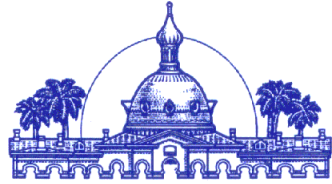


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Florida High Speed Rail Authority
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800 N. Highland Avenue
Orlando, Florida 32803

RE: Hillsborough County Transportation Task Force Supports Florida's High Speed Rail

Dear Mr. Chira:

On May 18, 2009, the Hillsborough County Transportation Task Force, a 22-member advisory body created by the Board of County Commissioners, voted unanimously to support Florida's High-speed Rail application for Federal funding. The Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners created the Transportation Task Force to recommend improvements and funding for transportation.

The plan is to have a multi-modal transportation system that includes light rail and expansion of the bus network. The opportunity to connect Florida High-Speed Rail with our local and regional multi-modal system will greatly benefit the Tampa Bay Region and all of Central Florida. Transportation is critical to the future economic well-being of Hillsborough County.

Sincerely,

Ken Hagan
Chairman

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c: Board of County Commissioners
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