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DEIS Comments, Public Meeting

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Comments:

I think this project would be excellent for the state of Florida. It will improve tourism greatly giving tourist a chance access West Palm Beach and Orlando without the inconvenience of driving. It will also boost Florida on an economic level. I am hoping this project is on the run full speed ahead.

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Comments:

WE FEEL THAT THIS PROGRAM WILL SERIOUSLY
STRENGTHEN THE STATE IN PROVIDING ENHANCED
MOBILITY TO A COMMONLY USED COMMUTE IN
FLORIDA. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT IT AND CANNOT
WAIT TO USE IT ONCE IN PLACE. WE BELIEVE
IT WILL ALSO BOOST THE ORLANDO & MIAMI ECONOMY
BY PROVIDING A COST EFFECTIVE COMMUTE TO DISNEY
AND OTHER ATTRACTIONS.

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All Aboard Florida initiative is offering south Florida & ~~north~~^{central} Florida the opportunity to travel throughout the state. This promotes intermodal diversity, thus removing vehicles from the road, and ultimately reducing potential crashes. In addition, overall air quality should significantly improve since anticipated congestion on roadways will diminish as a result of offering Floridians the means of traveling on rails. This project will benefit all Floridians in a traffic & mobility perspective.

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Overall in support of project. Has there been any consideration for constructing stations with ~~with~~ that will allow for future expansion of rail branching off the proposed stations? I don't expect for additional infrastructure to ~~be~~ built but ~~to~~ ~~out~~ but designing and constructing the stations in a way that will minimize economic impacts if future expansion does occur would be a ~~smart~~ beneficial component. Another concern I have is how will stations be designed to accommodate taxis, buses, etc to pick up ^{drop off} passengers arriving and departing? Will consideration should be taken to minimize impacts/delays to normal traffic flow near the stations

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Comments:

I am supportive of this project. I would like to see the main extend to Jacksonville in the near future and possibly to Tallahassee.

The ability to now transport people in tandem from two of our busiest destinations of the highest economic impact will benefit the entire state.

Our visitors industry will grow exponentially while allowing alternative transportation modes for people in our state.

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Comments:

As a native of this area, who remembers taking the train (FEC) from FLL to MIA, I am looking forward to the beginning of service.

I appreciate the planning going into this project. It is important to have alternate forms of mass transit for our area.

It appears that the fares will be reasonable. I hope that there can be close co-ordination between the cruise lines and AAF. Would be nice if trains could go into the Port to pick-up cruise passengers. The tracks do exist.

Looking forward to the beginning of service as mentioned above.

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This is a great project, and will improve long-distance transportation by providing more options for travelers.

More public information/outreach must be done to keep residents and businesses informed & educated on project details.

Area has heavy student / young professional traffic, but we did not see that demographic represented at the meeting.

More details on how the project impacts the Miami area was needed, including a map w/ station information.

Area where station will be located is not usually visited / safe at night. Focus on safety and marketing so people feel like hanging out at night will be needed. Most understand community to do this & be effective.

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Comments:

THIS IS A VERY WELCOME ADDITION TO THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK IN FLORIDA. CONNECTING ORLANDO TO SOUTH FLORIDA, COMBINED THE LARGEST ECONOMIC AND TOURISTIC DRIVERS IN THE STATE MAKES A LOT OF SENSE, BOTH FOR VISITORS AND RESIDENTS.

I WOULD ENCOURAGE AAF TO CONSIDER OCCASIONAL SERVICE TO THE COUNTIES BETWEEN WFPB AND ORLANDO SO THAT THEY STAND TO BENEFIT FROM THIS PROJECT AS WELL. EVEN A COUPLE OF "LOCAL" TRAINS, OFF-PEAK EACH DAY COULD MAKE A MEANINGFUL DIFFERENCE FOR THESE COMMUNITIES WITHOUT ADDING EXCESSIVE TRAVEL TIME FOR THROUGH-TRAVELERS.

FLORIDA NEEDS THIS PROJECT! PLEASE GIVE IT YOUR FOLLEST CONSIDERATION.

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I am looking forward to accessing
rail from S. Florida to Central Florida.

My work requires travel to and from
Miami - Ft Lauderdale, Orlando and
parts of Northern Florida.

Having access to a rail option
as I have used in Asia, Europe &
the Americas will allow me to

be more productive & safer. Currently
I have to drive which is inconvenient

otherwise - if I fly, it is time consuming.

Additionally, with a rail option, I can
take family with me whereas with
a car or airplane - I am limited.

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My family AND I ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO
SEEING THIS PROJECT ADVANCE TO THE NEXT PHASE.
WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO IT FOR SOME TIME

PLEASE SELECT COMPETENT CONTRACTORS TO COMPLETE
THE PROJECT IN A TIMELY MANNER.

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Comments:

My FAMILY AND I FULLY SUPPORT ALL ABOARD
FLORIDA AND LOOK FORWARD TO IT
BEING COMPLETED ~~AS TIME~~ ^{SOON}, WE HOPE
ALL ABOARD FLORIDA SELECTS CAPABLE
CONTRACTORS THAT CAN DELIVER HIGH
QUALITY WORK, BUILT SAFELY, AND
ON TIME.

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The construction industry is a huge supporter of this project. Regardless of the current planned steps going from Miami to Orlando, it will create jobs at all levels. AAF should contract with responsible contractors who will complete quality work.

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Comments:

This is a great investment in Florida's
future and will be a benefit for
generations to come.
Keep this project on track.

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Comments:

El proyecto es una excelente
Idea para el estado de la
florida, dondole una oportunidad
de Empleo a muchos Compañias,
y a personas en general, también
en el aspecto turístico le da
oportunidad a turistas a visitar
Orlando y a muchos personas
que trabajan, en diferentes
condados, conmutar de una
manera rápida y segura
y mas económica.

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I am in support of this project and believe it will ~~be an~~ provide economic growth to the areas were the stations are located and will provide a much needed link from Miami to Orlando which will offer the public ~~an~~ a ~~gr~~ nice alternative from driving.

This project can also be completed without significantly impacting the environment, existing navigable waterways, or the public.

I am in full support of the project.

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economy.

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AND ABOUT TIME.

CLEAR THE PATH.

LET'S THE TRAINS ROLL!

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Comments:

The project is expected to provide a major boost to the local economy. We need alternative transit to residents. Therefore this is viable and as a resident support the concept.

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Comments:

One way to make this project better and to serve the needs of the communities it goes through is the addition of a trail. A trail can mitigate the negative affects to the environment, social justice and improve overall connectivity.

This should not be optional, but required.

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Comments:

I support this project 100%. It will stimulate the economy by creating thousands of jobs throughout Florida. It is something that most Floridians have been looking forward to for many years.

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Comments:

THE High speed concept is a GREAT IDEA. I'm MORE IMPRESSED THAT THE Project is USING AN EXISTING FACILITY (FEC). THIS IS A GOOD APPROACH TO INTEGRATE AN UNDER UTILIZED ASSET TO SERVE THE PUBLIC.

~~JE~~

JE SUPPORT THIS PROJECT

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I SUPPORT THE PROJECT IN ITS ENTIRETY, IE, FROM DOWNTOWN MIAMI TO ORLANDO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

I BELIEVE THAT ALTERNATIVES, SUCH AS PASSENGER RAIL, SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED AS A MEANS OF REDUCING CONGESTION ON THE HIGHWAYS; AIR, NOISE, & VISUAL POLLUTION ASSOCIATED WITH AUTOMOBILE TRAFFIC WOULD ALSO BE REDUCED.

INDIVIDUALS CAN ALSO BE PRODUCTIVE WHILE TRAVELING ON AAF INSTEAD OF DRIVING THEIR INDIVIDUAL VEHICLES.

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Comments:

To: whom this may concern.

I have live in overtown all 58 yrs and still live here raised my one and only child in overtown I have what changes ~~that~~ we come and go our residents were told one thing then we expected that but when the finish product was in place it was a lot different, ~~some~~

In a lot of ways maybe I think this is a good thing which can help the residents of overtown and people coming through.

People who have never lived in O.T. really don't know how it feels to be call (I 4 Life) Tower 4 Life) As a kid growing up I can remember my parents did not have

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leave overtown for anything I
am HOPING that this new res
toration project restore faith
and hope to our community with
the helps of its residents and parents
IM OVER TOWN

Smile

The first overtown street festival
in overtown was 3 day celebrational
now it's only 1 bring overtown back
to it glory day I feel it can be
achieve

SOKE (T-shirts were sold. (slogan)
ON T-SHIRT (I went over town I was robbed
and rape and still had GOOD TIME) SOKE
Early
Late
7:05

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Comments:

I am very excited with this project. Florida ~~needs~~
needs projects like this to relieve the congested
traffic.
Thanks AAF for this venture.

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Comments:

I AM EXCITED THAT AAF IS ON THE HORIZON.
THERE WILL FINALLY BE A VIABLE TRANSPORTATION
ALTERNATIVE TO ORLANDO.

I FULLY SUPPORT THIS PROJECT.

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Comments:

I strongly believe this project will be a great boost to Florida. I will strongly help build jobs + have strong economic impact to the state. Its great for tourism + is a much needed alternative for tourism in bridging the gap from Miami to Orlando + parts in between.

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Comments:

I believe this project will be advantageous to not only the residents of South/Central Florida, but also to the tourist industries of both locations. Provides an enjoyable alternative to our overburdened tunnel-like I95 roadways. Ride to Orlando in the comfort of a train is very attractive.

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Comments:

The All Aboard Florida Intercity
Passenger Rail Project will benefit
Florida several ways. It will reduce
the amount of pollutants by increasing
mass transportation and reducing the use
of personal vehicles that release pollutants
in the atmosphere. Second, it will create
a large number of jobs in the region

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Comments:

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Not only would it stimulate the
economy. It will be a source of
transportation that we would use
regularly. Especially having
family in the Orlando area.

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Comments:

As a proponent of public transportation, I am delighted to see this project take shape. Train travel is a beneficial alternative to crowded highways, improving air quality and allowing travelers the opportunity to be productive during transit.

I would hope that the alternative with the least negative impacts on wetlands and upland habitat would be selected, and that both the investor and the public make every effort to mitigate any impacts that occur.

Having experienced the pleasures of commuting and touring by train in other areas, I applaud this project and look forward to frequent use.

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Comments:

I am very interested about this project. I think it will be very beneficial for me and family since I am not very fond of driving and we usually like to go to Orlando for our family vacation once or twice a year. Also it would benefit the economy on our area.

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Comments:

I SUPPORT THIS PROJECT BECAUSE OF ALL
THE NEW JOB OPPORTUNITIES IT WILL BRING
TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

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Comments:

THIS PROJECT WOULD BE GREAT FOR ALL OF
FLORIDA AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND
JOB RESOURCES. FLORIDA IS CURRENTLY
ONE OF THE LARGEST POPULATIONS WITHIN
THE UNITED STATES BUT HAS DRAMATIC
LESS RAIL THAN OTHER MARKETS.

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Comments:

I am a city of Miami resident
~~with~~ and head of household for a
family of six. I think it is imperative
that the AAF project proceed for the
health & viability of our state. I am
strongly in support of this initiative

Spencer Crowley
38 SW 22nd Road
Miami FL 33129

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Comments:

THIS IS AN INCREDIBLE PROJECT NOT ONLY FROM A MOBILITY AND
MULTI-MODAL ASPECT, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY THIS PROJECT WILL REDUCE
SINGLE-OCCUPANT VEHICLE TRIPS. THIS PROJECT WILL ALSO RESULT
IN IMPROVED REGIONAL-TO-REGIONAL TRIP CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN THE SE
FLORIDA REGION AND ULTIMATELY TO ORLANDO. ~~THESE ARE~~ I'M
STRONGLY IN FAVOR AND TOTAL SUPPORT THIS PROJECT. PEOPLE
WHO ARE OPPOSED TO THIS PROJECT DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT THE
RAILROAD BUILT THIS STATE AND MANY OF THE CITIES ALONG THE
ALIGNMENT WERE A RESULT OF THE RAILROAD BEING BUILT. THE
RAILROAD WAS HERE FIRST. IN CONCLUSION, THIS PROJECT WILL BE
AN INCREDIBLE ASSET TO NOT ONLY THE REGION BUT ALSO THE
STATE, THIS WILL ALSO BE GREAT FOR TOURIST (INTERNATIONAL) ARRIVING
IN EITHER MIAMI OR ORLANDO AND TRAVEL TO THE CITY, RESPECTIVELY.

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Comments:

This program will be very beneficial with the intercity financial stability. With so many family and friends throughout Florida, I will really see the benefits of this project.

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Comments:

I'm in favor of alternate forms of transportation
and hope that this is a great success!!

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I do not think there is any environmental impact for this project. So many engineers and planners have worked hard to conclude those ~~findings~~ findings printed on your brochure.

My only concern is that it is going to be a waste of investment. Nobody in Florida is going to take this train. The image of having a car is convenience has been built into Floridians' brain already, thanks to so many TV commercials. People think only someone who cannot afford a car would take the train. Plus, the public transportation system sucks in Florida. Train scenarios are not safe and comfortable at all.

Hope my comments will be noted and recorded. It is the tax payer's money to hold these kind of meetings!!!

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Comments:

I believe that the proposed project (train from Miami to Orlando) will be wonderful for all citizens. For example, including myself who has 2 younger siblings and a grandmother who enjoy ^{going} to ~~own~~ Disney every other month will help get from one place to another in a way that we will feel safe, comfortable and content with the future train. Crossing fingers that the proposed project (train) ^{will} ~~come~~ true! 😊

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Comments:

I am very much in support of this project. SE Florida has been somewhat separate from the northern population centers of the state for some time. This will provide an additional needed connection.

My suggestions would be to elevate the rail where possible, especially traversing (A) wetland areas and (B) areas at which you plan future high density development. Ground level roadbeds and railbeds are an impediment to the flow of people and commerce and tend to isolate areas, causing blight & neglect.

I'm also very supportive of the plan to provide "countdown" clocks at the marine-related rail bridges (eg New River) as well as internet info and phone "apps".

Lastly, I wish that a connection with the proposed Tri-Rail Coastal link be discussed and established early-on. This will enhance the ridership

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and serve those not located at one of the four planned stations of AAF.

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Comments:

I'm all for it.
Can't wait till it's
built.

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Comments:

I'm all for this project. It will bring good economical development to the state.

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Comments:

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"ALL ABOARD" AS SOMEONE WHO DRIVES TO
CENTRAL FL. OFTEN I CANT WAIT FOR IT TO
BE UP AND RUNNING.

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Comments:

I am glad this project is taking place as it will create jobs, create alternate routes to driving and promote public mass transit.

I hope there is a bike trail parallel to the rail corridor. I'm a member of Rails to trails group on facebook and I hope that I'm able to ride my bike to Westpalm or even to Orlando.

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Comments:

Excellent presentation. AAF seems to have more than adequately addressed environmental, social, and cultural issues.

This project has my 100% support. Not since Henry Flagler brought his railroad to Miami has there been a more transformative project for Miami, South Florida, and indeed, the state of Florida.

My family has been in Miami since 1922 and this project will make a difference (positive) in Miami until 2122!

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Comments:

This is a very important project for the State of Florida. I am in favor of the project. This is a privately fund project that benefits the residence of Florida without major financial contribution from Florida's tax payers.

This project offers the tourist and Florida residence another alternative to get to and from Miami to the Central Region of our State.

This is a great example of how we can decongest our current roadway network without impactn our environment significantly.

Please move forward with this project.

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Comments:

All Aboard Florida (AAF) is a much needed infrastructure project that I fully support. Florida's population continues to grow and will soon pass New York as the third most populous state in the U.S. Highways in the state are at or near capacity and travel by air has become inefficient. We need travel options, including mass transit which AAF offers.

I frequently travel from Miami to Orlando for business and vacation, and would take AAF as a viable option to using my personal vehicle or flying. Other major states (California) and regions (Northeast) in the U.S. have invested in similar passenger rail service; why shouldn't Florida?

Given the fact that most of the AAF Miami to Orlando route is within existing rail R/W (Phase 1), it would seem that the investment level and impacts of this project are relatively minor when compared to the benefit it provides to travel and economy.

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I support the project from MIAMI TO ORLANDO.

I am a resident of Broward County.

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Comments:

I like the idea of all aboard Florida and I am hoping we see more of these projects in other states as well like California, Illinois, Texas and among others, I also like that it will be grade separated because it's better and safer, I hope that people will accept the idea that trains are safe, comfortable and reliable, I am an Amtrak rider and I am a student it's great to think about alternatives and I hope it can get done very soon. I hope to see this as a model that trains can do this and that way national train day can be a blast as well and to work with other railroads like Amtrak. I am curious on the prices of the train tickets so I will be able to travel to Orlando often. Please make this happen so other railroads would be inspired to succeed.

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Comments:

I am very excited about this project. Looking forward to take this train to Orlando. Also, I really like the fact that this train will not have a negative impact to the environment b that it will generate thousands of new jobs.

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Comments:

This project is badly needed to help the transportation industry. I fully support it!

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Comments:

Great project for the state of Florida.
A very large positive ~~economic~~ impact in the
economy of the state, generating jobs and economic
development. ~~It is~~ Reducing the volume
of vehicle traveling will reduce the environmental
impact of car in the air quality.

We are in need of more public transportation,
with sustainable plans.

I can hardly wait to start using and
enjoying intercity train!

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Comments:

I TRAVEL BETWEEN ORLANDO AND MIAMI ON
BUSINESS AND PERSONAL TRIPS ABOUT TWICE A
MONTH. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THE TRAIN AS
AN ALTERNATIVE TO DRIVING OR FLYING.

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Comments:

AS A FREQUENT USER OF EXISTING RAIL TO BOTH ORLANDO AND TAMPA - I WELCOME THE ADDITION OF A NEW, FASTER SERVICE TO ORLANDO. AMTRAK'S CURRENT SERVICE IS SLOW AND WITH A VERY LIMITED SCHEDULE WHICH IS OFTEN LATE. WITH A NEW ALL ABOARD FLORIDA SERVICE - MORE PEOPLE CAN MAKE IT TO ORLANDO WITHOUT HAVING TO USE AN ALREADY CONGESTED FLORIDA TURNPIKE.

NEW RAIL SERVICE WILL ALLOW BUSINESS TRAVELERS TO REACH ORLANDO FROM MIAMI AND VICE VERSE WITHOUT HAVING TO FLY OR DRIVE, AND WILL BENEFIT TOURISTS WHO MAY NOT BE FAMILIAR WITH S. FLORIDA ROADWAYS.

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Comments:

LOOKING FORWARD TO AN INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE.
HOPEFULLY ^{REVENUE} DEMAND WILL INCREASE SO ADDITIONAL STATIONS ARE
BUILT.

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Comments:

As a young ~~pepper~~ professional, it's vital to me that the city I live in transform and transition into a hub of commerce and innovation. The idea of a centralized transportation station is the head-on necessity to create a world-class city. I want to be able to travel, live and work with ease and comfort. I believe Miami (especially downtown) needs to evolve into a thriving + social atmosphere. This train and its stations will do all of that. I am a huge supporter of this project and can not wait to be a passenger on the inaugural trip.

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Comments:

Great project to fulfill a transit need along an underutilized Rail Corridor. Having to use a car for trips along the East Coast & Orlando is wasteful. I ask that all cities, municipalities & Government agencies approve this project and to get trains (Passenger) rolling along these existing & new ROW alignments as soon as practical.

I know that the Boating Community represents a unique Challenge here in South Florida. I ask that all maritime interests work to provide efficient forms of transportation along the route.

Lastly, please provide additional Stations along the northernmost Eastern Corridor (Cocoa, St Lucie, Ft Pierce)

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This is a very critical project for Florida's citizens and visitors. This will open up opportunities for all of Florida not just along the corridor.

This will help Florida take off once again with our ~~tourists~~ tourism industry.

I can't think of a single reason why this project should not happen immediately.

This is a fantastic improvement for the State of Florida.

MY VOTE IS YES - BUILD IT NOW!

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NEW PASSENGER RAIL SYSTEM. THE SYSTEM WOULD
BE VERY CONVINENT FOR PASSENGERS TO TRAVEL FROM
MIAMI TO ORLANDO. THE ANTICIPATED TRAVEL TIME IS
CONSIDERABLE ^{AND} ~~IS~~ VERY CLOSE TO ~~THE~~ A CAR COMMUTE
TRAVEL TIME. THERE IS SO MUCH UPSIDE TO THIS
PROJECT FROM JOBS TO ECONOMIC BOOST, ~~AND~~ ALL THE
COUNTIES FROM MIAMI TO ORLANDO WOULD REALLY
BENEFIT FROM THIS PROJECT.

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Comments:

I AGREE & SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION OF ALL ABOARD FLORIDA
PHASE I & II. I BELIEVE THAT THIS PROJECT BRINGS
NOT ONLY DEVELOPMENT ALONG THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE
CORRIDOR BUT WILL ALSO AID ^{IN} THE PROXIMITY BETWEEN
THE COUNTIES MAKING IT EASIER FOR PEOPLE TO EXPAND
THEIR DAILY ACTIVITIES SUCH AS SCHOOL, WORK & LEISURE
TO FURTHER LOCATIONS THAT ARE OTHERWISE HARD ~~TO~~ ~~GET~~ EXPENSIVE
TO GET TO IN PARTICULAR VEHICLES. ~~SO~~ VISITORS OF SOUTH FLORIDA
ALWAYS HAVE THE COMPLAINT OF A LACK OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, A PROJECT
LIKE AAF WILL CHANGE THAT. PUBLIC SERVICE REDUCES CARBON EMISSIONS
^{THE HIGH QUANTITY OF} FROM PARTICULAR VEHICLES THAT WE ARE SO FAMILIAR HERE IN SOUTH FLORIDA.
MAJOR ~~CITIES~~ CITIES IN THE USA SUCH AS NEW YORK & BOSTON DEPEND
ON RAIL TRANSPORTATION, THIS IS OUR NEXT STEP.
ALTHOUGH CONTROVERSIAL TOPICS INCLUDE THE CONCERN OF THE DEMOLITION
OF HISTORIC BRIDGES & BELIEVE THERE IS CULTURE & HISTORY SURROUNDING
US ONLY BY THOSE WE SPEAK WITH, AS WE LIVE IN SUCH A DIVERSE LOCATION
SITES SHOULD BE USED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURE & ECONOMY.

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Comments:

I FULLY SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROJECT. THIS IMPROVEMENT MAKES USE OF EXISTING RIGHT OF WAY AND RESULTS IN MINIMUM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT FOR A PROJECT OF THIS MAGNITUDE.

I ALSO BELIEVE THAT INTRODUCING PASSENGER TRAINS IN AN AREA THAT ALREADY PLAYS HOST TO LONGER, LOUDER FREIGHT TRAINS WILL NOT BE DETRIMENTAL TO ANY WILDLIFE THAT HAS ALREADY BECOME ACUSTOMED TO THIS PRESENCE.

FURTHER, I BELIEVE THAT IN AN AREA OF TRAFFIC CONGESTION SUCH AS SOUTH FLORIDA THE STATE SHOULD PURSUE AS MANY AVENUES AT REDUCING VEHICULAR TRAFFIC AND THE ACCOMPANYING POLLUTION.

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Comments:

- Fantastic Project it is a great opportunity for Residents in Miami. It is a fast access to north and center Florida and a motivation to increase the tourism in the most beautiful sites of our country and state, it's a great opportunity for employ thousand of people and enjoy this good rail way trip.

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Comments:

Este Proyecto es muy bueno y Favorable para la
Transportacion hacia Orlando, ya q facilita el
Trasiego de mercancia y Transportacion del
Personal, a Varios lugares, hay menos Contaminacion
para la atmosfera, el medio Ambiente, ya q esta
Transportacion es muy economica, Rapida y Segura
este Proyecto Crea muchas fuentes de empleo
osea Considero q es un Proyecto favorable

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Comments:

To whom this may concern:

I Juanita Fultz am a current president of Overtown I am hoping that jobs and job training be made available to residents from the beginning to the end. We would not only like to be a part of working manual labor we as residents of Overtown would like to be consider for office work as well as being part of some board that considers ~~what~~ what is being done in our neighborhood and have our opinion's count not just listen and that be the end of it.

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Comments:

Por este medio expreso mi apoyo incondicional al proyecto ALL ABOARD FLORIDA. Pienso sera muy beneficioso para la economia del estado de la FLORIDA. Tambien muy importante beneficio sera la reduccion considerable de las emisiones de gas para el medio ambiente, asi como una notable disminucion en el trafico de nuestras autopistas. Tambien elevara considerablemente el turismo y el nivel de hospitalidad en nuestro estado. Otra importante razon por la cual apoyo el proyecto es porque sera una gran fuente de empleo para los floridians.

