MEMORANDUM

To: All Local Governments

From: Michael J. Busha, Executive Director, TCRPC

Date: May 21, 2014

Subject: Extension of the Public Comment Period for the All Aboard Florida Draft Environmental Impact Statement

At its May 16, 2014 meeting, the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council voted unanimously to request that Governor Scott and local governments in the region appeal to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to extend the public comment period for the draft environmental impact statement for the All Aboard Florida project from 45 to 90 days. The proposed AAF project is an expansive project traversing nearly 200 miles of Florida’s east coast. Council has conducted extensive public outreach on the topic and several potential impacts to the region’s communities have been identified.

Numerous local governments and members of the public have expressed their concerns regarding potential impacts this project will have on their businesses, homes, safety, and quality of life. A request from local governments for an extension of the public comment period would underscore to the FRA the strong desire across the region to ensure all impacts are reviewed and mitigated.

Thank you for your support of this request.