

Office of Governor Ron DeSantis State of Florida The Capitol 400 South Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor DeSantis,

As Chair of the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners, I am writing to express our strong support for the Interstate 4 Intercity Passenger Rail Improvements Appropriations Request. These funds will benefit communities throughout the state, including Brevard County. We applied your efforts and that of the Florida Legislature for advancing critical transportation funding for Central Florida.

As the Florida Department of Transportation invests \$2 Billion on Interstate 4 improvements, we believe it is in the best interest of the state and the traveling public to incorporate elements that will ultimately allow for Intercity Passenger Rail within the corridor. This Appropriation will allow for coordinated construction while minimizing future disruption to traffic and optimizing the cost of infrastructure along this corridor.

The Florida Department of Transportation's mission is to provide safe transportation that ensures the mobility of people and goods, enhances economic prosperity, and preserves the quality of our environment and communities. There is no better investment than ensuring that Interstate 4 is an intermodal corridor for generations to come.

The Brevard County Board of County Commissioners is committed to addressing transportation challenges in the larger Central Florida area and supporting opportunities to plan and fund projects that benefit the region. We support the Interstate 4 Intercity Passenger Rail Improvements Appropriations Request and we thank you, Gov. DeSantis, for your leadership and vision.

Sincerely,

Jason Steele
Chair, Brevard County Board of County Commissioners