Thanks!!

Get on board with ALL ABOARD!!

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Comments:

I support the project totally. I think is a great possibility to develop our state, a lot of people will get job from Miami to Orlando. Besides, as far as I concern, no impact to the environment with this project. iGo Ahead AAF!

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Comments:

*I support All Aboard Florida
because is going to be good
for everybody.*

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Comments:

I believe this project will be another connecting dot to Florida's Transportation System.

All of Florida will enjoy increase in tourism since it will make it economically feasible for tourists to travel from our Seaports to the Disney Parks

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Comments:

I support this project because it will create very needed jobs during the construction and permanent operation of the system. This project will help Floridians better access new work and employment markets. Commuting will become easier, more efficient and more environmentally friendly.

Tourism will increase inbetween S. Florida & Orlando. This project will link tourist markets in South Florida and Orlando. This project will reduce the States overall carbon footprint; and will improve traffic on our States expressways. This project will take existing underutilized infrastructure and will maximize its potential. I believe this project will not cost taxpayers any money.

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Comments:

I think that this project improve
the transportation system of our
state. For me, it's very important
the connection between Orlando & Miami
this project will provide with a fast
and reliable service for the people
of South Florida

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- ① This is a home run for southern Florida
- ② It connects the business communities of 4 of 6 top business centers in the state
- ③ It make fast travel possible among the state's top ~~top~~ visitor destinations
- ④ It takes cars off the road - environmental benefit
- ⑤ It adds beautiful designs to downtown areas of Miami, Ft Lauderdale and West Palm Beach + stimulates transit oriented development
- ⑥ It brings billions of dollars in new work to our economy without disproportionate government spending

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Comments:

The projects will benefit the Florida state in a tremendous way. It will be easier for tourists and locals who want to go north to Orlando will benefit all contractors involved in the project. plus. will be less pollution, less traffic and. gas consume. safer way to travel and. faster way to travel, excellent way for all kind of tourists to go to different places, up north of Miami.

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Comments:

AS SOMEONE WELL VERSED IN THE LIMITATIONS OF SOUTH FLORIDA'S
HIGHWAY SYSTEM AND THE ALMOST GEOMETRIC GROWTH OF
SMALLER TRAFFIC IN THE REGION, I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE
AAE PROJECT. IT WILL TAKE CARS OFF THE ROAD, THEREBY REDUCING
CONGESTION AND EMISSIONS. I DRIVE FROM MIAMI TO OPALEHA
SEVERAL TIMES ANNUALLY ON BUSINESS AND WOULD WELCOME
A FAST, CLEAN AND EFFICIENT ALTERNATIVE SUCH AS AAE.
I UNDERSTAND THE ARGUMENTS ABOUT THE PROJECT
MADE BY BOATING AND RECREATION INTERESTS, BUT BELIEVE
SUCH CONCERNS TO BE EXAGGERATED AND CAPABLE OF BEING
SUBSTANTIALLY MITIGATED. THE PROJECT FURTHER WILL BE A
BOOST TO TOURISM THROUGHOUT SOUTH FLORIDA. STATION/HUB
DEVELOPMENT WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT
POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE URBAN CORES OF MIAMI, FT.
LAUDERDALE AND WEST PALM BEACH.

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Comments:

IT IS MY OPINION THAT THIS PROJECT.
IS WELL SUITED FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA
AND WILL CREATE MUCH NEEDED JOBS WHILE
OBSERVING ENVIRONMENTAL & NATURAL
RECOURSE IMPACTS.

I SUPPORT THIS PROJECT.

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Passenger rail service along FL will provide the state with a new level of service for tourism and business travelers alike. Not only are the major Florida airports will benefit from the flexibility of transporting passengers will prove to have great economic impacts to S. FL, Central, FL and the West Coast alike. I am fully supportive of this project and look forward to using this rail service in the future. This will create a tremendous influx of revenue for our state.

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I would like to see a rail-with-trail approach used for the implementation of the line. This is a great opportunity to give safe exercise and commuting options to those who want to bike or run/walk. Miami-Dade is over-congested with vehicle traffic, the future of our cities will be dependent upon alternate means of travel as well as the health of future generations.

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Comments:

PLEASE INCLUDE RAIL WITH TRAIL. A TRAIL ALONGSIDE THE RAIL NETWORK WOULD HELP OFFSET SOME OF THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF THE PROJECT LIKE MORE PARKING SPACES, MORE TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND REDUCED GREEN SPACE.

INCLUDING A TRAIL ALONGSIDE THE RAIL WILL BOOST THE STATE'S TRAIL NETWORK, WHICH WILL IMPROVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR WALKING AND BIKING AND HELP CONNECT NEIGHBORHOODS, BOOST LOCAL ECONOMIES AND BUILD HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES ALONG THE CORRIDOR.

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Comments:

- S I F I stay in north Miami Beach can I only get on from downtown miami.
- what will be the expected cost to get on the train.
- what is the estimated amount of the project.
- are there any bag places if a persons trip is 2 days.
- Will food be served on the trips.
- how ~~are~~ are their rest stops along the way.
- How long will it take ~~for~~ before the train ~~to~~ starts going all the way to pensacola.

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~~Q#1~~

WERE ALL ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED TO
POSSIBLY INCREASE THE TOP SPEEDS IN
ORLANDO AIRPORT (MCO) AND N-S CORRIDOR
(WTPB-MIAMI) SEGMENTS?

OVERALL VERY SUPPORTIVE OF INITIATIVE
AS IT PROVIDES AN ALTERNATE MODE
OF TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN TWO MOST
HIGHLY VISITED LOCATIONS IN CENTRAL
AND SOUTH FLORIDA.

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TRAINRAIL need lower cost on
rides and a faster travel system
no one should be going through gateways
with a pass on there neck to keep
the area clear and safe keep
people in a forward moving place were
works can get to work faster
cost should be \$1.50 a ride on
one way thank you.

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NEW OFFICE ADDRESS: 111 NW 183rd Street, Suite 111, Miami Gardens, FL 33169

October 27, 2014

Federal Railroad Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 2059

Re: Federal Railroad Administration's Finding of No Significant Impact for Miami-to-West Palm Beach segment – All Aboard Florida

Dear Sir or Madam:

On behalf of the BASF (BASF) and the Miami-Dade Legislative committee, this is a project that the group strongly supports. For many years, this is the type of infrastructure project that City and County planners have been begging the private sector to do – and now, someone has stepped up to do it. This is an excellent step forward in Florida's history. The basis for their support is set forth below.

Public Demand and Convenience - Florida needs more transportation options, as we are poised to become third most populated state in the nation. With 18 million residents and over 95 million visitors each year, another convenient, well-priced transportation option is critically necessary.

For business travelers, they can stay productive in comfort during their trip, with state of the art Wi-Fi, power sources and other ways to stay engaged, which is not available on air travel. Just as fast as flying but easier and more convenient trip.

For residents, the wait time at crossings is less than 60 seconds, and has almost no negative effect on traffic flow. Taking the train is priced competitively against other transportation options offering an additional option that is less expensive for all residents. Finally, passenger trains are much lighter, and quicker than the freight trains that operate in the corridor.

Economic Impact and Jobs - While our state's economy has stabilized, the economy is still not robust: more jobs for Floridians are essential. More than 10,000 jobs on average per year are anticipated through rail line construction between 2014 and 2016, with more than 5,000 jobs on average per year after rail line construction is completed through 2021. The direct economic impact is estimated at \$6.4 billion to Florida's economy over the next eight years. Finally, it will generate about \$653 million in federal, state and local government tax revenue through 2021

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Environmental Improvements and Fewer Cars on the Road - Taking a train is faster and more convenient than driving, and will reduce the number of cars on the road, by approximately up to 3 million vehicles annually. This will inure to better air quality and less fossil fuels being emitted into the atmosphere.

Funding - This is Already Paid for - No state or federal grant money requested. Only private funds will be used for this multi-billion dollar project. Infrastructure is very costly and this is an unusual "first" – private funds will totally pay for - and operate – a portion of our nation's transportation system.

Based on the above reasons, the BASF urges the FRA to move this matter forward as expeditiously as possible. Thank you for your consideration of our organization's views.

Sincerely,



Ms. Trudy Burton
Executive Vice President and Government Affairs Director

Cc by e-mail: Chief Counsel and Government Affairs Offices, FRA

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As the President & CEO of the Miami Dade Chamber focusing on Black, minority and women's business. It is imperative that opportunities are afforded to this group.

Thank you

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Comments:

① I'm CONCERNED ABOUT THE NOISE + VIBRATION THAT THE TRAIN WILL MAKE.

② I'm CONCERNED ABOUT THE SAFETY OF COMMUNITY RESIDENTS IN PARTICULAR ~~THE~~ YOUTH

③ I SUPPORT THE ~~ENVIRONMENT~~ SYSTEMS BECAUSE THERE ARE MANY BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY, ~~IT~~ IE CLEANER AIR ~~AND~~ LESS CARS ON THE ROAD.

IF THE ALABOARD ADDRESS COMMUNITY SAFETY, NOISE AND VIBRATION I'M ALL FOR IT.

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Comments:

NE 59th Street crossing

Please continue to keep the
NE 59th Street RR
crossing open. Lemon City,
Little River, Palm Grove,
morningside and many
other neighborhoods use
this crossing every day.

Adjacent crossings at
NE 54th Street and
NE 61st and NE 62nd
can get congested.

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RE: FEC Corridor

NE 54th St to NE 79/80th St

I live 2-3 blocks east of the FEC Corridor and sometimes between midnight and 1:00 am the train horns are very loud. Can the noise be reduced?

(I might be off on the exact time of the horns but that is approx.)

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Support Card for All Aboard Florida

Date: 10/28/14
Name: MARK MATTERN C/O EDI
Address: 3020 NE 32ND AVE. SUITE 110
FORT LAUDERDALE FL 33308

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- Reduction of up to 3 Million cars from Florida's roadways
- Millions of dollars generated in tax revenues for Florida
- Connecting Central and South Florida
- Air quality improvement by reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- Creation of thousands of jobs

List Additional comments for consideration: _____

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Date: 10/28/2014
Name: Sandra Roy
Address: 774 Heron Rd
Weston, FL

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Looking forward to this way to
travel between Ft Lauderdale and the
other locations. Long overdue.

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Support Card for All Aboard Florida

Date: _____
Name: Burnadette Norris-Weeks
Address: 401 NW 7th Avenue
Fort Lauderdale FL
33311

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List Additional comments for consideration: Redevelopment
of Northwest Fort Lauderdale

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Comments: I do not support construction of the AAF Project.
~~Another~~ One concern I have about the All Aboard Florida project involves the natural resources and animals affected by construction and many additional trains. Some areas are already at a maximum stress level, especially in areas such as Sebastian, FL. The Sebastian River has manatees, dolphins, + alligator
Historic concerns: the state of Florida has very few historic artifacts, and the St. Sebastian River bridge replacement will remove a valuable piece of history. Furthermore, that river was recently rehabilitated and animals have begun to thrive again after great effort and expense. Construction of a new bridge will produce noise and vibrations for many months or years and produce great environmental stress to the area. There are also gopher tortoises literally next to the tracks in some areas and cannot handle such a huge increase in train traffic.

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If construction occurs near or on any waterways, the wildlife needs to be protected at all stages of construction. For example, if the St. Sebastian bridge is replaced, there should be construction only when the winter manatee season is over.

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① After looking at your considerations, it appears that you've addressed/grouped social considerations and economic benefits together yet "social" concerns are not detailed or elaborated upon on any panels. A concern would be that the actual impacts on social concerns, such as bicycling pathways & infrastructure, are not considered. From speaking with multiple representatives, it appears this is not a current consideration. The recommendation my group has is to incorporate the study, planning and design of multi-modal pathways and bicycle lanes/trails/pathways into the design, in case in the future there becomes funding available to build/install them as thousands of citizens and your potential patrons desire. Furthermore, the social tie-in is that this is a growing trend (b.

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After discussing the historic considerations with staff, and after examining the "Cultural ~~Historical~~ Resources", it appears the term Cultural should not be used and should instead be "Historical" since the only considerations researched include historical contexts. There is no research or study examining the actual socio-cultural desires or habits/expectations from any communities. I was told this was not possible, however, I was also told that an in-depth community exploration occurred where stations would be located, via an economic analysis. A cultural/social-analysis that identifies community needs with respect to cultural/social values, such as bicycle and pedestrian-connectivity should be part.

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It appears, after speaking with the representatives, that the public health is considered, only as it relates to environmental concerns. There is an immense amount of benefits, including economic, that can come from introducing/including pedestrian connectivity in the form of a multi-modal pathway along the trail/rail line. Incidental physical activity that would occur as a result of the incorporation of a bicycle/pedestrian/multi-modal pathway would benefit all users of the rail and increase the ability of more people to gain reasonable access to the rail/stations. By allowing bicycle/pedestrian commuters direct pathways to stations, along the rail-line, more customers are possible (increased ridership) and more healthy customers are a result.

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My concern is the eventual / potential
sidelining the Passenger Service for
Extended Freight Service, once the
Panama Canal is completed.

Is this a scam to shore up and improve
the Corridor for the pending Freight
Throttle.

From either starting Point Miami or
FTL driving time would be the
same and cheaper.

Foreign Visitors will not use this
because they rent cars and can travel
2000 miles without showing a passport
or producing Papers for identification.
That is Noval for them.

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*President of the Lauderdale Lakes
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750 Homeowners on 10 Canals

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Comments:

I do not support construction of the All Aboard Florida project. The people who live in the northern areas of this project will not benefit at all from all of the added noise, construction and crossing activity. There is a train track that already exists inland in Florida which heads up to Orlando. That would not affect large populations so that would be a better option to use.

St. Sebastian River bridge.

If the bridge is replaced I would like the neighbors around the bridge to be allowed to comment on bridge design, since the nature of the 'Old Florida' bridge look needs to be maintained to keep an area feeling like the historic, small town it is.

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Additional Comments:

As a property owner of 2 houses on the New River, the damage to property values and the impact on the Marine Industry are of great concern.

Sincerely,

Dianne Karnatz

Please Print Your Name:

DIANNE KARNATZ

Date

10/28/2014

1333 CITRUS ISLE
FT. LAUD. FL 33315

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Additional Comments:

I am a boat owner & waterfront property owner.
My property values will be damaged by frequent bridge closings.

Sincerely,



Please Print Your Name:

Elizabeth Felford - 316 Citrus Isle
Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Date 10/28/14

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Additional Comments:

OWNER

BOAT OWNER / WATERFRONT PROPERTY

Sincerely,

B. Fulford

Please Print Your Name:

BRIAN FULFORD

Date

10/24/14



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Comments:

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SPEAKING FOR MYSELF, THE ADDITION OF BRIDGE CLOSURES AT THE NEW RIVER IN FORT LAUDERDALE WILL MOST CERTAINLY CAUSE MY PROPERTY VALUE TO DECREASE AND, MORE IMPORTANT, CAUSE THE LOSS OF 57 FULL TIME JOBS OUR COMPANY HAS PROVIDED TO THIS COMMUNITY FOR THE PAST 37 YEARS.

I AM AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS ANY TIME

George Cable

954-587-4000

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Comments:

The proposed New River R.R. Bridge
closure (32) will have a Negative
impact on all the mainline West of
the bridge and will severely impact
the entire mainline industry

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What is the capacity of the New River Bridge? Specifically there is a mix speed of the rail + the bridge has a cycle time! The passenger trains most load + unload - freight most go south and go north. So at peak operating times what can the rails safely handle while allowing the bridge to be up and what amount of time would the bridge (New River) be up.

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Ward's Marine Electric is a 3rd generation family-owned business since 1951. The marine industry is obviously important to our business but to the region as well. We support regional transportation efforts but MUST support commercial activity along the New River. Key issues are:

1. Must have a bridge tender at New River w/ operational control
2. The default position needs to be in the "up" position of the bridge
3. The bridge along the New River must be open a minimum of 40 minutes of every hour.

4. If there is a situation where the bridge will not be up over the New River a minimum of 40 min, there is a process

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and a consequence.

5. A formal "watch group" must report to USCG regularly.

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Comments:

As a property owner with two New River frontage homes. I am concerned about damage to property values. We will have limited ocean access due to the frequent bridge closings amounting to 7 hours/d

The 7 hours of bridge closures will cause great harm to the Marine Industry, the 2nd largest employer in the county.

There will be chaos and crowding at the train bridge with no place for boats to tie up should there be delays or trouble.

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Comments:

YOU ARE TO BE COMMENDED ON THE USE OF SIMULATION SOFTWARE FOR NAVIGATION PURPOSES. HOWEVER THE SOFTWARE IS NOT ALLOWING A PROPER DEPICTION OF VESSEL TRAFFIC ON 2 POINTS: 1 - VESSELS CANNOT LINE UP IN CLOSE, STRAIGHT FORMATION AS DEPICTED (SIMILAR TO AUTOMOBILES AS SHOWN) DUE TO CURRENT, WIND, AND CONTROLABILITY. 2 - THE LARGE VESSELS DEPICTED WERE NOT NEARLY AS LARGE AS THE VESSELS THAT PLY THE NEW RIVER IN FORT LAUDERDALE. TWO LARGE VESSEL CAN NEVER PASS THROUGH THE RR BRIDGE AT THE SAME TIME, NOR CAN ONE LARGE VESSEL AND ONE SMALL VESSEL PASS TOGETHER. ADDITIONALLY, WHEN ^{MULTIPLE} LARGE VESSELS ARE FORCED TO WAIT THEY WILL REQUIRE MUCH MORE SPACE ON THE RIVER THAN DEPICTED. FOR EXAMPLE, IF FOUR LARGE VESSELS (100' PLUS) ARE FORCED TO LINE UP THEY WILL NEED UP TO $\frac{1}{8}$ MILE ON THE NEW RIVER.

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Company Name: International Crew Training, Inc.

We are a crew training company — the largest training company in the United States that trains only yacht crews. The superyacht has 3 departments — Interior (hospitality), Deck (yacht operations) and Engineering. We train crews for all 3 departments. ~~Without~~ Without crews to run these yachts, they will be unable to come to Fort Lauderdale, or anywhere else. These yachts represent billions of dollars of job and revenues to Fort Lauderdale & South Florida annually. The industry is growing. Yacht size is increasing. In order to accommodate this growth, we are ^{making a huge commitment as well} moving to a much larger premises (tripling our size) in December 2014 to train more crew. We are currently east of the tracks on SE 17th Street. We are moving west of the tracks on Sunrise Blvd to the Community Redevelopment Area just west of the tracks. Most of our trainees either stay in housing on the east side of the tracks or on their yachts. If the bridge is open less than the requested 40 minutes per hour, ~~my~~ customers/trainees will have a major problem getting to/from our new facilities! →

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The congestion will put a lot of vessels in danger. On top of those problems the current in the river can be dangerous.

~~The~~ the estimates of closing times is unrealistic. Putting the new river bridge up & down is not being factored in.

Aside from boaters problems the east west traffic in Fort Lauderdale will be a mess. Not good for business or Tourism.

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Comments:

This EIS is a farce. It does not recognize the negative economic impacts of the train. Noise, traffic, and restrictions to boat navigation have not been addressed. The AAF assumes the most optimistic positions in all regards. The impact to the New River/boating community is most egregious. The study assumes a perfect (non-variable) train, a perfect bridge operation (no mechanical issues, no variability), and perfect boat operators in perfect weather conditions. An optimistic plan usually fails in practice.

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Comments:

As a single screw sailboat with limited maneuverability the frequent closing of the new Risen Bridge causes great concern. Boats will not cautiously wait in line which will cause additional problems during closures.

The current bridge has just enough room for two boats to pass when the bridge opens up, with additional boats waiting everyone will process and turn up the spring. The opening needs to be wider.

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Comments:

ALL STATION MUST PROVIDE SUFFICIENT
PARKING SPACES TO AVOID OVERFLOW INTO THE
SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOODS.

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Comments:

IF AND WHEN LOCAL TOWN STOPS ARE PROVIDED,
EACH TOWN IS GIVEN AMPLE OPPORTUNITY
TO EXPRESS THE NEED FOR SAFE AND
SECURE PARKING, SHUTTLE SERVICE TO POPULAR
SITES AND PROPERLY SUPPLIED STATIONS WITH
TIMETABLES, TICKETING, BROCHURES HIGHLIGHTING
EACH AREA.

HOW WILL A ~~RECENT~~ CHANGE IN OUR GOVERNOR
SEAT AFFECT THIS PROJECT?

UNLESS TAKING THE TRAIN WILL SHORTEN
TRAVEL TIME BETWEEN MIAMI AND W. PALM
TO STATE, MOST CITIZENS WILL DRIVE.

SINCE SPEEDS ARE LOWERED IN BROWARD
FOR EXAMPLE WHY NOT ASSESS NEED FOR
LOCAL STOPS. OR PROVIDE LOCAL TRAINS
JUST FOR LOWER COUNTIES? JUST AN IDEA.

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Comments:

Joseph Ronga
Here are some of my concerns: (as I have two properties in Modelo Park along 4th Ave in Dania, - East side of tracks)

- Train horns going off between Midnight - 6am
- What happened to the signs that said no horns between 11pm-6am
- Which side of existing tracks will the new rails be installed
- What will be the vibration impact of a second rail
- In Modelo Park, residential neighborhood, there should be a wall put up to help minimize noise & protection against chemical ~~cars~~ rail cars.
- Children crossing tracks, with a wall implemented they would be forced to use correct crossings, less accidents
- Car chases have lead across tracks, jumping tracks along 4th Ave, again with a wall, this would not be possible.

Ashley Ronga
↓
daughter
of Joseph Ronga
Sam Arden & Sean Murray laughed & made sly comment after my father spoke with them. I did not appreciate this. Very rude & unprofessional

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Comments:

Very excited not to have to
do that boring drive up north
anymore.

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Comments:

I think this will be a great
start to what will hopefully
be a state wide speed train!

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Comments:

Very excited to FINALLY be
having high speed trains in
the state. Well overdue!

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Comments:

SFL needs connectivity!
This will be great for boosting
our tourist economy!

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Comments:

Better safety! I dislike driving alongside speedsters on the Turnpike and would love the opportunity for a stress-free commute from Miami to Orlando.

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Comments:

This will create more jobs in downtown Miami; through more tourist traffic, revitalizing an inner-core that most people don't visit today.

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Comments:

AAAF will bring alot of money
into the Florida Economic

Also jobs will be created throughout
the State

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Comments:

The All Aboard Florida rail project has my full support; helps reduce vehicle traffic, improves tourism, provides easy commute between Miami & Orlando.

I look forward to the day when All Aboard may stop in Boca Raton.

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Comments:

I am a proponent of this project. For this to be successful, the WPB - ORL leg must be built. If you only construct the MIA - WPB portion, success would be either curtailed or delayed until the proposed FEC line along S FL downtown corridors can be constructed. Much objection exists in the Stuart - Vero corridor about noise & rr crossing matters. I am certain that this is a huge issue w/ political consequences. Just earmark \$ for upgrading tracks, let cities apply for quiet zones - and let's get the ball rolling Good Luck!

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always on our minds. For individuals and for the city, AAF will be a huge contributor to the growth of Fort Lauderdale, and all the other cities involved

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Comments:

My name is Richard Mercedes and I am in favor of All Aboard Florida. The positive effects in regards to Environmental Impact alone is reason enough to proceed with this project.

Living in Fort Lauderdale, the traffic has also become a major issue.

During the "season", the roadways are more like parking lots.

Also, the train is safe travel.

Today's society seems incapable of driving without multi-tasking. The stress of today's fast-paced world makes for people who think they can drive while texting, talking, eating, applying make-up and more. AAF = safe, economically

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I am for the project as Floridians need more choices in long distance travel. Many other states along the East Coast have multiple options for travel. Florida, with the increase in it's population, needs to get ready now for the future. This is one additional mode of travel that will connect several major cities. The sooner this project is completed, the better.

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Comments:

Miguel Pilgram of the Pilgram Group.
In support of the All Aboard Florida project we are excited and anxious for such a beneficial railway/transit system that we feel will benefit the state of Florida, Downtown FL as well as local and statewide tourism. Florida has needed a mass transit system for years and now has the opportunity to implement a system that future generations will be positively impacted. Yes we are excited and support it 100%.

786 564 7656

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Comments:

I think the AAF project would be a great job producer and ease traffic throughout South Florida.

It seems like a lot of research has been done on the project and no tax payer money is on the line if it does not work as well as they hope.

I think the ability to travel around south Florida easily would be a great addition.

