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May 21, 2024

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

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Jason Steele, Chair  
Brevard County Board of County Commissioners