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Mr. Amit Bose, Administrator
Federal Railroad Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: FLORIDA STATIONS PROGRAM – Kissimmee, Deland, Orlando
Amtrak FY22 Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Program – National
Network (FSP – National Program) Grant Application

Dear Mr. Bose,

It is our understanding that Amtrak is applying to the FY22 Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) FY22 Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Program – National Network Grant. The area of focus for this proposed application is to fund final design efforts for three Amtrak served stations in Florida: 1) Kissimmee, 2) Orlando and 3) DeLand. These stations allow passengers access to the Silver Service Route which is a 1,522-mile line that runs between Miami, Florida, and New York City.

The proposed project will improve passenger rail assets by reducing Amtrak’s state of good repair backlog, improving passenger rail operations and performance, enhancing rail safety by upgrading stations and grounds to meet ADA compliance, and making platform improvements that meet Amtrak current standards. The upgrades will increase passenger safety, health and well-being along with promoting economic development and increased ridership.

Existing station equipment and component deficiencies will be addressed as part of this project. This project will also benefit passengers that will utilize the SunRail, Phase 2 North Commuter Rail Station, which is currently in development and will be co-located with the Amtrak station in DeLand.

The River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is supportive of the project and believes that it will have a dramatic impact on improving intercity passenger rail service.

Sincerely,

City of DeLand Mayor Christopher M. Cloudman
Chairperson, River to Sea TPO