21st century infrastructure.

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We in the neighborhood group I am a part of really like the further development that this brings to our neighborhood. We also appreciate the additional greenway/bike path opportunities we can partner with the company on at a neighborhood/city/funding level. We really look forward to this opportunity and the awesome awareness this company plans they work w/ the marine industry as well related to this work.

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Comments:

I think the All aboard Florida project will be very beneficial to south florida in providing more efficient transportation for it's residents, tourists, College students and all professionals who commute between the downtown cities.

I witness first hand the traffic ~~at~~ problems in Miami and downtown Ft. Lauderdale on a regular basis. I believe this train addition will ~~be~~ provide sufficient relief to the congestion so many have to deal with in these cities.

Amanda Mercedes
(561) 926-2152

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I'm ~~thoroughly~~ thoroughly impressed with the way ~~the~~ the All Aboard team has handled ~~the~~ informing the public on how the project ~~is~~ will impact Florida as a whole. Working on a transparency platform is the best way to address any concerns the general public may have, as well ease the transition & development of this project. I'm all for the economic impact in jobs & in tourism the project will have to our state of Florida, & applaud any organization, in this case, All Aboard, that supports these ~~endeavor~~ endeavors.

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Comments:

I am so excited about the All Aboard Florida project & can't wait ~~to~~ buy my ticket! This is exactly what the State of Florida needs. The benefits are endless!!! More jobs, economic benefits, less cars on the road - this project will set the standard for transportation in our country. This project is the future. privately funded, I can't think of any negatives. I am All Aboard!!! My family and I will finally be able to travel to Miami & Orlando without spending hours in our cars. There are so many environmental benefits to this project!

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Comments:

Nice presentation. very costly looking visual aids. Some representatives provided valuable information others were not able to answer my questions or answered them incorrectly. The project is a good one in theory as long as it is implemented correctly. Thanks for having us!

Some additional Notes:

*implementing a wall around neighborhoods the trains passed through.

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Comments:

I feel that the AAF project will benefit Florida. It will bring jobs to the area, boosting the economy. Daily commuting time would decrease, no more waiting in traffic to get home. I am in favor of the project.

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Comments:

My name is Susan Myernd. I am in favor of All Aboard Florida.

In today's fast-paced world, people are more focused on eating, drinking, texting and talking than they are on driving.

The train will be safe, economical travel that also favors the environment. More and more people are coming to Florida for the winter months and it is anticipated that they will continue to escalate. Really... how many more lanes can we add to I-95?

Susan Myernd

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Comments:

This is truly a transformational project that will ~~be~~ benefit Floridians in many ways, for many years. The jobs it will create, the benefits to the environment by removing cars from the road, and the development around the project's stations are just a few of the benefits of this project. The project's developers appear to have mitigation plans regarding any potential adverse impacts.

Florida needs this project and I wholeheartedly support it.

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Comments:

My Company, Smart Destinations, Inc. markets Florida as a tourist destination to visitors from around the world. A rail project connecting Orlando and Miami will greatly improve our ability to encourage our customers to visit multiple destinations in Florida, extending their stay and increasing their average spend in the state. We look forward to promoting a new kind of Florida experience.

Regards,

Cecilia Dahl

President

Smart Destinations, Inc.

Boston, MA

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WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS PROJECT FULLY

IMPLEMENTED - ALL THE WAY TO ORLANDO

AND IN FUTURE TO TALLAHASSEE / WEST COAST

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I am a supporter because I believe 1. there will always be pros & cons 2. Nothing is perfect 3. We need to start somewhere & 4th to quote Einstein "to keep doing the same thing over & over & expect different results is the definition of "Crazy". I believe AAR has taken a missed opportunity (the proposed ~~state~~ fed project 5 to 6 yrs ago) and turned it into what could be a financial WIN/WIN without risk to the tax payers. I am impressed with their willingness to go above & beyond i.e. ADA requirements significantly surpassed at a considerable cost to them. I ^{WAS} CONCERNED about 1. "↑ bridge time presenting boat passage & voiced as being the demise of the Fla. boat industry" In fact, this date has discounted this rumor. 2. The proposed rail additions to the track was causing even more delay time to the bridge - this was explained as a project that would require an extensive process to approve & the possibility that it would require construction of raised bridges which would solve all of the boat problems.

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I feel uncomfortable hearing that there are people that believe the FRA, the Environmental Protection Agency are manipulating numbers & not being truthful. If we can't believe their information, who can we believe

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AS A RESIDENT OF FLORIDA FOR THE
LAST 25 YEARS, TRANSPORTATION
INFRASTRUCTURE IS ONE OF THE MOST
CONSTRICTIVE PUBLIC WORKS ISSUE
STANDING IN THE WAY OF COMMERCIAL
GROWTH AND TOURISM.

I BENEFIT FROM BOTH, AS A SMALL
BUSINESS OWNER AND RESIDENT,

I FULLY SUPPORT THIS PROJECT!

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SPEAKS LIKE A GREAT PROGRAM.
I CAN'T WAIT TO RIDE.
I HOPE AAF PICKS A CONTRACTOR THAT
HAS THE CAPABILITIES TO COMPLETE ON
TIME.

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I THINK THIS A GREAT PROJECT FOR THE STATE AND FOR THE PEOPLE OF FLORIDA. AS A MATTER OF FACT THIS SHOULD BE UPGRADED TO A HIGH SPEED SYSTEM TO BE COMPETITIVE LIKE OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES LIKE FRANCE, CHINA, JAPAN, ETC. THIS WILL ~~BE~~ BE USED NOT ONLY BY LOCAL CITIZEN BUT ALSO BY TOURIST. THIS WILL KEEP CARS FROM THE EXISTING HIGHWAY SYSTEM. I AM ALL IN SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT.

Senjiv Shou

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Comments:

THIS IS LONG OVERDUE!

THANK YOU

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Comments:

This project gets my support for the following reason

1. Promotes public transportation

2. Saves fuel and improves air quality

3. Provides additional employment during construction and operation, and best of all

4. Does not depend on public financing.

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Comments:

IT IS WONDERFUL THAT ANOTHER MODE OF TRANSPORTATION
WILL BE PROVIDED FOR SOUTH FLORIDA RESIDERS. I AM ALWAYS
A PROPONENT FOR MEASURES WHICH ASSIST IN CURBING
CLIMATE CHANGE. MY MAIN CONCERN IS THAT AAF IS NOT
A TRUE COMMUTER OPTION FOR RESIDENTS LOOKING TO
TRAVEL SHORTER DISTANCES BETWEEN MIAMI, FORT LAUDERDALE,
AND WEST PALM BEACH. I WAS EXCITED TO FIND OUT THAT
TRI-RAIL WAS DEVELOPING THE COASTAL LINE HOWEVER
IT IS NOT SEEING THE SUCCESS OF AAF. I AM A SUPPORTER
OF AAF, HOWEVER THERE IS A YEARNING BY MANY IN
THE DOWNTOWNS TO HAVE A TRUE COMMUTER OPTION.
AAF SHOULD PROMOTE MORE INTER AND INTRA CITY TRAIN
TRAVEL EITHER IN-HOUSE OR BY SUPPORTING THOSE
OTHER AGENCIES. IN THE END SOUTH FLORIDA NEEDS
TO CURB PERSONAL VEHICLE USE TO REDUCE GHG'S
AND IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE. I HOPE THIS MESSAGE
ASSISTS WITH THOSE NEEDS.

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Comments:

As a resident of Broward County, I support this project and believe that there will be short- and long-term benefits including economic and environmental benefits and it will also promote use of transit (Rail) as an alternative to cars.

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Comments:

IN MY OPINION, THE CURRENT PATH AS SHOWN SHOULD
HAVE MINIMAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT. A MAJORITY
IS ALREADY A TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR.
ADDITIONALLY, THIS PROVIDES A MUCH NEEDED
ALTERNATE TO JOIN THE COMMERCIO OF MULTIPLE
MUNICIPALITIES. EVERY BODY BENEFITS.

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Comments:

Very Supportative of this Project. I live in close proximity to the FEC Near 13th St in Kirklanddale and I am very excited for the economic development possibilities downtown. I am also Supportative to have a great service so close to my home. I have lots of family in Orlando + will be a user of this system. Please consider additional infill stations along the project alignment + some expansion to Tampa + Jacksonville.

The positives of this project far outweigh the noise near my home. Thank you.

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Comments:

THE TRAIN FROM ORLANDO TO MIAMI HAS
BEEN NEEDED TO A LONG TIME. THIS TYPE OF
TRANSPORTATION WILL HELP FLORIDA ENTER
INTERMODAL TYPE SERVICE AND HELP TO
SAVE RESOURCES. I LOOK FORWARD TO
THE FIRST TRIP FROM FT. LAUD TO ORLANDO.

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Comments:

100% IN SUPPORT OF THE AAF PROJECTS.

THERE IS TOO MUCH GRIDLOCK ON OUR
ROADS AND AS ~~AS~~ A NORTH/SOUTH
URBAN AREA, WE NEED TRANSPORTATION
THAT WILL SUPPORT GROWTH.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'J. H. H.', written on the lined paper.

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Comments:

I am very much in support of this project. South Florida, especially Fort Lauderdale and Palm Beach, are in need of a convenient, reliable and timely connection to Orlando and hopefully the Tampa Bay area. The proposed service is much needed since BWA eliminated its FL-OLA service and has continued to reduce service to TPA. ~~As~~ As a regular traveler to Orlando for both business and personal reasons, the proposed service would be a much utilized alternative to travel by car and also offer a more environmentally friendly choice.

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Comments:

I Support the privately funded project
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this will be a positive influence
on the state of Florida.

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Comments:

I AM IN SUPPORT OF THE ALL ABOARD FLORIDA PROJECT, WITH THE POPULATIONS OF SOUTH FLORIDA AND METRO ORLAND BEING AT APPROXIMATELY 8 MILLION, WE NEED THE TRANSIT OPTIONS AAF WILL PROVIDE. IT WILL ALSO HELP OUR TOURISM INDUSTRY WHICH IS SO VITAL TO OUR STATE. I BELIEVE THE ALL ABOARD FLORIDA PROJECT WILL BE COMPLETED IN A FIRST-CLASS MANNER THAT WILL HELP ALL THE RESIDENTS OF OUR STATE. THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING SUPPORTING THIS PROJECT AND HELPING OUR STATE'S ECONOMY FOR YEARS TO COME.

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Comments:

Great project to spur economic development for the Region as long as it doesn't hinder the marine industry's operation on the New River.

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Comments:

I STRONGLY SUPPORT "ALL ABOARD FLORIDA", WE
NEED MORE AND BETTER RAIL PASSENGER SERVICE ALL
THROUGH FLORIDA AND THIS REPRESENTS A WONDERFUL SYMPTOM.
INTERSTATE 95 IS ALREADY AS WIDE AS 12 LANES AT SOME
LOCATIONS IN BROWARD COUNTY, HOW MUCH MORE ROAD DO
WE NEED AND AT WHAT COST.
THE ARGUMENTS AGAINST THIS PROJECT MAKE NO SENSE
AT ALL. WE ALREADY HAVE THE RAIL A DOUBLE TRACK
BASIC LINE WITH OVER 60 TRAINS A DAY AT SPEEDS
OVER 70 MPH AND THEY FACE VERY LITTLE PROBLEMS.
THIS PROJECT HAS GREAT POTENTIAL TO BENEFIT THE
ENTIRE STATE OF FLORIDA AND NOT JUST MIAMI, EAST
LADELBOROUGH AND ORLANDO AND I WISH IT EVERY
SUCCESS.

Arnel Weath

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Comments:

I like the fact it will be great for local
business to open up shop, it will provide
housing and other needs to the community as
a young male (22) I would enjoy this ride
to the Florida hot spots. It would make
me re consider owning a car when
I can walk to work and could use
the train to WPB / Miami. I Want
This Project to Proceed! We Need This

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Comments:

All Aboard Florida is a necessary step into our future. Between the economic impact it will have on the state to the positive impact it will have on the environment (with removing cars from the road) this is what Florida needs. Our highways are very unreliable, we cannot get to where we want to go in any predictable amount of time. Furthermore, I fit into the "millennial" age group, and we want mass transit with urban-centric hubs where we can live, work, play. I'm All Aboard, and cannot wait for the day I can take the train.

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Comments:

As a person who travels to Orlando occasionally, I believe this would provide a fast, quick and efficient alternative for my family and I. To be able to get to Miami from West Palm, where I work, would be great if I want to catch a heat game and avoid all the traffic associate with Ft. Lauderdale and Miami. I support the project and look forward to riding it in the future.

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Comments:

Very much for the ALL ABOARD PROJECT
AS it will improve transportation and
the economy.

Minimal environmental impact.

Great for the transportation problems
in FLORIDA and the economy & tourism

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Comments:

I am a resident of Broward County with friends, family & clients up and down the planned route for All Aboard Florida. Being from NC, I appreciate alternate forms of travel of any kind, and based on the time I spend in my car throughout the car making trips to and between Miami and Orlando, I am anxiously awaiting this service and support all the efforts the company has made to bring passenger rail back thoughtfully and responsibly to all concerned.

Can't wait to leave my car at home and get on board!

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Comments:

In Full support of All Aboard Florida for its positive economic impact, as well as the fact that it will take cars off the road.

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Comments:

THIS PROJECT IS A WONDERFUL DEVELOPMENT
FOR FLORIDA. IT WILL OPEN UP TRAVEL FROM
NORTH TO SOUTH. AS SOMEONE WITH FAMILY
IN ORLANDO, LIVE IN WEST PALM BEACH
AND WORK IN MIAMI, I LOOK FORWARD TO
HAVING THIS MEANS OF TRAVEL OPENUP.
THANKS ALL ABOARD FLORIDA. TO TRAVEL
TO ORLANDO IN UNDER 3 HOURS, PRICELESS

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I can not wait until they start
Running Trains. I think this is great for
Florida.

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Comments:

I feel this new Project will
Be a very Positive Action for Florida.
It can make commuting Around
Florida much faster + a lot
safer.

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Comments:

As the Florida Regional Director for smart Destinations, I'm truly excited for this great opportunity! Our multi-attraction passes for Orlando and Miami would be even more of a draw to our domestic and international customer database, with transportation involved! Recently, we've noticed a shift in visitors - rather than only visiting one city, consumers are beginning to visit multiple destinations within the state - making ~~it~~ Florida a destination in itself. Combining this new passenger rail with our flexible products is a no-brainer. We hope this comes to fruition!

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The use of the existing FEC ROW up into the Cocoa area and then to the east is a perfect use for passenger rail.

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Comments:

I am in favor of the All Aboard Florida. Mass transit alternatives are needed between the major Florida cities.

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Comments:

All Aboard Florida will be wonderful for the state of Florida. We have needed an alternative mode of transportation for some time and this is the first step in ~~realizing~~ the evolution of high-speed rail. I am very much looking forward to trying All Aboard Florida in 2016. It will change my way of traveling for the better!

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This project is critical to improve statewide mobility. The impacts are miniscule compared to the benefits of the project. Project will be a jobs catalyst, encourage rail-side development and open up new avenues for new commuter rail service. Passenger rail is the key to addressing statewide traffic congestion and will move Florida into the 21st Century w/ regards to rail service consistent w/ other major metropolitan areas. Disapproval of this plan would simply be foolish.

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Comments:

I am in favor of this project "All Aboard Florida".
It would be a great benefit to us all as it would eliminate
traffic in the street. I am 100% in favor.

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Comments:

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I AM ALL FOR THIS PROJECT. THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS ARE TREMENDOUS AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ARE NEGLIGIBLE.

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Comments:

AICF is absolutely needed for the state of Florida. I without a doubt support the project and how it will transform travel & tourism for local and international travelers. Given that the project will have minimal impacts on surrounding communities, I believe that everyone should stand in support of this privately-funded venture that will bring thousands of job and economic opportunity, while connecting the state's two leading destinations.

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Comments:

I strongly support ^{the} IDA of Florida need a speed rail
for SATURATED Area like MIAMI-Dade, Broward &
Orange Counties and Palm Beach County too.

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Comments:

As a resident of downtown Ft. Lauderdale & as the President of a company located in downtown Ft. Lauderdale, I want to make it known that I'm 100% in favor of this project. It will continue to make South Florida a competitive market for tourists & for attracting the millennial generation / creative class who are moving to cities w/ great public transportation options.

Kelly Alvarez Vitale
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Comments:

I support the project and hope you will accept the DEIS to move forward with AAF.

Please strongly consider items of concern regarding the New River Bridge including

- Bridge tender and restriction on time ^{rail} bridge can be closed.

I look forward to the completed project, which will be an economic driver for Florida.

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Comments:

I am stronger in favor of All Aboard Florida for many reasons, some of which are: reducing environmental impact of auto traffic, jobs created, convenience for Florida residents as well as tourist/business travelers, growth impact by eventual likelihood of more stations + more routes, and an excellent option for senior citizens + families alike.

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Comments:

I am in full support of the All Aboard Florida rail project. I know that it will help move people, and also attract people to Florida.

Now I am a life-long Floridian and really hope this project moves forward quickly.

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Comments:

This is a very exciting project connecting Orlando to Ft. Lauderdale and Miami. This will alleviate the busy traffic ^{on} I-95, giving people another transportation option or mode, will reduce traffic congestion and environmental pollution. I believe it will also bring in new businesses, which means new jobs and new revenues for the governments.
I will go for it. Thanks for the project.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping, stylized strokes.

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Comments:

I'm excited for the All Aboard project to come to fruition. When I visit other states and countries, their rail and train systems and transportation systems in general are a benefit ~~to~~ to their residents. Our tourist economy will be helped, making it easier for visitors to see some of our most popular cities - Miami, - Fort Lauderdale, the Orlando entertainment area - without having to navigate our roads in rental cars.

I live on the first residential street east of the tracks in Fort Lauderdale. As long as the sound and vibration are mitigated, I'm all aboard!

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Comments:

I BELIEVE THIS IS A WELL THOUGHT OUT
AND LONG NEEDED SERVICE THAT WILL HAVE A
SIGNIFICANT IMPACT OVER TIME TO THE ENVIRONMENT
THROUGH MASS TRANSIT RATHER THAN INDIVIDUAL
VEHICLE TRAVEL.

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Comments:

- This initiative is going to be great for the Orlando to Miami Region. Everything from convenience, less distance, and justification, to powerful positive economic impact. This is going to be a major positive!
LONG NEEDED!

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Comments:

FEC RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY IS AN UNDERUTILIZED
ASSET. I WISH TO EXPRESS UNRESERVED SUPPORT
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS AND THE DOWNTOWNS
THEY WILL REDEVELOP.

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Comments:

As a lifelong resident in So. Fla (44 years
in Broward County) I am totally in favor of
the AAF effort to bring more mass
transportation capabilities to our community.
The Flixbus companies are known for doing
things right and doing the right things.
I feel confident that AAF will take into
account negative comments from those
interests who may be impacted by this
effort and will do their best to
minimize their concerns.

We need mass transit and the AAF
program certainly be a great addition
to what we already have.

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Comments:

This project coupled with the East Coastal link will dramatically improve transportation options in the congested eastern side of our Metropolitan area. The project will also encourage desiccation around the stations in the urban cores.

Having lived with Tri-Rail we understand that the impact of the train crossings are minimal.

Look forward to its implementation and operation.

Firmly support the project.

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Comments:

*I am in favor of this project and
feel it is a welcome necessity for
South Fl.*

*B. Hattan
Vice Mayor Town of Doral*

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Comments:

ATTENDED THE MEETING EVENT IN BROWARD COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER FACILITY. ALL AREAS OF CONCERN WERE ADDRESSED, AND AMPLE COMPETENT TEAM MEMBERS WERE WELL INFORMED AND PRESENTED ALL THE FACTS AND FACETS OF THE PROJECT WITH AUTHORITY AND A WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE. ALL ABOARD FLORIDA IS SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN SORELY NEEDED FOR YEARS. AS I HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS IN BOTH DADE AND BROWARD, THIS WILL PROVIDE AN OPTION FOR FAMILIES TO REACH ORLANDO AND ITS PARKS WITH ENTERTAINMENT, WHERE THEY MAY NOT HAVE OTHERWISE. I AM SURE THIS IS RECIPROCAL FOR ORLANDO RESIDENTS TO VISIT WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER HERE ALSO. A GREAT THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE TIMELESSLY WORKED TO MAKE THIS A REALITY.

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Comments:

I am in favor of this project as it provides an alternative
to travel between Miami/^{FL}WFB/ and Orlando. The region has
been waiting for this to happen for some time now. Its
unfortunate it isn't high speed rail.

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Comments:

This project needs to proceed for a variety of reasons.

First and foremost, this work is important for the mitigation of air quality problems arising from continued reliance on automobile transportation. Current trends are unsustainable, and this passenger service would remove a large quantity of gas vehicles from our roadways.

Secondly and lastly, the economic development to come from this will be vast. As a local citizen adjacent to the line, a rise in my property values due to commercial development both increases my work, as well as the local tax base.

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Comments:

I SUPPORT THE PROGRAM.
AAF WILL PROVIDE A MUCH NEEDED CONVENIENT
CONNECTION TO ORLANDO FROM FORT LAUDERDALE.
THE DRIVE IS DIFFICULT & RAIL WILL BE
EASIER - ALLOWING FOR WORK-TIME DURING
THE RIDE. FEWER DELAYS.
NEED A CONVENIENT SHORT-TERM
CAR RENTAL FACILITY AT EACH END.
ESPECIALLY AT ORLANDO TERMINUS.

Ernest Jones
P.E., AICP
FORMER MAYOR,
CITY OF ORLANDO SPRINGS.

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Comments:

We have been waiting for many years for a project such as this to come to fruition. Traffic on our N-S arteries is too congested, too dangerous and too time-consuming. Train traffic, as in many other parts of the world, is the transportation mode of the present and future.

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Comments:

This form of Rail Service/Link
is long overdue.

I have been here 38 years
+ the roads are more congested
+ polluted over that time

J Steak

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Comments:

I SUPPORT THIS INSTALL BECAUSE OF THE
BENEFIT IT WILL HAVE ON LOCAL AREA AND
COMMUNITY. I ~~WAS~~ AM HAPPY TO SAY I AM
BEHIND THIS PROJECT 100%.

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The All Aboard Florida project is a great project that will bring another option for people outside of using their cars. It will bring stress free travel from Orlando to Miami and bring economic benefits to the surrounding area.

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1.) RAIL SERVICE IS THE MOST ENERGY EFFICIENT MEANS OF MOVING PEOPLE AND GOODS FROM POINT A TO POINT B AT HIGH SPEEDS.

2.) I RODE A COMMUTER TRAIN IN PHILADELPHIA FOR OVER 20 YEARS. PEOPLE ARE CREATURES OF HABIT AND YOU RIDE WITH THE SAME PEOPLE FOR YEARS AND SHARE LIFE EXPERIENCES WITH THEM OVER TIME. THESE WERE WONDERFUL EXPERIENCES.

3.) I OWN TWO HOMES IN CENTRAL FLORIDA AND ONE IN SOUTH FLORIDA. DRIVING IS NOT A REASONABLE ALTERNATIVE IT IS ENVIRONMENTALLY AWFUL AND VERY DANGEROUS AND VERY BEXING.

4.) ANYONE AGAINST RAIL SERVICE IS NOT A REASONABLE OR DECENT CITIZEN.

5.) FLORIDA NEEDS TO PUT RAIL TRACKS OVERHEAD SINCE UNDERGROUND IS NOT AN OPTION. THE PROBLEM WITH RAIL SERVICE IN FLORIDA IS THAT THERE ARE TOO MANY STREET LEVEL CROSSINGS.

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Comments:

Excellent project and privately funded.

I feel that the AAF staff have heard our concerns and have addressed them to my satisfaction

Please accelerate the project in order for the public to benefit from the access it provides.

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Comments:

This project will provide another mode of transport for Floridians. The more options we have, the better we can move goods, provide services, and enhance economic growth. As a resident of South Florida, I look forward to the successful completion of this project. I also look forward to my first train ride to Orlando!

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Comments:

FLORIDA has been waiting for a project like this.
for quite sometime now.

it will be a boost to our economy.

FLORIDIANS should be proud to have a transportation
system that is comprehensive and multimodal.

IAAF will provide a mode of transportation
that will incentivize economic growth, by
facilitating travel to the tourist places.
the heart of FLORIDA's economy.

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1. I FULLY SUPPORT THE RAIL SYSTEM.
2. VERY BENEFICIAL TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY
3. AS A LOCAL MARINER, I DISAGREE THAT THE RAIL BRIDGE WILL CREATE ANY MORE DELAY THAN ALREADY CREATED BY ALL THE ROAD BRIDGES.
4. ALSO THE MAJORITY OF OWNERS IN THE 210 UNIT LAS OLAS GRAND ARE IN FAVOR OF THIS PROJECT.

