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Dear Mr. Buscha:

This letter is in response to your letter of December 3, 2014, requesting a meeting with Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) personnel regarding the All Aboard Florida (AAF) passenger rail project. Unfortunately, we must deny your request for a meeting for the following reasons.

The public comment period for the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the AAF project ended on December 3, 2014. We are currently in the process of reviewing all of the comments that were received during the 75-day public comment period and working to complete the FEIS. Our public comment period for this project was almost twice as long as we normally afford for other environmental reviews and we have collected several thousand comments for the record. Now that the comment period has closed, it would not be appropriate to hold meetings with individuals or groups seeking to submit additional comments.

Additionally, we have previously met with representatives of St. Lucie County and Martin County and have toured the proposed alignment with officials from Martin County. We also held three of our eight public meetings along the Treasure Coast. You can be assured that we will give all due and proper consideration to the comments that have been submitted for the record.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kevin Thompson, Associate Administrator for Communications and Legislative Affairs at 202-366-1299, or via email at kevin.thompson2@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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