

Kennedy Space Center | 17 miles

Port Canaveral | 10 miles

Cocoa Beach Main Street | 13 miles

Brevard Zoo | 12 miles

Melbourne-Orlando International Airport | 22 miles



## Project Schedule

  
Station Location  
Analysis  
Completed  
2016

  
Feasibility Study  
Completed  
October 2024

  
Design  
Concept in Progress

  
Construction  
Unfunded



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U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: National Railroad Partnership Program / Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail (FSP)  
Grant Program - Cocoa Multi-Modal Passenger Station and Rail Project

Dear Secretary Duffy,

On behalf of the Volusia-Flagler TPO, I write to express our support for the application submitted by the City of Cocoa and the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization (SCTPO) for USDOT/FRA Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Program for Projects Not Located on the Northeast Corridor (FSP-National). If awarded this grant, the City of Cocoa and the SCTPO, partnering with the Brevard County, Brightline, and Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway, will use these funds to complete the Cocoa Multimodal Station and Rail Project. This project aims to create a thriving intermodal hub by constructing a Brightline station in the City of Cocoa that connects various modes of transportation, including rail, air, sea, space travel and roadway, including bicycle and pedestrian.

The station will connect Brevard County with rail service to Orlando and South Florida, linking communities and making it easier for families, workers, and visitors to travel. It will also help reduce congestion on I-95 and S.R. 528, improving safety and travel times for everyone on the road. By strengthening connections and creating intercity mobility, this project supports a more accessible, vibrant, and connected Brevard County.

As a regional partner, the Project falls directly in line with our organization's goals, plans, and vision to enhance multi-modal connections and lead to new or improved passenger rail transportation corridors.

Thank you for considering this project that supports the Central Florida region throughout Florida's Space Coast and beyond.

Respectfully,

City of South Daytona Councilman Eric Sander  
Volusia-Flagler TPO Board Chairperson

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**3. Business Items**

**C. Review and Approval of the November 5,  
2025 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**



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**D. Review and Approval of the Draft  
January 28, 2026 TPO Board Agenda**





# MEETING AGENDA

## VOLUSIA-FLAGLER TPO BOARD

Councilman Eric Sander, Chairperson

**DATE:** Wednesday, January 28, 2026  
**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.  
**PLACE:** Volusia-Flagler TPO Conference Room  
1540 Cornerstone Blvd, Suite 240  
Daytona Beach, FL 32117

### Microsoft Teams Information:

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### TPO BOARD AGENDA (DRAFT)

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT/PARTICIPATION** (*Length of time at the discretion of the Chairperson*)  
Anyone wishing to make a public comment should fill out a speaker card and hand it to a TPO staff member or the Chairperson. You will be called on when the item is discussed. If you wish to speak about an item not on the agenda, you will be called during public comment/participation.
3. **CONSENT AGENDA**
  - A. November 19, 2025 Volusia-Flagler TPO Board Meeting Minutes
  - B. Treasurer's Reports
  - C. Executive Committee Report
  - D. Quality Assurance Committee Report
  - E. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Report
  - F. Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee Report
  - G. Citizens Advisory Committee Report
  - H. Technical Coordinating Committee Report
  - I. Volusia-Flagler TPO Board Report
  - J. Executive Director Timesheet Review Report
4. **ACTION ITEMS**
  - A. Review and Approval of Resolution 2026-## Amending the 2024/25 to 2028/29 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (**Roll Call Vote Required**)
  - B. Review and Approval of Resolution 2026-## Adopting the 2026 Volusia-Flagler TPO Safety and Data Targets
5. **PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**
  - A. Presentation and Discussion of the Volusia-Flagler TPO FY 2026/27 to FY 2027/28 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
  - B. FDOT Report

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
7. TPO BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS
8. TPO CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS
9. INFORMATION ITEMS
  - A. BPAC Attendance Record
  - B. CAC Attendance Record
  - C. TCC Attendance Record
  - D. TPO Outreach & Activities
  - E. Upcoming Events
  - F. Volusia County and Flagler County Construction Reports
  - G. reThink Your Commute Service Ending

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

The next Volusia-Flagler TPO Board meeting will be held on **February 25, 2026**.

### February 2026 Meeting Dates

Executive Committee, February 4, 2026 @ 9:00 am

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee, February 11, 2026 @ 2:00 pm

Citizens Advisory Committee, February 17, 2026 @ 1:15 pm

Technical Coordinating Committee, February 17, 2026 @ 3:00 pm

Volusia-Flagler TPO Board, February 25, 2026 @ 9:00 am

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If any person decides to appeal a decision made by this board concerning any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, including all testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. To that end, such a person will want to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made.

Individuals covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 in need of accommodations for this public meeting should contact the Volusia-Flagler TPO office, 1540 Cornerstone Blvd., Suite 240, Daytona Beach, Florida 32117; 386.271.0249, ext. 1, at least five (5) working days before the meeting date.

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**4. Staff Comments**



## 5. Executive Committee Member Comments



## 6. Adjournment