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Comments:

I think the impact will be positive and far-reaching into the south/southeast Florida region. The capacity improvement and idea of bringing passenger rail to South Florida is an excellent proposed idea. I look forward to hearing more and think that these Q+A sessions are very valuable.

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Comments:

I am a retired Amtrak employee from the Boston Division of the Northeast Corridor. Many objections were put to Amtrak fourteen years ago with the installation of electrification from the marine services group in Connecticut, fretting over restricted openings for the pleasure boat groups. There are approximately 35 round trips over 5 drawbridges (all within 30 miles of each other) and all seems to be working smoothly at this point in time. I would consider it a very sad commentary if "well heeled" individuals would try to stop this project as it appears to be happening. I am approaching seventy years old and hope to ride this line soon. Lets get it done, you have my full support.

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Comments:

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EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE WORKING
IN HARMONY WITH GOVT.!*

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The Project is in violation of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) because it prevents access to the coast by backing up traffic at major arterials. (Exhibit 1 & 2.) The DEIS avoided discussing cumulative impacts from future development especially in Jupiter. (Exhibit 3 & 4.) The Economic Impact of traffic + shut downs of access and the Foxcatcher Bridge closures is very severe; our waterfronts are very valuable for boating and beach access to tourism (Exhibits 5, 6, 7) Because of the method of development (PUD + strip mall) (Exhibit 8) those who live in the area must drive from strip mall to strip mall for marketing, clothing, dry cleaners, restaurants, barbering + salons, exercise, education, and GOD!

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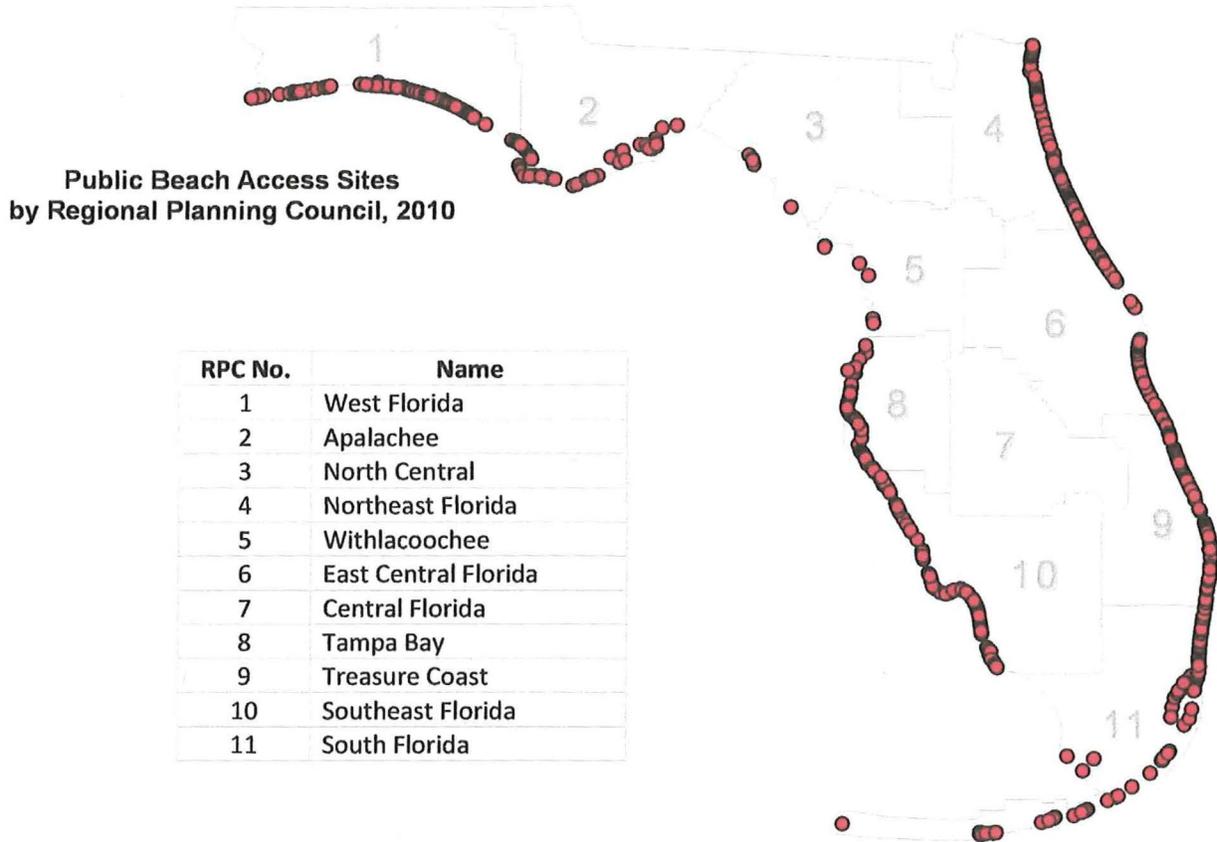
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Exhibit 5

Figure 5-1
Public access points along the Gulf of Mexico shoreline and Florida Keys



According to DEP Division of Recreation and Parks data from the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) 2000 and Outdoor Recreation Planning (ORP) Inventory, October 2010, the total number of saltwater beach access points decreased 3.3% from 1,883 to 1,820 statewide between 1998 and 2010 (Table 5-3).

Table 5-3
Number of Saltwater Beach Access Points in 1998 and 2010

Resource	Unit	1998	2010	Percent Change
Saltwater Beaches	Number of Beach Access Points	1,883	1,820	-3.3

Source: SCORP 2000 and ORP Inventory, October 2010

When the access points are categorized by management agency (Figure 5-2), the majority of the loss is found in the state and non-governmental beach access points (-25.7% and -18.1%, respectively). Non-governmental beaches, which include commercial, club, non-profit, and special district shoreline, decreased by 40 access points from 221 to 181. Municipal beaches represent the greatest source of public access to sandy saltwater shoreline, accounting for 54% of the total number of coastal shore access points (976) in 2010. County beaches represent 30% of beach

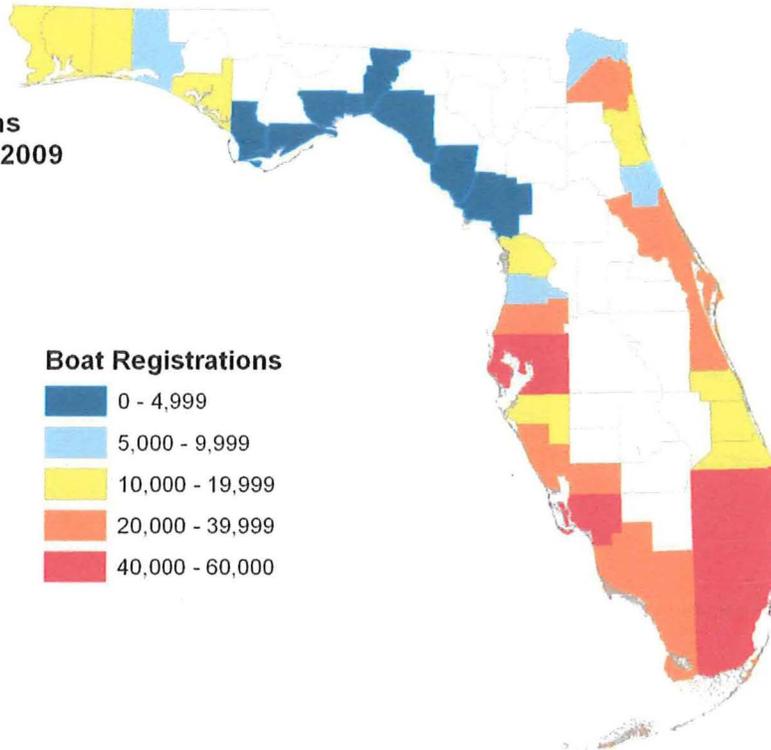
4.5% per year, with the majority of counties experiencing less than 3% annual increases in recreational boating registrations. A small number of counties have seen high or very high increases in numbers of vessels from 2000 to 2009 (greater than 4.5% per year equivalent), which may suggest the need for additional facilities to support greater boating usage of waterways in those areas.

Figure 5-19

**Boat Registrations
by Coastal County, 2009**

Boat Registrations

- 0 - 4,999
- 5,000 - 9,999
- 10,000 - 19,999
- 20,000 - 39,999
- 40,000 - 60,000



B. Demand for Access to Coastal Resources

A favorable climate, easy access to the ocean, sandy beaches, and endless outdoor, recreational opportunities are characteristics of Florida that have produced a steadily increasing visitor and resident population. Coastal access is important to the quality of life for both Florida residents and visitors. Consequently, the fixed supply of Florida's beaches and other coastal resources are experiencing increasing demands from the growth in population and tourists. Each year, over 150 million Americans (70% of survey respondents) visited natural locations in order to view or photograph scenery (National Survey on Recreation and the Environment, 2004). In the same survey, American households indicated participation in the following outdoor activities: visits to nature centers - nearly 136 million; visits to the beach - 122 million; visits to swim in lakes, streams, and springs - 116 million; visits to historic places - 114 million; and outdoor picnic days - 112 million. Nearly 95 million Americans engaged in boating trips at least one time per year with nearly 70% of those in motorboats. Over 80 million Americans participated in fishing activities in 2004. These data were surveyed from citizen households, and therefore do not include tourist impacts.

The list of resource-based activities in which people are engaged in coastal Florida is extensive (see 2008 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan for details). The highest demand activities for residents and tourists in Florida annually include: saltwater beach activities (57.6 million people), visiting archeological/historical sites (29.5 million people), nature study (27.5 million people), bicycling on paved and unpaved trails (20.5 million people), picnicking (20.2 million people), saltwater boat and non-boat fishing (17.0 million people), hiking (8.6 million people), and freshwater boat and non-boat fishing (7.9 million people), to name only a few.

The primary resource-based recreation activity in Florida is visiting the beach. The economic impact of visits to beaches by citizens and tourists alike is far-reaching. In 2000, beach visits represented \$41 billion in total spending (equivalent to 8.7% of the Gross State Product in that year and 80% of all state tourism spending). In 2008, the number of out-of-state (domestic) and international visitors was 84.2 million (Visit Florida FY09 Annual Report). These tourists infused \$65.2 billion into the Florida economy. Generally, more than one third of non-Floridian tourists are vacationing at beaches. In 2008, it is estimated that at least 23 million out-of state visitors were at Florida beaches on average 5 days, and another 5.5 million international visitors for an average of 14 days. This equates to 192 million visitor beach days. In the *Florida Coastal Issues 2009 Survey* (Appendix A), over 89% of Florida's 18.5 million residents visit the beach at least once per year with many (46%) making repeated trips compounding the number by monthly, weekly, or daily frequencies, and exceeding 500 million resident visitor days annually (as a conservative estimate).

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All Aboard Florida Start

Jupiter Inlet Colony

Jupiter Inlet

Jupiter

1.67 Miles



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E. J. Kibler

JUPITER DEVELOPMENT

PUD

STRIP MALL

Jonathans Landing-----The Shoppes at JL

Admirals Cove-----Three Palms

Admirals Crossing

Intracoastal Pointe-----I.P. Plaza

Fisherman's Wharf

Frenchmans Reserve-----Frenchman's Crossing

Frenchmans Creek

Trump Ritx Carleton

The Bear Club

The Bluffs

Ocean Grande

Olympus-----Driftwood Plaza

Ocean Bluffs

Sandpiper

Jupiter Yacht Club-----Shops at JYC

Mangrove Bay

Concord Village Square

Jupiter by the Sea

Seagrape Square

Ocean Walk

Harborside

Ocean Crest

Jupiter Square

Jupiter Dunes

The Shoppes at Jupiter

Xanadu

Reynolds Plaza

CPhebut

4A

THE LOXAHATCHEE RIVER BRIDGE

Passenger trains per day-----16

Freight trains per day-----14

Total trains per day-----30

Closure time in minutes-----19

Daily closure time in hours-----9.5

5800 FREIGHT TRAIN: STOPS FROM BEIDGE



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Exhibit 3

PTC

Transportation Consultants

ATTACHMENT H

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November 6, 2013

Mr. Peter Meyer
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PLANNING & ZONING

Re: Harbourside Amendment Traffic Statement - # PTC06-125

Dear Mr. Meyer:

Pinder Troutman Consulting, Inc. (PTC) was retained to prepare a Traffic Statement based upon a minor revision to the land use for the above-referenced project. The project is located on the northwest corner of Indiantown Road and US1 in the Town of Jupiter. The project has a previously approved Traffic Impact Statement approved by Palm Beach County Traffic Division on January 18, 2012.

At the request of the Town of Jupiter, this trip generation comparison analyzes the minor changes to the project land use intensities. For the purposes of this analysis, the land uses from the December 2010 Final Site Plan were utilized as the "Approved" land uses. The proposed project consists of 51,635 SF of retail, 60,202 SF of office, 33,613 SF of quality restaurant, a 179-room hotel, a 31 slip marina, and 2,500 SF of museum/cultural space.

Based on the ITE Trip Generation Rates, 9th Edition, and approved trip generation rates, the approved use results in a total of 6,095 daily trips, 244 AM peak hour trips and 542 PM peak hour trips. The project as currently proposed generates a total of 5,932 daily trips, 243 AM peak hour trips and 527 PM peak hour trips. Refer to Exhibits 1A, 1B and 1C for the trip generation analysis.

The project as currently proposed generates equal or fewer trips than is approved, and therefore is in compliance with the Traffic Performance Standards. No further analysis is needed. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Rebecca J. Mulgahy
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STATE OF FLORIDA
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Attachment

cc: Ryan Miller

**Exhibit 1A
 Harbourside Amendment
 Daily Trip Generation Comparison**

Approved Use

Land Use	ITE Code	Intensity	Trip Generation Rate (1)	Total Trips	Internal Trips		External Trips	Pass-by Trips (2)		New External Trips
Retail	820	55,256 SF	$\ln(T)=0.65\ln(X)+5.83$	4,618	369	8.0%	4,249	1,950	45.9%	2,299
General Office	710	58,791 SF	$\ln(T) = 0.76\ln(X)+3.68$	877	61	7.0%	816	82	10%	734
Quality Restaurant	931	34,855 SF	89.95 /1,000 SF	3,135	219	7.0%	2,916	1,283	44%	1,633
Hotel	310	178 Rooms	8.92 /Room	1,588	111	7.0%	1,477	148	10%	1,329
Marina	420	31 Berths	2.96 /Berth	92	7	8.0%	85	-	0%	85
Museum/Cultural	IND	2,500 SF	6.38 /1,000 SF (3)	16	1	7.0%	15	-	0%	15
TOTALS				10,326	768	7.4%	9,558	3,463		6,095

Proposed Use

Land Use	ITE Code	Intensity	Trip Generation Rate (1)	Total Trips	Internal Trips		External Trips	Pass-by Trips (2)		New External Trips
Retail	820	51,635 SF	$\ln(T)=0.65\ln(X)+5.83$	4,419	354	8.00%	4,065	1,890	46.5%	2,175
General Office	710	60,202 SF	$\ln(T) = 0.76\ln(X)+3.68$	893	63	7.0%	830	83	10%	747
Quality Restaurant	931	33,613 SF	89.95 /1,000 SF	3,023	212	7.0%	2,811	1,237	44%	1,574
Hotel	310	179 Rooms	8.92 /Room	1,597	112	7.0%	1,485	149	10%	1,336
Marina	420	31 Berths	2.96 /Berth	92	7	8.0%	85	-	0%	85
Museum/Cultural	IND	2,500 SF	6.38 /1,000 SF (3)	16	1	7.0%	15	-	0%	15
TOTALS				10,040	749	7.5%	9,291	3,359		5,932

Net Increase in Trips	(163)
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Exhibit 1B
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AM Peak Hour Trip Generation Comparison

Approved Use

Land Use	ITE Code	Intensity	Trip Generation Rate (1)	Total Trips			Internal Trips		External Trips			Pass-by Trips (2)		New Trips		
				In	Out	Total			In	Out	Total			In	Out	Total
Retail	820	55,256 SF	0.96 /1,000 SF (62/38)	33	20	53	4	8.0%	31	18	49	22	45.9%	20	7	27
General Office	710	58,791 SF	$\text{Ln}(T) = 0.80\text{Ln}(X) + 1.55$ (88/12)	108	15	123	10	8.0%	103	10	113	11	10%	98	4	102
Quality Restaurant	931	34,855 SF	0.81 /1,000 SF (50/50)	14	14	28	2	6.0%	13	13	26	11	44%	8	7	15
Hotel	310	178 Rooms	0.67 /Room (58/42)	69	50	119	12	10.0%	63	44	107	11	10%	58	38	96
Marina	420	31 Berths	0.08 /Berth (33/67)	1	1	2	-	10.0%	1	1	2	-	0%	1	1	2
Museum/Cultural	IND	2,500 SF	0.79 /1,000 SF (50/50) (3)	1	1	2	-	8.0%	1	1	2	-	0%	1	1	2
TOTALS		151,402 SF		226	101	327	28	8.6%	212	87	299	55		186	58	244

Proposed Use

Land Use	ITE Code	Intensity	Trip Generation Rate (1)	Total Trips			Internal Trips		External Trips			Pass-by Trips (2)		New Trips		
				In	Out	Total			In	Out	Total			In	Out	Total
Retail	820	51,635 SF	0.96 /1,000 SF (62/38)	31	19	50	4	8.0%	29	17	46	21	46.5%	19	6	25
General Office	710	60,202 SF	$\text{Ln}(T) = 0.80\text{Ln}(X) + 1.55$ (88/12)	110	15	125	10	8.0%	105	10	115	12	10%	99	4	103
Quality Restaurant	931	33,613 SF	0.81 /1,000 SF (50/50)	13	14	27	2	6.0%	12	13	25	11	44%	7	7	14
Hotel	310	179 Rooms	0.67 /Room (58/42)	70	50	120	12	10.0%	64	44	108	11	10%	59	38	97
Marina	420	31 Berths	0.08 /Berth (33/67)	1	1	2	-	10.0%	1	1	2	-	0%	1	1	2
Museum/Cultural	IND	2,500 SF	0.79 /1,000 SF (50/50) (3)	1	1	2	-	8.0%	1	1	2	-	0%	1	1	2
TOTALS		147,950 SF		226	100	326	28	8.6%	212	86	298	55		186	57	243

Net Trips	-	(1)	(1)
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Exhibit 1C
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PM Peak Hour Trip Generation Comparison

Approved Use

Land Use	ITE Code	Intensity	Trip Generation Rate (1)	Total Trips			Internal Trips		External Trips			Pass-by Trips (2)		New Trips		
				In	Out	Total			In	Out	Total			In	Out	Total
Retail	820	55,256 SF	$\text{Ln}(T) = 0.67\text{Ln}(X) + 3.31$ (48/52)	193	210	403	40	10.0%	173	190	363	167	45.9%	90	106	196
General Office	710	58,791 SF	$\text{Ln}(T) = 0.74\text{Ln}(X) + 1.83$ (17/83)	22	105	127	11	9.0%	18	98	116	12	10%	12	92	104
Quality Restaurant	931	34,855 SF	7.49 /1,000 SF (67/33)	175	86	261	24	9.0%	163	74	237	104	44%	111	22	133
Hotel	310	178 Rooms	0.7 /Room (49/51)	61	64	125	12	9.5%	55	58	113	11	10%	50	52	102
Marina	420	31 Berths	0.19 /Berth (60/40)	4	2	6	1	10.0%	4	1	5	-	0%	4	1	5
Museum/Cultural	IND	2,500 SF	0.79 /1,000 SF (50/50) (3)	1	1	2	-	8.0%	1	1	2	-	0%	1	1	2
TOTALS		151,402 SF		456	468	924	88	9.5%	414	422	836	294		268	274	542

Proposed Use

Land Use	ITE Code	Intensity	Trip Generation Rate (1)	Total Trips			Internal Trips		External Trips			Pass-by Trips (2)		New Trips		
				In	Out	Total			In	Out	Total			In	Out	Total
Retail	820	51,635 SF	$\text{Ln}(T) = 0.67\text{Ln}(X) + 3.31$ (48/52)	185	200	385	39	10.0%	166	180	346	161	46.5%	86	99	185
General Office	710	60,202 SF	$\text{Ln}(T) = 0.74\text{Ln}(X) + 1.83$ (17/83)	22	107	129	12	9.0%	16	101	117	12	10%	10	95	105
Quality Restaurant	931	33,613 SF	7.49 /1,000 SF (67/33)	169	83	252	23	9.0%	157	72	229	101	44%	107	21	128
Hotel	310	179 Rooms	0.7 /Room (49/51)	61	64	125	12	9.5%	55	58	113	11	10%	50	52	102
Marina	420	31 Berths	0.19 /Berth (60/40)	4	2	6	1	10.0%	4	1	5	-	0%	4	1	5
Museum/Cultural	IND	2,500 SF	0.79 /1,000 SF (50/50) (3)	1	1	2	-	8.0%	1	1	2	-	0%	1	1	2
TOTALS		147,950 SF		442	457	899	87	9.7%	399	413	812	285		258	269	527

NetTrips	(10)	(5)	(15)
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Exhibit 9

Indiantown Rd	Island Way to Central Boulevard	50,300 (D)	54,120 (F)	68,230 (F)	68,060 (F)
Indiantown Rd	Central Boulevard to Center Street	50,300 (D)	53,040 (E)	67,800 (F)	75,740 (F)
Indiantown Rd	Center Street to Military Trail	50,300 (D)	45,170 (D)	61,120 (F)	68,730 (F)
Indiantown Rd	Military Trail to Alternate A1A	50,300 (D)	41,730 (D)	52,670 (E)	61,010 (F)
Indiantown Rd	Alternate A1A to US 1	50,300 (D)	28,520 (C)	40,840 (D)	52,100 (E)
Military Trail	Frederick Small Rd to Donald Ross Rd	50,300 (D)	34,690 (C)	46,010 (D)	54,070 (F)
Old Dixie Hwy	Toney Penna Dr to Jupiter Lakes Blvd	9,100 (D)	5,300 (B)	9,270 (D)	11,650 (F)
Toney Penna Dr	Central Boulevard to Maplewood Drive	11,000 (C)	8,860 (C)	11,680 (D)	14,210 (E)
Toney Penna Dr	Maplewood Drive to Military Trail	11,100 (C)	11,830 (D)	14,850 (E)	17,990 (F)
Toney Penna Dr	Military Trail to Alternate A1A	9,600 (C)	9,250 (C)	12,900 (F)	14,350 (F)
US 1	Ocean Blvd (A1A) to Indiantown Road	33,200 (D)	20,680 (C)	26,060 (D)	36,623 (F)
US 1	Indiantown Road to Marcinski Road	33,200 (D)	24,390 (C)	29,470 (D)	36,610 (F)
US1	Marcinski Road to Donald Ross Road	33,200 (D)	27,700 (D)	31,780 (D)	39,150 (F)

Staff notes that 16 of the 25 roadway links above were also projected to not meet the adopted daily LOS standards in 2030 as shown in the currently adopted Table 7 (see Exhibit 1). The additional nine roadway links (highlighted in yellow) were proposed to meet adopted LOS standards in 2030, but are now projected not to meet the adopted daily LOS standards in 2035, as noted below:

- Central Boulevard (two roadway links north of Indiantown Road) – The current adopted LOS tables is based on an assumption that roadway capacity on Central Boulevard would be increased to four lanes on these two links by 2012. Palm Beach County removed the traffic improvement for increasing Central Boulevard to a 4-lane facility on these links from their Five-year Capital Improvement Plan. With the reduced capacity and approximately the same level of traffic volumes projected in 2020 and 2035 these segments will now not meet the adopted daily LOS standards.
- The remaining seven roadway links are proposed to not meet the adopted daily LOS standards in 2035 due to major committed and future anticipated development projects such as Hawkeye, Inlet Village and transit-oriented redevelopments on Toney Penna Drive, as further explained in the *Long Range Model Methodology* section (page 2) of Attachment A. Some of the development projects listed in the model methodology had not yet been proposed when the LOS tables were last updated in 2008. However, staff notes that these properties were assigned with more general trip generation assumptions in the 2008 update.

The next step to further address the impacts of the Indiantown Road Corridor roadway links projected to not meet the adopted daily LOS standards in 2020 and 2035 is to provide an update to the Jupiter Area Study (JAS). Specifically, providing an analysis of the critical intersections along the corridor based on the traffic counts contained in the subject LOS table text amendments. The Town Traffic Engineer is currently compiling data and analysis to update the JAS and anticipates having intersection analysis updates for the Island Way and Central Boulevard intersections along Indiantown Road available for the subject Comprehensive Plan amendments Town Council transmittal hearing on June 17, 2014. The complete update to the JAS will be available in the near future.

