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May 1, 2014

U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Railroad Administration
Attn: John Winkle - EIS
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
RM W28-311
Washington, DC 20590

Reference: All Aboard Florida Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Dear Mr. Winkle:

The Town Council for the Town of Indian River Shores, Florida has been listening and reading with great interest information relating to the proposed rail line, *All Aboard Florida*, for several months. This project traverses the State of Florida from Orlando to Miami along a path that brings it due East and then heads South through heavily populated areas at speeds up to **110 mph 16 times twice a day through 352 crossings** in our four county area called the Treasure Coast. It is comprised of Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin and Okeechobee Counties.

We are in agreement with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, the Indian River and the four Boards of County Commissioners, all of our local governments and residents who are concerned with the extremely short (45 day) review time allotted for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). There are too many unanswered questions, leaving a great deal of skepticism in the air.

We respectfully ask that the minimum amount of time allotted for the inspection and review of the EIS be extended by at least an additional 45 days as allowable under federal policy, further requesting a total of 180 days due to the overwhelming concerns expressed by multiple agencies including the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, local governments and the citizens of the Treasure Coast.

We truly appreciate and thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Brian M. Barefoot
Mayor

cc: Indian River Shores Town Council
Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, & Okeechobee County Boards of County Commissioners (via email)
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (via email)
Treasure Coast Municipal Governments (via email)