TWO-WAY PEAK HOUR

Roadway	Link	Adopted 2-Way Peak Hour LOS Trips	2013 Trip Volume (LOS)	2020 Trip Volume (LOS)	2035 Trip Volume (LOS)
A1A	US 1 to Jupiter Beach Road (Rd)	1,480 (D)	710 (C)	1,040 (D)	1,880 (F)

Motorists traveling northbound on other intersecting highways, such as Narcoosee Road, SR 417 and SR 520, approaching SR 528 would see a similar view as the I-95 approach to SR 528. Motorists on these highways would see a new overpass in front of and similar to the existing SR 528 overpass. The only minor change in appearance of the new overpass would be instead of seeing grass side slopes, such as the ones associated with SR 528 overpasses, motorists would see concrete retaining walls similar to those shown in Figure 4.4.7-5b.

New communications towers would be required along the E-W Corridor to support the communications systems. These towers would be either monopole or lattice-type towers, generally 60 feet tall or less. While these towers would be visible to motorists on SR 528, they would not substantially change views along this corridor.

North-South Corridor

The existing viewshed along the N-S Corridor would remain largely unchanged. Modifications proposed for this corridor are expected to maintain the general aesthetics of this active rail line. Project improvements, including restoring the double-track system along the N-S Corridor, would occur within the existing right-of-way. Construction within the N-S Corridor is not expected to affect visual and scenic resources in this area as the existing transportation land use would not be changed because of the Project. The existing rail corridor would continue to be used with minimal removal of vegetation and no changes to at-grade crossings except for upgrades to signals in some locations.

The N-S Corridor would be visible from roadways that cross at-grade. Motorists' views at these at-grade roadways would be limited to grade crossings, lights, gates, and flashers. In a few locations, especially urban areas, the N-S Corridor would be visible from nearby buildings. Views currently consist of one or two tracks, railroad ballast, and infrastructure. In more suburban areas, vegetation would generally screen the views of the railroad. These visual conditions are not anticipated to change because of the Project. Boaters traveling underneath existing FECR Corridor bridges on navigable waterways would not see a substantial change because of the Project, although some dilapidated bridges on timber pilings would be replaced with new structures supported on concrete pilings. Boaters' views would continue to consist of the railroad bridges, as proposed improvements would restore the tracks or reconstruct the bridges within the same location as the existing structures.

AAF passengers would see a variety of undeveloped and developed land use types, such as residential areas, highways, commercial and industrial developments, golf courses, wetlands, forested areas, parks, agriculture, and water bodies while traveling the N-S Corridor. The trains would travel through areas of high density associated with urban centers and areas of low density associated with natural areas.

Phase I - West Palm Beach - Miami Corridor

As stated in Section 3.3.11 of the 2012 EA, the existing viewshed of the FECR Corridor from the surrounding land uses would be maintained. The proposed station concepts include aesthetic features such as architectural components, landscaping, and ADA-compliant parking and pedestrian features. These improvements are anticipated to result in an enhancement to the existing communities. It is also anticipated that the proposed station construction would be compatible with surrounding land uses. During the design phase of the WPB-M Corridor, complete engineering and architectural details for station facilities (including



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Comments:

SIMULATION OF MARINE TRAFFIC @ NEW
RIVER BRIDGE ENTIRELY UNREALISTIC.
BOATS HAVE TO DEAL WITH CURRENT, WIND,
AND IRREGULAR MANEUVERING BY THE
OTHER VESSELS. THERE ARE 'RIGHT OF WAY'
RULES WHICH WILL ALSO DETERMINE HOW
THE VESSELS CLEAR THE BRIDGE AREA.

DISRUPTION WILL BE MUCH GREATER PER
CLOSING AND THE BRIDGE MUST BE
ATTENDED TO AVOID CLOSURE ON TOP OF
SAILBOATS OR LARGE BOATS.

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Comments:

Problem with crossing the Rail Line on
Gateway Blvd & Hypodrome. They already run
across the tracks at both locations before
the trains come

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My main concern is safety - access for fire and rescue vehicles. I believe this will be negatively impacted by the vast increase in rail traffic and length of trains. Putting an active rail line in the midst of residential communities is an invitation to danger and a vast ~~dis~~ disruption of community life.

I have experienced high speed rail in Toronto and at no time ~~did it~~ does it have the negative impact of this proposal. I have also experienced the frustration of waiting for a mile long train to finally pass - what if it is holding up a ~~rescue~~ rescue vehicle -

This will ~~be~~ cause a large drop of interest to people moving to communities along the line -

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Comments:

① Closing 2 streets in downtown WPB is absurd and will negatively impact the urban environment for decades:

- Former FRA Passenger Terminal site at 6th Street and R.R. Avenue should be used.

② Alternate route using CSX tracks to Orlando is preferable:

- Impacts few people

- Avoids new tracks and bridges through environmental sensitive land along S.R. 520.

③ The present WPB station design is anti-pedestrian and this is an enormous negative to the environment. Pedestrians cannot access the terminal from the east. Horrible!!

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Comments:

10/29/2014

- > The DEIS data is suspect because it was gathered by a consulting firm that was paid by All Aboard Florida.
- > The failure of that report to adequately address the environmental/safety/noise issues is most serious.
- > FRA must consider information beyond this DEIS as it is not a solid basis upon which to base a decision on such a profoundly damaging rail project.

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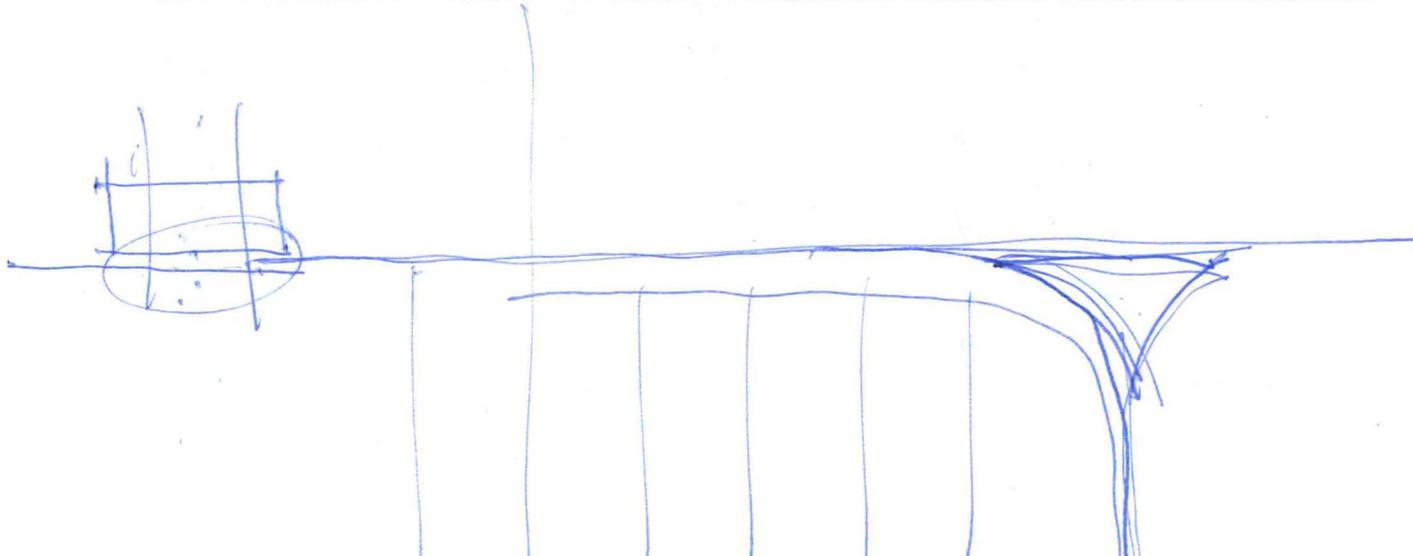
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Comments:

The DEIS was funded by FEC - and I do not agree with its conclusions. Running the NS route through Jupiter and Tequesta has a serious impact on both environment and on resident's quality of life. Our area is an ecotourism destination. This will all change if the train comes through. Our property values will go down. Our public safety will be adversely affected. I do think that an alternate route is possible.

I believe it is possible to use corridors along the Interstates.

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Comments:

I ATTENDED THIS GATHERING EXPECTING TO
HEAR A DISCUSSION OF WHY THIS "NEW" RAILLINE SHOULD
BE BUILT; BUT WHAT I SAW IS A ONE-SIDED
PROGRAM EXALTING THE VIRTUES OF WHY THIS
PROJECT SHOULD MOVE AHEAD (ON LARGE WHITE
CARDBOARD SHEETS). THE SLIDE SHOW ONLY
CONTINUED HOW WONDERFUL AND NON-INVASIVE
THE PROJECT WAS AND WHITE-WASHED ALL THE
CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITIES THROUGH
WHICH AND FOR WHICH ITS EFFECT WOULD
BE FELT. I AM TRULY DISAPPOINTED IN THIS
PRESENTATION. PERHAPS A PROFESSIONAL SEMINAR
IS CALLED FOR SO COMMENTS AND REBUTTALS
COULD BE AIRED.

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Comments:

The format for this so called meeting is nothing but a meeting for Florida All Aboard

There is no option for discussion or for any presentation

Unable to even post leaflets yet FRA has information all over the place

The FRA is in collusion with Florida All Aboard for not allowing for discussion & only FRA to present their info.

Whole meeting terrible unfair & a waste of time!

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Comments:

- Questions ① on what page does the report estimate annual amounts of fuel usage, and/or CO₂^(tons) and pollutants released by vehicles due to extra idling time at crossings and bridges? ~~the~~ (Not to be confused with air quality standards, a totally different issue)
- ② on what page does the report estimate annual amounts of fuel usage and of CO₂ (tons) and pollutants released by vehicles ~~(including buses)~~ due to passengers driving from their origins to stations, and from stations to final destinations?
- ③ by what percentage do you ~~believe~~ expect fuel efficiency of vehicles on the road will be increased by ~~the~~ 2030, using 2007 models as a base year? Are such improvements factored into EIS calculations?
- Continued

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④ On what page is there an estimate of annual energy use and collateral pollution caused by extra use of lights, bells, gates and railroad bridges?

⑤ On what page is there data to support the claim that in 5 years (by 2019), 83.5% of vehicles that might be removed from the road will have already done so (using 2030 amount as the maximum "conversion")

⑥ Who pays for extra costs of energy involved in bells/lights/gates and railroad bridge raising + lowering for 32 extra trains?

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Comments:

Question: What has been done/planned
for consideration of emergency vehicles.

Cases:

Hospital east of tracks & home owners
are immediately west of tracks. High
speed passenger will pass in a minute or so,
but the added freights run which take
much longer will increase delays more
times per day. With an aging population
in this area strokes & heart attacks are much
more numerous. An extra 3-4 minutes
can/will cause the brain to go longer
without relief provided by ~~med~~ ER physicians

So:

Are flyovers planned such as the one at
Palm Beach Lakes Blvd (33409) for Good Samaritan
Hospital for other hospitals. I can see a
need in northern west Palm Beach, Palm Beach
Gardens, & Jupiter to name a few.

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Comments:

DEAR FRA-

I just retired for NY City Transit
and worked as a conductor for
17 years. I loved talking to the passengers
+ doing my job.

I also worked on Wall Street as
a stock broker for 10 years prior
to NY City Transit.

I retired last month own my home
for last 10 years. I like hearing the train blow
their whistle 3 times for 10 trains a day.

~~How~~ How ever doubling or tripling
the amount of trains thru residential
high end homes is not a good idea.

My suggestion divert 50% of train at West
Palm to CSX line. Please compromise this service
Do not turn Palm Beach in New York. My home's value
will plummet + Palm Beach county

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ALM BEACH county revenue will fall
drastically because high income
people will move to west coast.

This is a major disaster for east coast
if permitted.

Please use your judgement + compromise
on the Amount of trains allowed.

~~ABCA - NOV 2
#230-430
JANUARY
FLORIDA NOT ALL ABOARD
12-230-
561 644 0267
LARI DUBAY - MARY~~

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I UNDERSTAND THAT THE ~~FRA~~ GOAL
IS TO TRAVEL BETWEEN ORLANDO
AND MIAMI IN LESS THAN
3 HOURS. HAS THERE BEEN
A RIDERSHIP STUDY DONE
TO EVALUATE ADDITIONAL RIDERSHIP
IF A STATION IN COCOA BEACH
IS ADDED

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Is the provider a trustworthy company that shows financial strength for the next 10 years? I am for this development but would fear the developer will build in hopes it works out versus not doing the due diligence to ensure it will. Have surveys, studies, feedback been gathered & shared positive results?

Why Orlando? I don't understand.

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Decible levels of horns at
"Quiet Zone" crossings, directed
along roadways, and the impact
on dwellings at 150-200 ft. every
1/2 hour 32 + 20 = 52 Trains/24 hrs.

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*32
+ 20
52/day / 24 hrs*

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I live in WPB and I am
a proponent of All Aboard FL.
I have two concerns:

1) Have enough people been
questioned to determine if
use will be adequate to offset
cost. It is my observation that
many (most) do not want to give
up convenience of their car.

2) Why can there not be a stop
in Martin Co. As a resident
of Stuart for 12 years, I would
have welcomed a stop in MC.

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old Dixie Rd Bridge under Roosevelt
bridge in Stuart Florida are large
enough for passage of
yachts of 220' length.

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AS A TOURING CYCLIST WHO HAS CIRCUMNAVIGATED AROUND THE UNITED STATES, I STRONGLY RECOMMEND PROPER CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO PRESERVE SPACE FOR A BIKING LANE ALONG THE ENTIRE PLANNED ALL-ABOARD RAIL SYSTEM & TO ACTIVELY WORK WITH ALL PARTIES TO IMPLEMENT THIS TRAIL. OVER 200 SUCCESSFUL EXAMPLES THROUGHOUT FLORIDA & MANY, MANY MORE THROUGHOUT AMERICA BRING A GREATER SENSE OF COMMUNITY WITH WELL MAINTAINED BIKE TRAILS.

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1. All Aboard Florida appears to qualify for the Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing. If a grant and/or loan is approved it should be subject to the following conditions:
 - A. AAF should be required to include and pay for the safety improvements at crossings that allow local governments to implement quiet zones. Railroads are a “business” and **no other business is allowed to transfer the costs of mitigating noise** to local government.

(“No other business” includes airports, which in Palm Beach County were required years ago to insulate or buyout residences beneath flight paths; buying out proved cheaper for the airline/airport industry. In downtown West Palm Beach, bars and sidewalk cafes are subject to noise controls.) Railroads cite laws dating to the 1800 that shift the responsibility but this country will never modernize its rail system through urban areas without dealing with noise pollution.
 - B. Navigation must be preserved. Along the New River, Loxahatchee River and St. Lucie River railroad bridges have no more than five-foot clearances. The time it takes to lower-then-raise the bridges (20 minutes) must be added to the time it takes for passenger and freight trains to cross in evaluating impacts. Marine industries upstream on the New River are a major employer and economic generator in Fort Lauderdale. Industry analysts there report they need 40 minutes per hour free-passage on high tide. The EIS does not take tides into account. Recreational boating and fishing are major economic generators in Jupiter and Stuart.
 1. The viability of redeveloped and now bustling downtown waterfront-section of Stuart is clearly at risk (including the livelihood of merchants, artists and performers). The city’s downtown traffic issues (epitomized by what’s quaintly referred to as “confusion corner”) require an evaluation of re-routing of rail or auto traffic; the long approach from the south suggests possible replacement of the existing railroad bridge with high-level clearance allowing recreational boat clearance.)
 - C. Extension of commuter rail between Miami and Jupiter. An agreement is in place to extend Tri Rail service from Mimi to Jupiter but extension is contingent on the FRA loan/grant. If no financing is to be provided by FRA the agreement will be void. As a condition of FRA financing, FRA must require dual-height platforms to accommodate passengers of commuter and long-distance trains (AAF has contracted to purchase cars with doors that open at a different height than those of commuter rail train now in service.) AAF must not be allowed to claim as a “benefit” any accommodation to Tri-Rail (the existing commuter service) if no arrangement is made for commuter-rail passengers (including disabled passengers) to board or de-

board from rail cars. AAF has suggested Tri-Rail acquire new cars – that is not reasonable, it is not a profitable service.

2 Draft EIS – questions and comments

A. If no FRA grant is forthcoming for Phase I: What regulatory authority can FRA exert on behalf of people in impacted areas?

B. Please explain:

(a.) **How is it that AAF was allowed to write its own Environmental Assessment based on which FRA issued a FONSI that now permits construction on Phase I – arguably the most controversial phase and certainly the one impacting the greatest number of people – and to do so without independent review and analysis from FRA?** *And or public hearings/discussion*

(b.) that only Phase II (the link between Cocoa and Orlando), and supplemental changes of stations and the “new location” in West Palm Beach” of a “proposed Fort Lauderdale layover and maintenance facility” is subject to this National Environmental Policy Act Process and DEIS. (Summary p S-4)

First we heard of this was in the summary.

In my experience, the FRA process is totally at odds with NEPA processes of other federal agencies financing, constructing projects, and implementing programs.

C. Passenger traffic: While the point is made earlier, that this EIS is directed only to Phase II, it is replete with statements made about Phase I, including estimates of passenger traffic diverted from highways, and airlines. If Phase I, is to be entirely, privately funded the number of passengers AAF serves is somewhat irrelevant; public funds are not at risk. If a federal loan or loan guarantee is provided passenger projections are very relevant, determinant of its success, and ought to be realistic. .

This EIS describes establishing “sustainable, reliable transportation” as an objective but the passenger projections are not credible. For example, the EIS projects 3.5 million passengers in 2019 – in the next five years -- but that number includes two million people traveling between West Palm Beach and Miami, i.e. commuting via AAF (in lieu of or in addition to passengers on Tri-Rail). The EIS also projects 335,628 “auto-vehicles” being “removed” from regional highways and roads. Was each of those cars carrying six people? If you deduct the 152,000 bus-riders the current number of auto-passengers per car would rise still higher. To justify its passenger projections, the EIS must provide some explanation of where, in the next five years, all these people are coming from is required.

- D. Crossings and delays: In urban areas, the time it takes a passenger train to clear a crossing in daylight hours is certainly going to be shorter than the time it takes for traffic-lights to recycle and for traffic that's backed-up at the lights to clear the crossing. The EIS neither acknowledges nor attempts to account for this additional delay, which when it occurs on four-to six-lane arterial roads with turn signals and/ or adjacent to Interstate highway entrance and exits can be quite considerable and is a principal complaint of motorists and residents.
- E. Environmental justice: Having recently driven the 528 Beach line corridor from Orlando to Cocoa, which crosses the headwaters of the St. Johns River . I agree there is minimal impact on minority communities. There is a major impact on minority communities along the coast between Cocoa and Miami that the Environmental Assessment identified in census tracts but then dismissed and/or tried to offset by projected increases in temporary construction jobs. It was generally assumed there would be discussion of those impacts in this EIS.

I may submit later comments about the environmental impacts of Phase II .

MLM

It is distressing that this public meeting was/is conducted by public relations persons hired by AAF . Only 1 FRA and 1 ACOE employee. People deserve independent reviewers and explainers

MLM

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- ✓ I support the project as AAF seems to address major issues including noise and pollution from trains
1. Should have at least 1 cell phone free train cars or other systems to limit annoyance
2. " use porous pavement around the station for drainage & safety - VA in Riviera Beach has such in one newer parking lot. Miami Herald 7/9/07 did story on the original inventor's concrete - but he died a year later. water puddling a major issue at Tri Rail a few blocks away which did not use & no drainage now at Datura just west of FLE now. Porous pavement a safer walking surface
3. Limit smoking No Smoking Zone outside of enclosed station at least 50' INVOLUNTARY SMOKING a major health issue - & anxiety producing.

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Comments:

My main concern is security.
The presence of ^{uniformed} police agents ^{in the} ^{trains &} ^{terminals} ^{stations}
as a deterrent is vital as
the project itself.

We, taxpayers, deserve protection
for our families and ourselves.

Please, don't let the
criminals take over
this project. Thank you.

In Spanish:

"La seguridad ciudadana es fundamental
para el éxito de este proyecto.
Por favor, no dejen que los criminales
se salgan con la suya. Gracias."

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Comments:

09-10-29-14

RAISE (ELEVATE) TRAINS 1500' SOUTH OF
OKECHOBEE SO THAT AT OKECHOBEE WOULD BE
12' ABOVE OKECHOBEE AND REMAIN AT
THAT LEVEL UNTIL CLEMATIS STREET OR JUST
NORTH OF CLEMATIS STREET IN THE HISTORIC
SECTION.

Raymond H. Mordine

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- ① inconvenience to automobile traffic at crossings
esp. 100-130 freight cars/train (pass time + back-ups)
- ② Disrupts emergency services
- ③ Passenger Train ridership is minimal on
Trail's existing train frequency, not 32/day.
- ④ destination connectivity (airport to Train etc.)
- ⑤ Train speed in urban areas 65-80+ mph
- ⑥ wheel to rail noise carrier limit,
depending on atmospheric conditions.
- ⑦ Engineer on his cell phone caused
a huge disaster. Human element multiplied
32 passenger + 20 freight trains.
- ⑧ Quality of life for those living near
tracks. noise + inconvenience + safety!

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Reasons for Opposition to *All Aboard Florida* Rail Expansion

Like many local residents and mariners, I am quite concerned about the negative impact of AAF and the associated planned freight expansion. I understand that AAF alone will require 32 additional closings of the Loxahatchee River railroad bridge per day, and that there will be additional freight traffic necessitating many long closings also. The freight closings are the worst part of the problem, given the long length of the trains and duration of the closings.

I see the following navigational problems:

- Impeding navigation of the river for recreational purposes
- Limitation of access to the western portion by boaters
- Limitation of access of emergency vessels for long periods of time, especially when the bridge is traversed by freight trains. This could result in deaths in cases of accidents or illness.
- Complete blockage of access if a freight train is stopped on the bridge because of mechanical breakdown or accident
- Excessive wear and tear on the mechanism of the bridge

I further see the following land-based problems:

- Intolerable traffic delays due to the increased frequency of railroad crossing blockage due to both AAF trains and the expected increased number of long, slower-moving freight trains
- Increased chance of train-auto collisions at crossings
- Long delays in response time for emergency vehicles, resulting in unnecessary deaths
- Decrease in property values due to the noise, danger, and congestion from the increased rail traffic
- Lower quality of life in this beautiful part of Florida. Some of the most beautiful developments in this part of the nation will be **devastated** by this project.

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TOO MANY TRAINS. IMPOSSIBLE TO BELIEVE
THAT MANY PEOPLE WILL USE THE SERVICE—
WHICH WILL BE EXPENSIVE.

MANY PROBLEMS ARE SURE TO COME UP.
BOTHERS ME THAT THE "PLAN" IS TO DEAL
WITH THEM IF/WHEN THEY HAPPEN. WILL BE
TOO LATE.

IMPACT ON TRAFFIC WILL BE HORRENDOUS.
IT'S A PROBLEM NOW WITH FREIGHT TRAINS/
PALM TRAN/AMTRAK. TRAFFIC BACKS UP,
EVEN DURING NON-RUSH HOUR TIMES.
INTERSECTIONS GET BLOCICED. (PEOPLE ARE
ROAD HOAS.)

IMPOSSIBLE TO BELIEVE ESTIMATES OF
INCOME TO BE GENERATED.

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Comments:

- ① The format is continued without the ability to have questions answered - NO open format
- ② Environmental impact will be a disaster!
 - ① trains will create enormous backups for cars crossing the tracks → more accidents
 - ② Car pollution will increase tremendously & will be worse than if you were driving on 95 because of the car idling for at least 15 min. a time
 - ③ Noise pollution - I can already hear the trains now. It will be constant. It is shown that loud noise increase anxiety
- ③ There will be accidents at the crossing - I live Palm Beach Gardens - children need to cross the street ~~they~~ How many people will be killed
- ③ ~~③~~ Economic impact: Palm Beach Gardens will lose business
- ④ I cannot get Jupiter hospital - Last year I had a burst appendix - I could have died - This is a problem -

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West Palm Beach

29 Oct. 2014

I believe that the proposed train to Orlando is not practical financially and dangerous to auto traffic. Okeechobee Blvd and FEC are very dangerous here always. Maybe ten or twenty years from now would be practical. There simply are not enough people who would use All Aboard Florida. Have you researched the number of people who use Amtrak # 97, Silver Star, for past five years? Take a look.

I'm from an old Southern Railway family of Selma, Ala. and loved using FEC South Wood to Montgomery and City of Miami to Birmingham. Pity about the non-operating Union in 1962 and removal of double track.

I wish FEC well, but not this proposed failure.

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john_lott@aol.com

Also:

2014 Oct 29 1054

John L. Lott
208 Fern St., 1308
W. P. A. 33401

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Comments:

- ① The number of trains is excessive. The Amtrak trains that travel the route are rarely full.
- ② The impact on traffic seem very underestimated. Delays from figures do not account for drivers who block intersections, which will cause greater delays and frayed nerves - definitely a safety consideration.
- ③ Environmentally? What about the emissions generated by the idling cars at the 26 crossings.
- ④ It seems a duplication of resources - The Amtrak train will still go where it goes.
- ⑤ The noise & vibration is also underestimated. I live 2 blocks from the tracks, so I know.
Two or three ^{trains} a day, okay -
Two or three an hour, NOT okay

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Comments:

VERY OPPOSED TO THIS RAIL PROJECT IN
MY STATE

DO NOT BELIEVE THERE WILL BE ENOUGH
RIDERSHIP TO MAKE ECONOMIC SENSE - NO WAY
THIS WILL BE PROFITABLE.

USING FEC TRACKS THROUGH TUPPER AND TEQUESTA
WILL SEVERELY IMPACT SAFETY AND QUALITY OF
LIFE IN MY OPINION.

I WOULD BE IN FAVOR OF ANY RAIL PROJECT
THAT MAKES SENSE - THIS DOES NOT !!

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Comments:

I AM GREATLY CONCERNED ABOUT RESIDENTS SAFETY AT CROSSINGS.
THE TRAIN/BUS COLLISION IN FOX RIVER GROVE, IL DATED 10/25/1995
INVOLVED A TRAIN AT A SPEED OF 66 MPH WHEN THE BUS WAS SIGHTED.
IN ABOUT ONE-HALF MILE, SPEED WAS REDUCED TO 15-28 MPH AT THE
TIME OF THE COLLISION. NTSB REPORT NTSB/HAR-96/02, PR96-916202
DISCUSSES AT LENGTH THE VARIABILITY OF MICROPROCESSERS CONTROLLING
TRAFFIC SIGNALS & GATES PROTECTING THE INTERSECTION. I LIVE IN
A LARGE COMMUNITY THAT ADJUTS THE F&E TRACKS. WE HAVE PROTECTED
INTERSECTIONS ON HOD ROAD AND DONALD ROSS ROADS. AS WE ARE
NORTH OF WEST PALM BEACH, THE TRAINS ARE CLEARED FOR 100 MPH.
LOOKING AT NTSB ACCIDENT REPORTS, PEOPLE CONTINUALLY RUN GATES
WHEN THEY ARE DOWN. I BELIEVE THAT THE STUDY HAS SEVERELY
UNDERESTIMATED THE RISK OF COLLISIONS, AAF IS FOR THE BENEFIT
OF TOURISTS AS THERE ARE NO STATIONS NORTH OF WEST PALM BEACH.
AS A FOREIGN RAIL COMMUTER IN THE CHICAGO AREA FOR OVER 25 YEARS,
I HAVE PERSONALLY BEEN ON TRAINS THAT HIT THREE PEOPLE/VEHICLES
AND THE TRAINS WERE TRAVELING AT LESS THAN 1/2 THE SPEED
AAF PROPOSES TO RUN.

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SECONDLY, OUR COMMUNITY ALREADY EXPERIENCES SEVERE VIBRATION FROM PASSING TRAINS. THIS

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Comments:

VIBRATION IS SEVERE ENOUGH TO CAUSE VIBRATIONS/SHAKING
ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF HOMES. THIS IS IMPACTING
THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND WILL INCREASE MAINTENANCE
COSTS AND WILL ONLY INCREASE WITH MORE TRAIN
TRAFFIC.

MY FINAL ISSUE WITH THE ASSESSMENT IS THE BELIEF
THAT AUTOMOBILE TRIPS WILL DIMINISH AT THE FORECAST LEVEL,
AIRTRAIL CURRENTLY CANNOT FILL TRAINS OVER THE MIAMI-ORLANDO
ROUTE. THE PREPREDOMINANCE OF THE POTENTIAL USERS WILL HAVE
TO BE FOREIGN TRAVELLERS, ALTERNATIVE FLIGHTS COULD ALREADY
TAKE THEM DIRECTLY TO ORLANDO.

OVERALL, IT BOTHERS ME GREATLY THAT AN APPLICATION FOR
FEDERAL MONEY, WHICH IS SCARCE, TO MOVE FOREIGN VISITORS IS
BEING CONSIDERED WHEN THERE ARE SO MANY US CITIES IN DIRE
NEED OF TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL FOR THEIR TRANSIT
SYSTEM.

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3hr, Trip Miami To Orlando with
334 Crossings, whereby the train slows
to 30mph at each crossing -
not likely

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① We are extremely concerned that our access to the Jupiter inlet from the Loxahatchee River will be cut off due to the frequency of the bridge closures.

② We own rental property which sits adjacent to the tracks on Windsor Ave. that may be unrentable because of noise & vibration caused by numerous trains running daily. Our property at 3001 Windsor Ave. is within 20 feet of the existing tracks in West Palm Beach.

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Respectfully, I ask: ~~do~~ making this public presentation, with the numbers, times, speeds, etc., do you really think the public is so stupid as to believe the times, speeds and figures printed on the placards exhibited?

We live here, year round, have lived near high speed trains in both Japan (10 yrs.) & Europe (same). The area from W. Palm Beach north to Stuart is a route travelled very regularly at various times of the 24 hrs. clock. ^{per day} They ~~existing~~ freight trains take 5 min. & longer at crossings.

The existing traffic on Indian Town Rd, esp. in season is already untenable. Harbor side is calculated to add 6005 more cars per day, alone. How do you mitigate wait times, 4x's more car fumes per standing car? How will this already overloaded road system be handled? Are you kidding? You are handing us and ourselves a living nightmare. Now, add emergency vehicles - by their description, they need to move ASAP. Do you in all good conscience think this will be able to happen?

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We fear that the passenger service will not be successful & the improved tracks will be used primarily for freight. And we fear an increase in freight trains both length & number of trains daily. We live in a community of retirees & many have serious health problems. We live on one side of the tracks & our local hospital is on the other side. Also we are already experiencing year by year loss of value in our homes due to the increase in the number of trains. If the loan is approved we feel the taxpayers will ultimately be paying it off because the passenger service will not be successful.

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Comments:

The Benefit of All citizens of Talman Beach County is nonexistent compared to the inconvenience AND expense. The effect it will have on property values alone should deny all of our governments constituents from ~~not~~ allowing any of our tax dollars to be spent.

The very possibility of the failure happening within a few short years should weigh in on the reasons our government should NOT support this as well. Freight is the only reason behind this push.

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I live in Admirals Cove, a community in Jupiter, Florida half of which is divided by the existing railroad tracks. I hear the freight trains as do most residents, which will be multiplied many times if All Aboard Florida gets its way. I estimate the loss in real estate values at \$300,000 per average house, or 255 million dollars for the 850 homes. Even worse will be the inconvenience of crossing the tracks to go to a restaurant, hospital, golf course or whatever. Life will not be the same and even worse for boaters.

I think the Miami to Orlando train tracks should be located to the west, say the Corbett wildlife area and then following Florida's Turnpike. This might disturb no legislators instead of a million people by the existing tracks

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Comments:

I am a lifelong resident of Palm Beach Gardens. My home is near the FEC AIA Corridor. The proposed expansion of train traffic on this rail line is completely inconsistent w/ the character of our community and will be devastating to my family's quality of life, and to my property value. I have worked in a professional capacity for 30 years to establish a good home in a quiet and neat, middle-class neighborhood. FRA must not take property value from ^{home owners/} tax payers and hand it over to a private equity shop (Fortress). It is clear from the terms of the private bond issuance they did in June 2014 that the bankers and investors were told that

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Comments:

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a federal loan would eventually be forthcoming to take them out of the bonds at a premium.

The FRA must consider the western corridor alternative for the freight/commuter expansion.

If you approve this, they will start the project w/ private money and go after the Federal money later.

The environmental impact is huge on the people who live, work and play along the P&A corridor. The number of trips will cut our community in half. The trains are already a hassle and noise polluters (even w/o the horns). Please stop it!

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Comments:

I am against All Aboard Florida
I live near Donald Ross Rd, a very
busy intersection, In an emergency
it will be very difficult to get to the
Jupiter Hospital.

Marjorie Torgan
margietorgan @ YAHOO . COM

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Comments:

This seems to be an informational session
There is no ability to protest. It seems
that the institution of all aboard Florida is
a fait accompli. We feel that it will have
a substantial adverse impact on our lives
We live at the corner of AIA and CR 811
and Donald Ross and cross the tracks
at least once a day. Emergency vehicles
will be held up. Safety will be compromised
noise will be unbearable. We are skeptical of the
traffic predicted and think that long freight trains
will be the primary users

AT org

philosoph 22@ AOL.com

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*The Railroad will not provide
any benefits to the neighborhoods
of Palm Beach Gardens,*

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Comments:

- ① Too much noise from the freight trains already
- ② Too much time nec. to go from US 1 to military trail or Donald Ross rd
- ③ Difficult getting to Jupiter Hospital, as it is, from Donald Ross rd

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Comments:

great incentive to allow travelers to move
between major/metropolitan cities in the state
of Florida. This project will alleviate the current
traffic conditions for transportation between
the proposed locations.

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Comments:

I'm All For The Project. I Have Reviewed
The Pro & Cons AND Find That In The
Long Run The Environmental Impact ~~of~~ For
The Construction ^{OF} ~~FOR~~ The Project Will Be
Minimal. AS Apposed To The Carbon Emission
Created By Road Travel.

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The environmental impact seems to be very minimal in relation to the benefits to be gained. Its about time Florida built up its transportation infrastructure. Rail is the foundation of industry this would be a great incentive to attract manufacturing to the state.

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Comments:

I support this project and want to see it move forward. ~~The~~ All Aboard Florida will make a great economic impact, create many jobs, and assist in tourism growth.

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Comments:

As a resident of the South End of West Palm Beach, I am looking forward to the completion of the AAF project.

The economic impact to the area will be significant and spark additional development in our downtown area as well as the cities on the corridor.

I feel that the development team has done good work in using state-of-the-art trains that will not affect the environment adversely, but will bring significant benefit to South Florida.

I look forward to travelling on an All Aboard Florida train soon.

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Comments:

I support this project
I think it will be good for this
Area. ~~People~~ People will find some-
where to go when ever they want
even to find jobs (ect.)

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Comments:

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IT WILL MAKE FLORIDA A TRUE WORLD CLASS DESTINATION.
THE BEST FUEL EFFICIENT METHOD OF TRAVEL.

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Comments:

I WANT THIS PROJECT
HOWEVER I HOPE MINORITIES
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THE BUILDING OF THE
STATIONS.

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Comments:

I am a 5 year resident of PBC,
living in Jupiter, Florida. I fully
support the AAF project and think
it will be of great benefit to
the residents & ultimately the state
of Florida.

I look forward to seeing this
project completed & riding the
train to Orlando & Miami.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'M. A. ...'.

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Comments:

Excellent project keeping in view of
future population growth and requirements
of Mass transit. I support this project.

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Comments:

I AM 100% IN FAVOR OF PAT. I DO WISH THEY
WERE PLANNING ON A TROPICAL COAST
STATION, THOUGH.

THIS IS THE RIGHT MOVE.

LET'S GET THIS STARTED ASAP!

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Comments:

We support! Florida desperately
needs more rail. This is a great
step I... I hope there are many more!

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Comments:

I, JOEL NUNNEY, AM IN FULL SUPPORT OF ALL ABOARD FLORIDA.
THINGS LIKE THIS HAS BEEN ADOPTED IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA, I
THINK PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IS IDEAL & REQUIRED FOR TODAY'S
ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY. THE ROUTE IS ALSO PERFECT FOR
ALL MAJOR TOURIST CITIES & WILL INFLOW MASS FUNDS INTO
THE LOCAL ECONOMIES, SO GO GO!!

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Comments:

In My Opinion This Is A Fantastic Idea
As It Offers Not Only A Solution To Our
Over Congested Highways But Also Has The
Ability To Eliminate The Burning of Fossil Fuels.
The Project Will Undoubtedly Be Met With
Resistance And Skepticism But Will End Up
Becoming An Asset. Fantastic! Go Go Go

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Comments:

I would like to see this project
move forward as quickly as possible.
Transportation / Infrastructure benefits
will far outweigh any inconvenience.
This will be a critical portion
of Florida's future growth.

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Comments:

While there admittedly are a few negative impacts, the overall benefits to the areas where the stations are located, and to the quality of life for millions of people, greatly outweigh the negatives.

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Comments:

Public Rail transit is a good alternative for traveling north/south along Florida's east coast.

In addition, Roadway crossings along the project corridor have the benefit of pedestrian and vehicular upgrades.

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Comments:

While I don't look forward to sitting in my car waiting at a rail crossing, I recognize the need for more transportation options. Compared to Europe, our rail service is lacking.

I look forward to a fast convenient train ride from downtown WPB to downtown Miami!

Thanks

Jim

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Comments:

I think this project will generate more tourist revenue as well as alleviate a lot of commuter traffic between miami, palm beach and broward.

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Comments:

A High Speed Rail system is what was missing from South Florida To ORLANDO. INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS will utilize this service once they know it exists. ADDING Quiet ZONES TO The Rail project throughout was also a great idea to minimize the impact of a high speed rail and any accidents that may occur due to its construction.

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Comments:

I support All Aboard Florida and agree with its construction. In my opinion the positive outcomes (jobs, removing traffic from 95 and alleviating congestion) outweigh the negative impacts.

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Comments:

Providing travel alternatives along this corridor
will help to ease congestion & bring improvements
to the crossings & counties along the train line.

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Comments:

I completely support the All Aboard Florida project. I think it gives our region a great transportation option. The improved crossings and quiet zones seem to improve an existing railroad and residents around it. I also look forward to driving to the West Palm Beach Station to take the train to both Orlando and Miami.

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Comments:

All aboard project will bring relief to traffic
and allow easier transportation.

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Comments:

The AAF project will not only add an additional way to travel from Miami ~~and~~ to Orlando. but it will improve the Florida economy by providing jobs.

In conclusion, Yes AAF!

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Comments:

MORE TRAVEL CHOICES ARE ALWAYS A GOOD
THING. MY ONLY ADVICE FOR ALL ABOARD FLORIDA
IS; BUILD IT, RUN IT, EXPAND IT AND GIVE CHOICE
TO ALL OF FLORIDA.

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Comments:

All Aboard Florida is a great addition to the Downtown West Palm Beach Area.

It will provide a huge economic impact to the area businesses. Palm Beach County is over-saturated with retail destinations and the struggling downtown area needs the boost in tourism.

Trains have been around since the early years and with today's technology everyone's concerns will be addressed.

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Comments:

I think this project would be beneficial for mass transit across the state. This could be the beginning to a much larger network of passenger service. Having an alternative to either flying by ~~the~~ poorly maintained aircraft or driving for 4 hours are the only 2 alternatives (overlooking the unacceptable 6 hour bus trip). Not to mention the economic benefits provided by running these trains. I went 1 year without a job just a few years ago and having this project built could have expanded my available options for employment to the dramatically more ~~con~~ appropriate placement when compared to the Tri-Rail alternative currently in service.

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I am truly interested in the Railway expansion. For such an expansion I believe there will be room for using local Business as part of the team to fulfill projects base on Phases. Could you please provide information on how you anticipate getting local Business involved.

My firm is a Staffing firm would there be any opportunity for involvement by a firm such as mine. Hiring local talent for different scope of works my name is Donatell Bromfield and I am interested in being apart of the development - we are all aboard and excited for this new Rail-Transit

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Comments:

As managing shareholder of the West Palm Beach office of Becker Poliakoff, I wholly support the All Aboard Florida project. Increasing and improving transit options for our region is an investment in our future; that must be made now; so as to not lose this unique opportunity.

The prospect of using rail service to connect our offices in Miami, West Palm, Fort Lauderdale and Orlando will give us the ability to increase our business and offer improved services

As a Palm Beach County resident I also wholly support All Aboard Florida. I think its EXCITING THAT WE'LL HAVE THE CHOICE to take real transit that actually goes to Real places. Hopefully this project will help change the way we think about mass transit throughout the United States

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Great idea, looking forward
do it being operational.

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Comments:

Having a passenger service train would be beneficial for me and the community. We need to progress forward with public transportation as South Florida is behind in this aspect.

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ALTHOUGH BY NATURE WE FEEL THE
IMMEDIATE URGE TO RESIST
CHANGE; ESPECIALLY WHEN IT MAY
IMPACT OUR EVERY DAY ACTIVITIES
(TRAFFIC, DEVELOPMENT, GROWTH);
I AM ~~IN~~ SUPPORT OF THE
AAF PROJECT IF IT MEANS
FINANCIAL BENEFITS TO LOCAL
INDUSTRY.

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Comments:

I am in support of this project.

Our family would use the line from
Wpalm to both Miami and Orlando

I would use the line to miami as
my business office is located there.

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Comments:

All aboard Florida will provide a useful resource to Florida residents and visitors. I believe the All Aboard Florida group has done extensive research to ensure Florida's wildlife is not threatened by the project. The project also shows promising data pertaining to automobile emissions reduction. I am 100% supportive of the project and the benefits the state of Florida will receive from its construction.

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Comments:

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OF ALL ABOARD FLORIDA. WE SHOULD BE DOING
EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVE MODES
OF TRANSPORTATION OTHER THAN THE SINGLE-PASSENGER
AUTOMOBILE THAT CURRENTLY DOMINATES. ENVIRONMENTALLY
AND ECONOMICALLY THAT METHOD IS UNSUSTAINABLE.
PLEASE LEAD YOUR FULL SUPPORT IN THIS
SPIN

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I AM COMPLETELY IN FAVOR OF THE PROJECT.
AS A FORMER WELLINGTON, FL COMMISSIONER
I AM CONCERNED ABOUT CONNECTIONS FOR
WESTERN COUNTY TRAFFIC.

ARE YOU ~~COORDINATING~~ COORDINATING WITH
PALM BEACH COUNTY PALM TRAM, MPA,
AND OTHER REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES
(TRI-RAIL).

SPECIFICALLY, TO CREATE EAST-WEST
TRAVEL SERVICES TO REDUCE AUTOS ON OUR
CLOGGED ROADS.

Keep up the good work.

"GO" ALL ABOARD FLORIDA

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Wellington
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Comments:

I AM A WEST PALM BEACH RESIDENT, AND
I SUPPORT TRAIL TRANSIT TO MIAMI AND
ORLANDO, WITH SOME RESERVATIONS.
INTERCITY TRAVEL IN FLORIDA SHOULD
BE LESS DEPENDENT ON AUTOMOBILES.

RESERVATIONS:

- 1) GROUND-LEVEL STATIONS WILL LIKELY
BE REGRETTED. ~~AFTER~~ IS THERE AN
AFFORDABLE WAY TO RAISE THEM UP,
ENABLING PEDESTRIAN AND AUTO TRAFFIC?
- 2) FARES NEED TO BE LOW ENOUGH
FOR ORDINARY FAMILIES TO USE AAF.
\$90.00 ONE WAY IS TOO HIGH, SUITABLE ONLY
FOR A BUSINESSMAN TRAVELING ALONE.

A MODERN TRANSIT RAILROAD SHOULD COOPERATE
AND CO-EXIST WITH ITS CITY - NOT PERMANENTLY
INCONVENIENCE IT.

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Comments:

I'm a snowbird who travels in and out of Palm Beach International. It's a small airport with limited flights available

I would like AAF to make it easy for me + my family to fly into FLL + MIA and easily + affordably + in a ~~timely~~ timely manner to get to downtown West Palm.

I would like multi-ride passes for the season. Ex. My son lives in Cayman Island can only fly into Miami. Other son California - only non-stop to Ft Lauderdale - make it easy for kids to come visit

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Comments:

It appears that this initiative may provide a positive economic impact. I personally applaud any opportunity to improve public transportation options in our great state. Providing an option to link Central and South Florida for both business + Pleasure travel should be a positive ~~and~~ impact.

Auto travel should be at least supplemented by this option. Can this be compared to Travel in Europe or Japan?

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Comments:

Very excited about this project.
I'm delighted to see the private
investment.

I'm a downtown West Palm
resident and can't wait
to ride to Ft. Miami

Thank you

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Comments:

I support rail project as explained.

I see no downside to project.

Anna Valencia
10/20/14

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Comments:

WPB- ALL board would be using existing tracks,
So I see no issue there. Also I would think the
project would create jobs

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Comments:

This is a great project that will finally
move Florida transportation forward.

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Comments:

I SUPPORT All Aboard Florida!

Two local concerns from a West Palm Beach downtown resident:

1) Please ensure the new street from Clematis to Fern Street is a quality public space. It should be a beautiful urban street, very important for mitigating the closure

2) WE WANT TRI-RAIL COASTAL LINK!!

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Comments:

IN FAVOR OF "ALL ABOARD FL" TO
ALLOW TRAVEL TO AND FROM ORLANDO AREA

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Comments:

I think it is important to extend
All Aboard Florida train service
to Orlando to provide mass transportation
& improve se travel to Orlando & Cocoa
Florida needs alternatives to
everyone driving their own cars.

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Comments:

Looking forward to completion and added
convenience this project will afford.
Positive that may auto trips will be deferred
to rail.

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Name	<i>Kwan Slydell</i>
Address	
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Comments:

This is a great idea to provide public transportation linking cities from Orlando to Miami.

We need to improve our commuter system in Florida and this is a good way to start.

How will you utilize minority contractors in your project?

Is there any possibility that the roads where the trains cross could be raised over the road or train tracks?

We should try to eliminate the horns of the trains at crossing. This causes excessive noise.

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Comments:

I look forward to getting on the train in West Palm Beach and using AAF to get me to downtown Miami quickly. For the AAA events I currently pass on. For events at History Miami. And even to take a class at Miami Dade College. The idea of boosting mobility without increasing traffic on the highways of Florida is one I thoroughly support.

I can see why the folks north of Jupiter are against this project, but they are exaggerating the possible negatives.

Let's get this project going!

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Name	<i>Lisa Jensen</i>
Address	<i>606 Shore Rd. North Palm Beach, FL 33408</i>
email	Please provide your email address if you would like to receive notification when the FEIS is available <i>lisacconnie@gmail.com ; but I'm on your list already.</i>

*I am in full support of this project.
Anything that gets me to Miami and
keeps me off 95 is welcome.*



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Comments:

I FAVOR THIS PROJECT SO
LONG AS THE TRAINS DO NOT
HINDER WATER TRAFFIC UNDULY

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Comments:

I believe that the findings of the EIS reinforce what supporters of AAF have said from the beginning. While there will be minimal environmental impacts, such actions are necessary for the growth of infrastructure in a populated state such as Florida. The benefits of the completion of AAF will far outweigh any temporary environmental detriments with regards to economic and commercial growth. While all parties ~~are~~ involved are necessarily concerned with possible environmental detriments during both the construction and operation of AAF, the findings of the EIS serve to reinforce that these impacts will be as limited as possible while simultaneously providing the greatest possible benefit.

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It will be a boom for Florida
tourism industry.

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Comments:

I think that a railroad connecting West Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale and Miami would be efficient and effective for personal and business travel. It will make it easier for people to get to the places they need to be. The cost is reasonable, and the time to get to ^{the} places is not long.

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AGC Florida East Coast Chapter
Supports AAF for the following
reasons:

- AGC supports transportation & infrastructure investment.
- The project will be competitively bid.
- Will create thousands of construction jobs through rail & service stations leaving behind permanent jobs as well.
- Recognizes Palm Beach County is a major tourism destination, which has limited transportation options available between various major destination cities.
- ~~Supports~~ ^{Recognizes} the estimated 6B economic impact it will have
- Gives tourists & Floridians ^{transportation} options

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Comments:

As a 24 yr resident of PBC
I was forward to the ease of access
that all Aboard FRA will provide.
Coming from the North, I appreciate
the need for transportation
that is an alternative to driving

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Comments:

This is a great thing (RAE), my neighbors and I are looking forward and hope to ride these trains soon. This will cut pollution by keeping cars off the road. America & Fla. need progress and more railroads. Trip Rail has been great & a pleasure to ride so why not A.F.F.? - David Nelson

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FIRST AND FOREMOST, THIS PROJECT OF "ALL ABOARD FLORIDA" NEEDS TO GO FORWARD TO COMPLETION. RAILROADS, BOTH PASSENGER AND FREIGHT BUILT THIS WONDERFUL COUNTRY. SOUTH AND MID FLORIDA ARE GROWING DAILY. AAF WILL HELP DROP THE TRAFFIC LOAD ON ALL MAJOR HIGHWAYS. THIS WILL HAVE A GREATER IMPACT THAN ANY MINOR INCONVENIENCES THE ADDITIONAL RAIL TRAFFIC MAY CAUSE. THE BENEFITS OF AAF INTO THE FUTURE ONLY IMPROVE AS POPULATION DENSITY INCREASES. MANY OF THE SAME ARGUMENTS BEING EXPRESSED NOW ARE THE SAME ONES VOICE ABOUT TRI RAIL AND NOW THOSE SAME NEGATIVE VOICES ARE SILENCED.

THIS IS A VERY WORTHY PROJECT AND IT NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED AND PUT IN SERVICE.

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Comments:

Excellent!! Love the Idea!!

Suggestions WPB Station

- ① Waterfalls in outdoor spaces
— sound of moving H₂O
- ② Lots of shade so outdoor space
is inviting
- ③ Retail food outlet — sit down or
grab'n go.

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ALL ABOARD FLORIDA Comments

Donald D. Hood

Nov 5, 2014

I'm making the following comments as a citizen of Florida and Indian River County who is **IN FAVOR of the All Aboard Florida (AAF) project**. Why? Because I see the potential of how AAF could be of benefit to the State of Florida, my county (Indian River) and the environment. I wish to point out that there are MANY in our county who are for this project but don't have the time to participate actively or the knowledge of how to participate in hearings and other public meetings about AAF. In a recent survey in our local newspaper, the Press Journal, a majority of those polled favored the AAF project if there were a stop in our county. Having driven the I 95 corridor to Miami recently I can easily say that I will never do it again unless I have to. I would much rather use rail travel. I feel it is safer and will not pollute as much as all that chocking vehicle exhaust on the Freeway. However, if you believe the naysayers, everyone is against the AAF project. **That is simply not true**. Those with a negative voice have some financial clout and special interests that the average man in the street doesn't have. Once it is explained to a person what is to be gained by the AAF project rational citizens immediately embrace the project.

SO WHO IS AGAINST AAF(and why)? There are five major antagonists to the AAF Project as follows:

1) **Boaters**: Boaters are the basis for two of the Political Action groups fighting AAF. One is called "Not All Aboard Florida" and another is called "Stop Big Choo Choo". These boaters learned about AAF plans in March or April of 2014 and panicked. They have expensive homes on the water and tie up their boats there. They see the possibility of railroad bridge closures as adversely affecting them. They are also worried about potential property value drop on their expensive riverside homes since they wonder about who would want their (expensive) home if boating, or tying the boat up at the house wasn't viable? A very rich real estate agent is funding these PAC's to fight AAF. It is simply amazing when you consider that there is such a large effort by these PACs on the part of a **very** small (but vocal) minority. The Golden rule perhaps? Those with the gold get to make the rules?

2) **"Tea Party" like tax groups**: If the threat to AAF these tax groups have created with their negative publicity wasn't so damaging, these people would be laughable. They see conspiracy around every corner. For instance, The Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway recently bought some new diesel locomotives that were environmentally much cleaner than the forty and fifty year old diesels that FEC have been using. These tax groups seized on this information as PROOF that the railroad was lying and the issue was all about increased freight not higher speed passenger travel! It would be funny if it wasn't so tragic! Likewise they see the Panama Canal widening project as proof that FEC Industries is going to run more freight, not passenger trains! These groups put on presentations that horribly distort reality in their efforts to stop AAF. I'm not sure these groups even know what they really want or why they are fighting AAF. Their presentations could be destroyed in minutes by a refereed debate with qualified, knowledgeable people who know about railroads (and AAF and FEC Railway in particular).

3) **Real estate**: As mentioned above, the real damage being done by real estate people is the funding of the negative political action groups. The biggest contributor is from Jensen Beach. He has sworn to stop the railroads! Why? Because he represents RICH land owners on high end value waterfront property.

He also doesn't want HIS high end business hurt by railroads. It appears that the owners of expensive river front homes on the wrong side of the drawbridges might be the only home owners affected by any potential lowering of home values. No new tracks are proposed in residential areas and that might be the only place where home prices would actually drop (other than the small minority of waterfront homes on the river). I had a chance meeting with a former employee of the Long Island Railroad of New York who told me that after high(er) speed rail came in the property values actually INCREASED by 30% as towns serviced by the high speed rail found it was easier to leave their car at home and commute by rail! All of this negativity by the real estate agents is HIGHLY debatable and very hurtful to the AAF project. Incidentally, in Fort Pierce Florida there are some waterfront homes sandwiched between the FEC railway tracks (which is a MAJOR rail yard!!) and the Indian River Lagoon. These are also high priced homes, but because no boating is threatened, these people have NOT complained one bit about potential drop in value of their homes or any potential additional noise from the new trains.

4). **Local News Media:** The local Newspaper for all of the Treasure Coast counties is the Press Journal (PJ), currently a Scripps-Howard publication. There are regional versions of the papers printed but most of the editorial input comes from the PJ headquarter in the Jensen Beach-Jupiter area of Florida. They are in the business of selling papers, not truth. They have been printing the biggest bunch of negative baloney imaginable. Publically they call out misinformation which is then privately corrected. The public doesn't see these corrections. I witnessed this in local Commission meetings in Vero Beach on several occasions. The Press Journal newspaper is a negative factor as they are distorting truth for financial gain (by the sales of their biased newspapers). Very little of what the PJ publishes paints AAF in a positive light.

5) **Politicians:** That should go without saying that they are a problem. A newspaperman who is no longer with the PJ indicated that the negative political stance by local politicians was "shameful pandering to votes". I couldn't say it better! Unfortunately, one of the Indian River County Commissioners is very negative about railroads, period! His was the deciding vote to NOT allow Amtrak to stop in Vero Beach because he doesn't like railroads and he thinks they all run at taxpayer expense. Of course this is the same man who has real estate interests and connections and was also seen in another county at an anti-AAF meeting. I always thought County Commissioners should have an open mind. Not this guy and he is hurting us!

I feel that there are many uninformed citizens who have no idea that the AAF project is in the works, nor do they understand what the potential benefits are to our county, county, state and citizens. The Press Journal Newspaper only reaches about 30% of households in Indian River County. (and of course it is biased negatively to the AAF project). When I talk with citizens in our county about the AAF program and what it could mean, EVERYONE I have spoken with sees the benefit to us if a future stop is provided here (and that is very possible if AAF predictions about their current project are accurate). Most citizens I spoke with had not even heard of AAF until I talked with them about it and some were owners of large businesses who immediately grasped the value of AAF. I'm attaching a list of eighteen benefits to our county that AAF could theoretically provide. We need a stop here! We need AAF for the future! Please consider my remarks. I hope you find them useful in the decision process! THANK YOU!

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The All Aboard Florida passenger rail project is an obvious and dramatic improvement to the transportation system, providing an efficient means of commuting between Orlando, Miami and points in between. The rail project will add millions of dollars to the Florida tourist industry. Now there will be an easy method of visiting locations outside of the primary destination.

The Federal Railroad Administration should approve and fully support the All Aboard Florida passenger rail project.

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1. This train will destroy the towns and cities along its tracks. ⁽³⁾ Business' will close, property values will decrease.
- ③ The marine industry will die.
- ④ The railroad bridge is ancient and will not last with too many openings & closings.
- ⑤ Closing left turn in downtown Stuart will cause immense delays getting to hospital and medical facilities.
- ⑥ Bribing the treasure coast with "jobs" is cruel! Short term work equaling a few jobs doesn't compare with thousands of lost jobs along the route.
- ⑦ It takes an average of six minutes to cross from the west to east over the track, ~~and~~ multiply that by 30! = Disaster.
- ⑧ Emergency vehicles will not be able to get around backed up traffic nor cross the track.
- ⑨ Tourism in the area will be non-existent.

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October 24, 2014

Eric Claussen
Vice President – Design & Construction
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Reference: All Aboard Florida – Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Claussen:

Universal Engineering Sciences, Inc. (UES) is proud to express our support for All Aboard Florida (AAF), the privately financed rail project linking the international city of Miami to the state's largest tourist destination, the city of Orlando.

This infrastructure project will provide an alternative transportation mode for our state. It is reported, that this year Florida will surpass New York in population to become the third-largest state in the country. With the increase in population, comes an increase in the number of cars on our streets and highways. AAF will locally link the Florida cities of Miami, Fort Lauderdale, and West Palm Beach, with the Space Coast and Orlando, providing Floridians and tourists with a transportation alternative to driving. This will be a valuable investment in meeting the future transportation and infrastructure needs of our state.

AAF, a privately financed infrastructure project, will provide an economic stimulus to the state. Jobs will be generated during construction of the double tracking and the construction of the first three stations located in Miami, Fort Lauderdale, and West Palm Beach. When completed, the rail system will provide economic stimulus, by providing our tourists a transportation option with the mobility to travel between these areas. In addition, the project will reduce congestion and roadways and enhance the quality of life in Florida.

Looking ahead, this infrastructure project will contribute to the long-term solutions to our future transportation needs. We wholeheartedly support All Aboard Florida and what it will mean to Florida.

Respectfully submitted,
UNIVERSAL ENGINEERING SCIENCES, INC.

Peter G. Read, PE
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Submitted by Donald D. Hood

There has been much published in local media about the negative effects of the *All Aboard Florida* (AAF) project might have on the Treasure Coast. Most are alarmist overreaction not based on rational fact. There appears to be a group in Jensen Beach (real estate based group) that is behind most of this negativity campaign and it is because a very few are thinking that AAF might have a negative financial impact on them (and their real estate). Positive response is out there, but not very well organized. The biggest negative claim though is that there isn't ANY benefit to the citizens of the Treasure Coast. That isn't true, there are some tangibles, particularly safety, but there are potentially MANY benefits IF AAF does eventually build a terminal in Indian River County. My concern is that the naysayers in this and other Treasure Coast counties will poison the atmosphere for any chance of a terminal here in Vero Beach. Spokesmen for the AAF project have already said that after the initial evaluation period is over for the new trains, and ridership is as envisioned, there is high potential for future stops along the line. However, no stops are planned until AAF meets its immediate published goals. I think the citizens of this county should try their very best to work on persuading AAF to stop here and to be ready when there is a window of opportunity for such. In that regard, here are some ways that I (and others) feel that Vero Beach and Indian River County could benefit from a stop here.

- 1. Access to Airports.** The most obvious benefit of having trains stop would be to ease the travel problems of those in Vero who want to catch a flight. Everybody in Indian River County who flies has the problem of getting to and from the airports on occasion. Somehow you have to a friend or relative to take you to a spot where you can catch a bus (that makes many stops and adds to the length of your trip), or you have to use an expensive limousine service. Rental car companies want your first born if you didn't want to return your car to the airport. A train from Vero to either Orlando or Ft. Lauderdale airports would be a significant benefit to the citizens of our county (other counties as well).
- 2. Access to cruise ships.** If you were to take a cruise, currently you would have to drive to a port and leave your car in a high priced parking lot where it is subject to theft or vandalism or once again get assistance from a friend to drive you to the port. The AAF trains will go right to the ships, or close enough anyway that you could hop a shuttle or a taxi. And you just know those shuttles and taxis will be there if *All aboard Florida* is built as planned.
- 3. Access to sporting events in other cities.** In many cases there are special sporting events that locals in our County would like to witness. Traffic and parking at these events can be a major hassle in Orlando or Miami. What about in reverse? Historic Dodger town, our local sports arena could benefit by possible increased use of Historic Dodger Town.
- 4. Access to cultural events in other cities** The possibilities for events are there and they are endless in all of the cities serviced!
- 5. Increased accessibility to Vero Beach and Indian River County.** We know many who are afraid to fly; others we know actually enjoy travelling by rail. Some, like me, can't fly anymore for health reasons. The railroad would increase the flexibility for travelers both to and from Vero Beach who can't fly or have other reasons not to fly.
- 6. Shopping.** That one was my wife's idea. I'm not sure I like that (sounds expensive!) but I'm including it since that was the first thing she said about the chance to ride a train from Vero to other Florida Cities for shopping

purposes. I don't think I personally would have thought of it. And what about the reverse of that idea? Perhaps there are shopping attractions in our County that would benefit from a train stop with customers arriving by train from other areas?

7. Bring Commercial Air to the County again. The AAF project might be of assistance to those who are serious in bringing commercial air travel back to Vero Beach and Indian River County. That could be mutually beneficial to both sides of the equation, commercial air interests and AAF interests, not to mention Indian River County.

8. Increased tourism. If we sell tourism properly in our county, and if that is what our Chambers of Commerce in Vero Beach and Indian River County truly want to accomplish, it cannot hurt to have the railroad stop here. We have some fine hotels and restaurants and of course the beaches. A new hotel is being built in Vero Beach that is only two blocks from the train tracks. The proximity of Disney assets in Indian River county doesn't hurt either

9. Attending Business meetings in other cities. Having an AAF stop in Indian River County would make attending business meetings in the other cities simpler. Staying off I95 which is supposed to be one of the deadliest freeways in America is always a plus. Driving on I 95 is positively scary in Miami.

10. Resources in existence could be used for a station (The old power plant). This was my wife's idea. It was near parking and has lots of parking on its own. The old power plant is an asset of the City of Vero Beach. It is vacant. It has ample parking for a station and is situated nearly next to the existing railroad tracks.

11. Increased Safety. Even if AAF never stops in Indian River County, we would still benefit from safety by the very nature of the upgrades to all of the crossing in this county. A fringe benefit might be if the City of Vero Beach or the County elects to "go all the way" by putting in the increased safety measures that are above and beyond what the Federal railroad administration demands. This additional safety measures would eliminate all of the horn blowing that is a major objection of those opposing AAF and it would also silence the whistles of all the existing (and future) freight train traffic. Of course, another benefit to his increased safety is that AAF is going to pay for ALL of the mandatory upgrades. The county would have to pay for the optional safety that would result in silencing all horns. Also, after a few recent trips on I-95, I think AAF has a valid point about relaxing in the safety of rail travel versus doing combat on the freeway!

12. Revitalize downtown Vero Beach Parts of Commerce Avenue in Vero Beach and other nearby locations to the tracks are not the best face of Vero Beach. I doubt if anyone riding that train and seeing those sights would elect to come here for a visit even if there was a stop here. However, an AAF train stopping here could be the catalyst for a rejuvenation or reinvention of downtown Vero Beach.

13. More Jobs. There are never enough jobs these days. Some jobs will be created by AAF in Indian River County even if they don't stop here. Even more jobs would be created if they did stop though. A young local college student by the name of Logan Smith has also suggested that a stop in Vero Beach might very well lead to more business during the "Snowbird off season" and provide more work for college students who could use a financial boost. Of course many new year-round jobs would be created in local businesses IF a stop became a reality.

14. National Defense. There are some who would say that this is baloney, but the Federal Aviation Administration, The Federal Highway Administration(think Freeways) and the Federal railroad Administration are all part of National defense planning. In WWI, the Florida East Coast Railway was taken over by the Government for the duration of the war. The same was done before FEC's time during the Civil War. The US Military has an interest in the AAF project. This is certainly not the biggest reason we should be interested in AAF running through our county, but it IS a factor.

15. **Slow Local Traffic down!** This was mentioned by the All Aboard Florida Vero Beach High Speed Rail Commission already, but it is one I hadn't thought of and it's a good one. Slowing down Vero Beach traffic through the downtown area is something that has been of interest in Vero Beach for quite a while!

16. **Travel to Casino's.** This isn't "my thing" but others have mentioned it in print that they would like to be able to take the AAF train to locals near Casino's.

17. **Alternate travel possibilities (Shifting paradigms):** Young people are not interested in driving as much anymore. I have talked with a former Georgia Tech PHD whose specialty is transportation engineering, (He is now with the Department of Energy's Argon Labs of Chicago). Much has been made in the media about car sales to young people. He confirmed to me that, young people are not as interested in owning cars anymore. He said, "The big automobile companies are having a VERY difficult time trying to market (automobiles) to the younger generation." I have talked with other young people in Vero Beach who feel this way as well. They don't particularly want to own a car. They too express an interest in using trains versus automobiles. The younger generations seem to be quite interested in the prospect of high speed rail in Florida and the Treasure Coast. Some have argued their position to the Indian River County Commission and to the *Vero Beach Press Journal* newspaper.

18. **Commuting to work in another city:** Another possibility is that with the advent of more AAF stops, it might be possible for users of AAF to live in one city and commute to the next. Where I live we have a neighbor who is a Doctor from Miami. He comes up for weekends for instance. Why couldn't Vero Beach or Indian River County citizens commute to work in another area? Also, why couldn't those, like the doctor mentioned, move to Vero and commute? That would certainly INCREASE property values in our county.

These 18 ideas are of course fairly unique to Vero Beach or the Treasure Coast. I have not addressed State or National benefits which should also be of concern here if we are to be good citizens and bear all this in mind while discussing the pro's and con's of the AAF project.

What are the chances of having a stop here in Vero Beach (or elsewhere on the treasure Coast)? In my opinion, the chances of AAF stopping in Vero Beach are very good, if...

A We can try to get the local (Indian River County) politicians (especially one or two of the very negatively biased Indian River County Commissioners), business leaders and misinformed citizens to quit the uniformed attacks on something that doesn't even run yet. Doing this seems unlikely as the politicians are the key and way too many are chasing the visible votes of the naysayers or their own personal agendas. Also, there is a problem with the local press which continues to publish columns and letters to the editor covering the same misinformed and negative old ground. The opposition to AAF is well funded and well organized and their spread of misinformation and untruth's has made this a one sided negative show for the residents of the Treasure Coast. Most of the untruths and outrageous claims seem to be coming from counties further south of Indian River County. The press for the Treasure coast is not headquartered in Vero Beach. The *Vero Beach Press Journal* has input, but the editorial content is controlled by the Treasure Coast *Press Journal* in the same locations on the Treasure Coast as the hotbed of AAF opposition. The biggest hurdle for supporters of the AAF in Indian River County is the lack of an organization of concerned citizens who view AAF favorably. They are here; they are just not organized (or financed)! On the other hand, we also have an Indian River County Commissioner (and supported by a second council member) who is voicing his own personal negative views about AAF and all other forms of passenger rail



travel, spending tax payer dollars on Railroad Attorney's to fight AAF and participating in anti AAF demonstrations in other counties. That kind of attack is very hard to battle without a support organization.

B. Accept the fact that the present AAF plans do not include a stop here. **YET**. AAF will be the first to tell anyone who will listen that the current project as defined is PHASE1. They will also be quick to tell you that whether there is a PHASE II or not depends on the success of PHASE I. I have been told that a PHASE II could very well happen **IF** all AAF plans pan out as conceived. In the meantime the plans are to run what they have already described since most of the facilities needed OR land required is already in FECL'S hands. **IF** there is a PHASE II, there will eventually be more stations. Where? Why not VERO BEACH? Work needs to start NOW to correct the negativism and get with developing a workable plan. Perhaps there are local inducements that would sway AAF to build a station here? If we don't do something here in Indian River County, and a new station is built on the treasure Coast, the terminal will probably go to Fort Pierce. Why? Of course they have a bigger population base; BUT FECL has a rail yard there. That gives Fort Pierce an edge even with its high crime and gang problems.

C. Perhaps other counties who have expressed a desire for a stop and also exhibit a positive attitude about the railway would be interested in working with Vero Beach or Indian River County. There is much to lose by not trying!

We have the potential for some wonderful things happening if we can convince the folks at AAF to plan a stop in Indian River County "if and when" their plans are successful wither their Phase I. To look the other way and not do anything or worse, to alienate AAF would be a terrible waste of a potential major opportunity.

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Benefits.

* Positive economic impact for Orl / MIA

* Eliminate more highway congestion

* Promote tourism and increase seasonal income

* Create jobs

* Help the elderly & college students ~~get~~ who

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Im a old railroad man. I find it
a good idea to have a Passenger
RAIL road in this state.

Last seven years I worked for the
airlines and five days a week to
PBI. Thats over 100 miles a day.
I went through two and a half cars.
I wish there were a park and ride
to many cars on I-95 and the turn pike.

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Comments:

It looks like All Aboard Florida has done a great deal of research on this project. This is a fantastic idea and can only help the State of Florida. It's about time we start making moves to handle all the new people coming to our state. The sooner the better!

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From: Jerry Buechler, 1719 SW Leafy Rd, Port St. Lucie, FL 34953 305-510-4927

I request All Aboard Florida's parent company, Florida East Coast Railroad/ Fortress Investment Group to place an additional station in Ft. Pierce to partially compensate for the negative impacts created. There are over 600,000 Treasure Coast residents now and fifteen years from now our population is predicted to be 800,000 to 1 million (depending on how many people leave South Florida after they retire.) I am one of those who used to live in Miami-Dade county but left due to congestion and high taxes. FEC states adding a stop here would exceed their 3 hour travel time goal. Downtown Ft. Pierce already has a multi-level parking garage right next to the tracks which is largely unused and would be the most central location for a stop on the Treasure Coast. Thousands of people attend our award winning Farmers Market on the water every Saturday and many people would travel from South Florida just to experience a few days of the beauty of the Treasure Coast. Many from here would also travel to Orlando for vacations, and students would use it to go to UCF in Orlando

FEC needs to take a trip to Japan. September 3rd I traveled to Japan with my son, Adam, who is one of 3 UCF students doing a one year exchange in Japan. Before his school started we traveled 9 days around Japan using trains and buses. On our last day of travel we took the Bullet Train also called the Nozomi (translation means Hope, Wish, Desire) from Himeji to Tokyo. The distance was 289 miles with 7 stops and was done in under 3 hours.

The bullet train, which Japan has had for 50 years, topped out at 177 miles per hour. The stops took no more than a few minutes each. Riders purchase tickets which they feed into gates that allow them onto the train platform. When the train arrives several side doors open and people board just like subways operate. At stops riders feed the ticket into a gate again to exit the platform which prevents fare cheating. We Hope, Wish, and Demand that All Aboard Florida let's the Treasure Coast onboard also.

A former Senator from South Dakota, who I know personally, as my parents went to school with the Senator and his wife is the Lobbyist for Japan Railways Group who is willing to fund and supervise building a high speed rail in the US just to get their foot in the door of the US market. It may be too late for this project, but there is the I-4 corridor in Orlando which could use a high speed rail also. Please contact me if you are interested in pursuing this potential.

Sincerely,
Jerry Buechler



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Comments:

① AAF SHOULD CONSIDER AN OVERPASS FOR AAF TRAINS ONLY (NOT FREIGHT) OVER THE ST. LUCIE RIVER, MAKING THE SAME CLEARANCE (65 FEET) AND PARALLEL TO THE ROUTE 1 ROOSEVELT BRIDGE. THIS WILL ALSO ALLOW FOR ELEVATED TRACK THROUGH DOWNTOWN STUART, AVOIDING SEVERAL GRADE CROSSINGS. HIGH SPEED RAIL CAN HANDLE THE NECESSARY GRADE SLOPE THE TRAINS ARE LIGHT AND THERE ARE ~~MANY~~ MORE DRIVE WHEELS PER CAR THAN ON FREIGHT TRAINS

② THEY SHOULD PLAN A STATION IN FORT PIERCE SO SOME TRAINS STOP THERE AND NOT IN Ft. Lauderdale or WPB. FP has excellent connections to I95, TURNPIKE, US1, A1A and INDIAN RIVER DRIVE. ALSO HAS AN EXISTING OVERPASS FOR CITRUS DRIVE OVER THE TURNPIKE AND LOTS OF ROOM FOR TRAINS

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Comments:

BUILD RAIL SYSTEM WITH MOST
WORKERS FROM FLORIDA. PUT GREAT
INFA PHASIS ON SAFTY.

Charles A. Baldwin
1815 Adair St.
Port St Lucie Fl.

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Comments:

I THINK A HIGH SPEED TRAIN BETWEEN ORLANDO + MIAMI IS GREAT - ONLY NOT MORE THAN 2-3 PER DAY. 32 IS NOT NECESSARY! - AND PROBABLY NOT PROFITABLE! KEEP IT AT 2-3 AND I WOULD GO FOR IT BUT NOT THE PRESENT PROPOSAL.

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IF YOU WOULD BUILD A FLYOVER
OR SUCH OVER THE ST LUCIE
RIVER - I WOULD HAVE FEW
OBJECTIONS TO THIS SERVICE.

CHECK OUT THE COMMUTER RAIL
THRU HINGHAM, MASS. IF
THAT PROBLEM COULD BE SOLVED,
THE ST LUCIE CROSSING COULD.

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FORT ST. LUCIE MEETING

There is no benefit from All Aboard Florida to residents of the Stuart area, only increased noise and increased traffic problems including delays to emergency vehicles.

Ruth Parsons, Jensen Beach

COMMENT SUBMITTED BY 24 PEOPLE

SUBMITTED

7/16/2014

SI. LUCIE MERTINSKA

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TO: USDOT Federal Railway Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Proponent: All Aboard Florida

Subject: Public Commentary on Draft Environmental Impact Statement & Section 4(f)
Evaluation

AAF's primary goal of providing sustainable intercity rail service as a private commercial enterprise as described in the DEIS is not justified. It fails to take into account existing, competing commercial airline service between Orlando and Miami. Airline service is not only much faster (approximately one hour flight time versus three hour rail time) but also likely to be cheaper. Regular round trip flight prices are available for under \$300, whereas AAF will need to charge over \$400 roundtrip to break even, based on its ridership estimates.

AAF estimates 1.5 million riders per year between Orlando and SE Florida. This translates into 4110 passengers per day (365 day year) and 128 passengers per train (32 trains per day). 128 passengers per train will require a minimum of six passenger cars with attendant operational costs. The AAF estimate of ridership lacks supporting facts or statistics and appears to be based on blue sky estimates by AAF.

The Air Quality appears to fail to take into account the increase in miles traveled by the passenger train which should be an offset against the calculated annual VMT reduction. It also fails to take into account the annual emissions created by 32 train trips everyday. The diesel engines will emit carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxide, volatile organic compounds and particulate matter in measurable quantities. These train emission quantities need to be offset against the vehicle emission quantities and may create increases in emissions. Also, noise impact appears to be understated, considering an increase of 32 times a day of at least 90db for up to a minute or more.

The economic impact of State and Local Taxes fails to take into account that real estate properties adjacent to and near the railroad tracks, will have a reduction in value due to significantly increased noise, air and vibration pollution. I have read estimates of a 25 to 30 percent reduction in property values associated with AAF, due to fewer buyers wanting to live near a high speed train passing by every half hour. This loss of value will have to be reflected in assessed tax values and will significantly reduce the \$21 million increased tax income and may ultimately have a negative tax effect.

Finally, the USDOT must answer to the American taxpayer on its' use and or misuse of public funds. It is generally recognized that Passenger Rail Service, whether publicly or privately operated, is a money losing proposition. In light of this general knowledge, any approval by the USDOT of the AAF passenger rail project, may constitute, a deliberate and knowing misuse of taxpayer moneys' for which the approving authorities may be held legally accountable by taxpayer's and or their representatives. Simply put, how does the USDOT expect a money losing passenger rail service to repay its' loans? When the rail service defaults, then the USDOT must use taxpayers dollars to pay off the loan default.

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Comments:

THE TRAIN IS BAD
FOR OUR LIFE STYLE
AND SAFETY
KANE SUAREZ

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THE A.A.F. RAILROAD PROJECT MAKES VERY
LITTLE SENSE FOR TWO REASONS.
ONE NO FAST TRAIN RAILROAD IN THE WORLD
GENERATES ENOUGH MONEY TO BREAK EVEN,
GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES WOULD BE
REQUIRED NO MATTER WHAT AAF SAYS.
TWO THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE
THAT THERE WOULD ACTUALLY BE
ENOUGH RIDERS TO MAKE THIS PROJECT
WORTH THE COST AND THE DISRUPTION
OF CITIES ALONG THE ROUT.

- LEWIS D. OWENS

517 N.W. PORTOFINO LANE

PORT ST. LUCIE, FL 34986

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ALL ABOARD FLORIDA TRACKS CHANGE

There is a way that ABF could implement their high speed passenger train from Miami to Orlando without disrupting the Treasure Coast on to Orlando. I certainly do not have all of the facts and figures as to cost, but I would think my plan would cost less than the proposed plan.

My idea would be to take the train as proposed by you from Miami to West Palm Beach. Then the train could go to the CSX tracks that goes from West Palm Beach northwest past Lake Okeechobee to Winter Haven and north to Orlando. These tracks have already been upgraded to Class I so there should be no extra cost for that. I'm sure AAF would have to pay to use these tracks, but that cost might be cheaper than the cost of upgrading tracks and crossings through the populated areas of the Treasure Coast and north. I don't believe the cows will mind it too much to have a train or two whiz though every hour. However due to safety issues, noise and pollution the current plans causes is a BIG problem. I certainly would not want to live close to the tracks.

I feel that you are not being honest about this passenger train business. There are no profitable rail passenger systems in our country or Europe or Japan etc. They are all subsidized. Your plan is to make your money on the stations and business around them. That would still be true if you took the train west out of West Palm Beach. You do not have plans for stopping in the Treasure Coast so you lose no business there. I believe this is all to get the additional freight from the Ports of Miami north.

I have a problem in knowing why a business person would want to take the train. Yes, they could work while on the train but it is not going to get them to their business meetings. They will need other transportation from the station to the meeting. No tourist is going to want to load all their luggage onto a train and then have to get other transportation from the station to Disney etc. I just don't see where your ridership is going to come from.

Marjorie Owens
517 NW Portofino Lane
Port St Lucie, FL 34986

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Comments:

This whole ^{passenger train} project is a front to run
high speed freight trains thru our
communities -- There is no way passenger
trains would prove a profitable venture --
The amount of time the railroad bridges would
be down to allow these trains to pass is
outrageous to the residents of these small towns
In addition to the ^{automobile} traffic jams when the
trains pass thru these towns causing major
delays in commuter traffic - Outside of
these traffic problems is the noise - Move
this project west is the only alternative!

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Comments:

at live on Hutchinson Island,
there is only one access to the
Island. We will be cut-off from
emergency services. It is also
a problem for evacuations. What
about a Nuclear accident.
What about the potholes.

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Look to the future. We should have a
RAIL SYSTEM THAT IS ADJACENT/PARALLEL WITH
THE I 95 CORRIDOR. NEW TRACKS, REDUCES FURTHER
IMPACTS ON WILDLIFE.

POWER FOR THE TRAINS SHOULD BE PROVIDED
BY PHOTO VOLTIC ARRAYS ADJACENT TO THE TRAINS.
WE NEED TO LOOK AT WHAT IS BEING DONE IN
EUROPE. THEY HAVE EXPERIENCE THAT THIS COUNTRY
HAS SADLY LAGED FAR BEHIND^{IN} WITH REGARDS
TO PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION. [↑] RETRO USE OF
OLD TRACKS IS SHORT SIGHTED. ← EXPAND AMTRACK

I~~I~~ RECENTLY MOVED HERE BECAUSE IT IS QUIET
AND THERE IS STILL NATURAL BEAUTY. THIS IS THE
TYPE OF THING THAT MIGHT CONVINCE ME TO RETURN
TO WESTERN NEW YORK

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Comments:

My name is Robert Worcester
I am a retired police officer who
also spent several years on an ambulance
squad. I am 100% opposed to this
train. I have been the guy in the squad
car waiting for trains to pass or to
get moving when broken down. Adding
trains to an ~~area~~ already congested
area right next to hospitals is
ludicrous

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Comments:

I am writing to express the concerns of myself, family members & neighbors. I live on the Indian River, just east of the railroad tracks. The development of the fast train services would pose significant problems for myself & our community. Safety issues, quality of life issues, traffic issues, the noise!!! Shattering the nature of long established historic communities... Absolutely unconscionable!!!

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Comments:

I understand that this becomes feasible because
you already own the tracks. However, in cities
like Miami, Ft Lauderdale & WP Beach, they have
the infrastructure to address the "inconvenience".
The small towns like Stuart, Jensen Beach,
Ft Pierce, Vero Beach & Sebastian do not have
the infrastructure to address these continued increase
in train traffic as well as the financial where-
with-all to implement.

A better choice - if you are interested in addressing
the needs of the people and the towns would
have been to run these trains on the FC Turnpike
right of way.

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Comments:

I am concerned that the funding will fall back
on taxpayers when the bond fails to generate enough revenue.
St. Lucie County absorbs all the downside, with no upside.
We get noise, traffic issues, and potential derailments
on the curved sections.
This train belongs west of town, on tracks designed
for true high speed rail - 200+ mph -
stops are needed in St. Lucie + Brevard Counties -

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Consider designing a train system for the future. Use the corridor of I-95 - figure out solar arrays - futuristic technology to benefit all of us.

By the way, I presently live within one mile of the track and do not want to listen to more train traffic.

Also I suspect this is an elegant way of bringing more freight (maybe dangerous) along the Indian River - Stuart route.

I moved here ⁽³⁴⁹³²⁾ 3 years ago - it is a quiet sleepy area east of route 1 - the somewhat ecological loveliness of the area lured me here - I won't stay if they can't make wise decisions concerning the one plus of Florida - its environment.

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ps I don't want to pay for the Fed
this Gils

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Comments:

I have the train going through my backyard, on Indian River Dr. Ft. Pierce. I have damage to my kitchen floor, bathtub, pool damage. Everytime the train comes through the house shakes and it is disturbing the peace. Please give it a thought to put the train out west, Most people here are going to appreciate if you could put the train out west, Thank you Gabrielle O. Chapin
9101 S. Indian River Dr. Fort Pierce.

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Adrian

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Comments:

Noise

~~*All the homes*~~

*the train run 100 yards behind homes
in St Lucie, St Pierce & Martin Co. The
noise is NOT just at the crossing
The homes will not be able to hear on
the phone any time the train
goes pass*

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Comments:

I Am a Retired FRA, Track Inspector
(1972 - 2002), For States of PA & NY

No one has addressed the problem of
the Endangered Florida Panthers.
Presently there are fewer than 200 wild
Panthers in existence. There range per
Panther is approx. 200 sq miles per Panther to
Baby Panthers are with their mothers
for their first two years. So if the mother
dies, so will the young. In 1993
engineers constructed ~~what~~ on Interstate
75 underpasses for Panthers to safely
cross.

Florida Tortoise is also endangered
and will not be protected.

No Local towns will benefit.

Only a Rich People and a few and our
taxes will only go up. Thank you for

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these considerations

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Comments:

I have serious concerns on the impact of this "project" on the living species that will be directly affected by the "progress". Obviously, the Great Florida Panther is of the utmost concern, and then there are the "lesser" creatures such as wild pigs, the Gopher Tortoise and other creatures that I am not aware of.

That is the moral and ethical issue.

Now, let's talk about the additional unsolicited, unfounded and inappropriate taxing of all of our county residents, NONE of whom will benefit from this project.

This whole situation is an insult to the intelligence. For the greed of a few, there is an unnecessary destruction of the many, including the ~~now~~ animals who don't have a voice, except ours!

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Comments:

*I am not in favor of All Aboard Florida
Can't you find another location if you
have to have the trains go. Why not
use tracks west of the proposed ones.*

Isabell Metree

3605 S. Indian River Drive

Fort Pierce FL 34982

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Comments:

This is not really about passenger trains - that would fly in the face of the losses suffered by passenger service. It is about commercial trains. We are being (as taxpayers) to assist in a service which offers us nothing - and takes so much away.

If this goes through, we may be required to bear construction and maintenance costs of upgraded RR crossings - plus safety + maintaining quiet zones.

This proposal should be denied.

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Comments:

This will lower our property values

INCREASE traffic congestion

INCREASE time for fire and rescue services

how does this not affect our communities?

This will upset our way of life

This private company should not use our tax dollars - there are NO profitable passenger rail lines in the U.S. How can the FRA think there is no problem with this?

How can we allow high speed trains running through our beautiful small towns? This will have a negative impact to our communities

These old tracks and bridges cannot handle high speed trains.

This is all about freight not about passenger rail

WE ARE AGAINST THIS! NO ONE IS ANSWERING OUR QUESTIONS. WE ARE BEING RAILOADED

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Comments:

Shake, Rattle, & Fall

I already have experienced damage from the present trains which run behind my house mainly from VIBRATION. I live on 9601 Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce. Second, Trains are noisy. Guests who stay at my house are kept awake at night for the first several days. After 12 years of living at the above address I have put up with the above problems & will only be made worse by "All Aboard Florida's" plans.

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Comments:

No Gov't funding, all private Venture Capitalist money! No Tax payer backed loans!!

— Property values are all ready dropping!

— This All Aboard proposal is an end around to get ready for the increased rail freight from over Billion \$ port renovations and doing with Tax payers \$-\$

— Bad science, numbers games, shady politics

Please put these people out of business!

Get real, this is a joke!!

James Rii
Port ST Lucie

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FOR MANY REASONS I AM STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THIS RAIL PROJECT:

1.) SAFETY - EMERGENCY VEHICLES WILL BE DELAYED SO PEOPLE WILL BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED & POSSIBLY DIE. PEOPLE DRIVING TO THE HOSPITALS THEMSELVES WILL ALSO BE NEGATIVELY AFFECTED. HURRICANE EVACUATION ROUTES WOULD BE AFFECTED.

2.) WHETHER AAF GETS A FEDERAL LOAN OR TAX EXEMPT BONDS WE THE TAXPAYERS WILL BE NEGATIVELY IMPACTED. ^{→ THERE ARE NO} PROFITABLE PASSENGER TRAINS IN THE U.S. - OUR TAX DOLLARS WOULD BE AT RISK.

3.) INCREASED TRAFFIC CONGESTION

4.) ASIDE FROM TEMPORARY JOBS TO UPGRADE CROSSINGS, THE TREASURE COAST WOULD HAVE \emptyset BENEFIT.

5.) THE BRIDES ARE OLD. THERE IS SERIOUS CONCERN FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL OF THE TRAINS. DUE TO AGE, THERE IS A GREAT RISK OF MALFUNCTION.

6.) OUR QUALITY OF LIFE ON THE TREASURE COAST WOULD BE SERIOUSLY HURT, WITH NO BENEFITS.

7.) REAL ESTATE VALUES IN THE AREA, PARTICULARLY NEAR THE TRACKS, WILL BE SERIOUSLY AFFECTED NEGATIVELY. AS A REALTOR, IT AFFECTS MY ABILITY TO MAKE A LIVING.

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Comments:

*At present I see no reason to build a R.R. for
Transportation. There are other modes of transportation that are
already in place, that most people would prefer to use.
To disrupt our environment with a high speed train is stupid.
It will disrupt our present day life. We do not believe,
or want it in our life.*

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Comments:

I wonder what's in this project for the Treasure Coast! We will NOT profit economically and the negative impact on our area will be substantial!

1) Excessive noise from increased train traffic - No matter what kinds of barriers to lessen noise are put up - we will hear the whistle at crossings & the noise of the tracks

2) Increased traffic delay in small communities both on land & in water

3) Devaluation of homes - especially along Andean River Drive. People are already feeling that impact.

4) The integrity of extremely old rail bridges.

5) Most importantly these trains will barrel through already sensitive conservation areas like Sawgrass State Park.

6) In my opinion, no lessening of traffic on any N→S routes... even from Southern Cities... Simply - if you go to Orlando you need a car to get around.

11.5.11 10:40 AM - In a chance to move cargo from the ports &

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Comments:

I AM AGAINST THIS TRAIN! IT WILL
KILL ALL OF THE BUSINESS IN DOWNTOWN
STUART ON EAST SIDE OF TRACKS! IT WILL
KILL ALL THE MARINA BUSINESS ON WEST
SIDE OF TRAIN BRIDGE. IT WILL LOWER
ALL PROPERTY VALUES ON NORTH & SOUTH FORKS
OF THE ST. LUCIE RIVER AS THE TRAIN
BRIDGE WILL STOP WATER TRAFFIC
FROM ACCESS TO THE OCEAN. IT NOW
TAKES 20 MIN' FOR EACH TRAIN TO LOWER
& RAISE THE TRAIN BRIDGE SO WITH MORE
TRAINS IT WILL BE UNPASSABLE. THERE
IS THE NOISE ISSUE ALSO FOR HOMES ALONG
THE ROUTE. SAFETY IS COMPROMISED FOR
DELAY TO REACH THE HOSPITAL IN STUART
WHICH IS EAST OF TRACKS.

PLEASE STOP THIS TRAIN! OR BUILD
TRACKS ALONG TURNPIKE.

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Comments:

This "Rail Project" does absolutely nothing for the Beautiful Treasure Coast. All it does or will do is:

1. Increased traffic delays.
2. Safety Issues @ Crossings.
3. Loss of business revenue.
4. Increased Pollution @ Traffic Backups.
5. Affect on Wildlife along Corridor.

"Not Good"

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THE DOWN SIDE RISKS FAR OUTWEIGH THE BENEFITS TO THE TREASURE COAST.

THE DELAYS IN EMERGENCY RESPONSE VEHICLES DUE CROSSINGS BEING CLOSED FOR ADDITIONAL TRAIN TRAFFIC IS A SERIOUS PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE
THE ADDITIONAL BRIDGE CROSSINGS OVER THE St. LUCIE RIVER WILL DISRUPT MARINE TRAFFIC BY UP TO 9 HOURS A DAY.

THERE WILL BE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON PROPERTY VALUES ALL ALONG THE TREASURE COAST.

WITH NO STOPS PLANNED ALONG THE TREASURE COAST, THERE IS NO BENEFIT, ONLY NEGATIVE IMPACTS.

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I can see no or little benefit for AAF to transit thru the Treasure Coast. There are more detriments - noise, vibration, hazard, disruption of quality of life, emergency services, etc., impact on tourism, impact on home values. The EIS is a whitewash of the impact of AAF. Little local input has been ~~solicited~~ requested and alternatives exist that have not been presented to the public in complete form. The funding for this project is questionable and probably will end up in the taxpayers lap. The numbers have not been presented for ~~the~~ AAF to be a viable rail service. Why would a family of four buy 4 tickets when one rental car would suffice.

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Comments:

The initial environmental Assessment is surely flawed. Finding of no significant impact is in itself a joke. Obviously largely input by "CAF" i Any increase in rail traffic has got to cause an impact!

There is no way an increase of trains won't do damage to the environment, noise and property, safety of animals & children.

The Tracks are in poor shape, and Passenger rail service was dropped in 1968 due to lack of passengers & revenues

IF AAF insists on going forward the only sane option is to make it WEST!

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Comments:

NOT ALL ABOARD

Live here think it is a horrible thing
to do to small towns, wild life, people who
commute to work.

Other places to put tracks.
Think this is a money grab.

NOT NOT ALL ABOARD

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Comments:

USE OF 100 YEAR OLD TRACKS
CANT BE CONSTRUCTED AS GOOD.
BRIDGES CANT SUPPORT SUCH
FREQUENT OPENINGS AND CLOSINGS.
ORDINARY LIFE WOULD SUFFER
SCHOOL BUSES, FIRST RESPONDERS,
FIRE POLICE ETC. BOAT TRAFFIC
LIKEWISE TOURIST INDUSTRY ON
TREASURE COAST WOULD SUFFER.
NOT EVERYONE IS GOING TO WANT
TO GO TO ORLANDO. WHAT IS
APPROVED TO USING BUSES TO
PROPERTY VALUES WILL
PLUMMET. AFRAID PUBLIC WILL
BE DECEASED, OR WORSE YET
WE WILL HAVE TO PAY FOR A
TERRIBLE MISTAKE. CANT
DONZI SCHEME. PEOPLE WILL MOVE!

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Comments:

This whole idea is ridiculous. High Speed Trains going by Every 45 MINUTES? Upsurd.

IT WILL DISRUPT MY LIFE EVERYDAY EVERY 45MIN!

Who benefits? How can this happen?

Real estate values Dropping because of this.

IF A Train Derails Near My house IT will destroy my Home AS well AS my Neighbors.

How can we STOP THIS!

I'll Sue - would THAT Stop IT?

Who is responsible?

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Comments:

I Love railroads. But This is Like going back
in time 100yrs, to The robber barons doing what
ever they want!

- All this construction and no grade crossing
elimination 159 in 128 miles!!!!

Horns at the crossings, instead of down the track.
Big deal!! To really secure these 19th century
crossings - we locally would have to pray - what
A system!

Clearly tiny Florida EAST Coast railroad is on its
last legs. to "loan it" \$1.6 Billion to upgrade
its freight line at the excuse of "High speed
rail" (Avg speed 76mph, typical of early 1900s)
would be criminal waste. Shame on FRA.

2 Dozen total Bridges - will standard slow orders

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over bridges be in effect. who pays for the
first wreck?

D.H. ... new central route, open route - ideal

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Comments:

Train will disrupt lives, we live in Hope Sound very close to tracks and crossing. More trains will disrupt sleep and quality of life and may affect home values.

Would like Federal officials who are making decisions to ride the rails thru the treasure coast during the tourists season.

Railroad bridge in Stuart during a storm with wind and current does the boater or the train have preference?

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Comments:

We are apposed to this "supposed" Hi Speed Passenger train, and have reason to think it is not as presented. In the first place, I doubt that there is any need for 16 round trips (32) trains a day, passenger trains, that does not include 14 freight trains. We live on Indian River Drive, with tracks 50 feet away from our house. The noise, vibrations, and dirt alone would be enough to kill us. We cannot leave our home for any reason, without crossing the tracks, and that is very scary. We feel that this whole endeavor has been misrepresented to the public, and will soon be strictly freight carriers. There seems to be no consideration at all for area like mine, which will be totally devastated.

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we will not be able to stand the train traffic, and values on Indian River Drive are already dropping. What a nightmare

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Comments:

- The large amount of bldg and business interests along the coastal communities have grown in the last 50 years since the rail line was built, this project will have a very negative effect in this area.
- I am an engineer and I would have planned the route down the middle of the state on the existing rail lines down the center of the state to WPB then south from there

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Comments:

THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ON THE SCRUB JAY HAS BEEN STATED AS NON THREATNING. THIS BIRD IS IN RAPID DECLINE AND MAY SOON BECOME EXTINCT. THE MAJOR EFFECT IS ON ITS ENVIRONMENT AND THE TRAINS WILL RUN THROUGH JD STATE PARK AND TH SAVANAS SP WHICH IS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE TRACK. THIS WILL NOT HELP THE SURVIVAL OF A SPECIES WHO IS IN RAPID DECLINE AND IS ONLY PRESENT IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA. THE BIRD IS ONLY PRESENT IN MORE REMOTE AREAS WHERE HUMAN INTERVENTION IS MINOR I THINK THE EXPANSION OF THE RAIL SERVICE WILL HAVE A DETREMENTAL EFFECT ON THE SPECIES

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Comments:

THE PROPOSED AAF EXPANSION WILL CREATE A POORER ENVIRONMENT IN THE CITY OF PORT ST LUCIE. RAIL ROAD CROSSINGS WILL BE CUTTING OFF EMERGENCY SERVICE FOR OUR CITIZENS AND DELAYING MUCH NEEDED SERVICE. ADJUSTMENTS IN CROSSINGS, BRIDGES OR UNDERPASS WILL NEED TO BE BUILT TO IMPROVE SERVICE DELAYS CAUSED BY THE RAILROAD AT TAX PAYER EXPENSE. CROSSINGS WILL BECOME MORE DANGEROUS TO VEHICLE + PEDESTRIAN AND INJURIES AND LOSS OF LIFE WILL OCCUR WITH 36 TRAINS A DAY AT EACH ROADWAY. ELECTRICAL + MECHANICAL PROBLEMS WILL NEED MORE MAINTENANCE TO KEEP THE PUBLIC SAFE.

AN ALTERNATE ROUTE USING THE AMTRAK ROUTE IS POSSIBLE BUT MORE EXPENSIVE FOR AAF.

THE TRAINS TRAVELING THROUGH THE TREASURE COAST IN UNNECESSARY AND CAN BE ELIMINATED USING THE ALTERNATE ROUTE.

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THE CURRENT 8 FREIGHT TRAINS A DAY WILL INCREASE TO 20 A DAY. AT PRESENT THESE TRAINS AVERAGE OVER A 100 CARS PER TRAIN AND TRAVEL AT 20 TO 35 MPH THROUGH OUR AREA. DELAYS IN MY OPINION WILL ONLY INCREASE AND EXPAND AS THE NUMBER OF FREIGHT CARS INCREASE FROM THE PORT OF MIAMI OUR AREA WILL EXPERIENCE ADDITIONAL PROBLEMS AT GRADE CROSSINGS AND DELAYS IN EMERGENCY SERVICES. ADD IN 16 MORE PASSENGER TRAINS AND WE HAVE A ACCIDENT WAITING TO HAPPEN.

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The projected business plan I believe is skewed to favor AAF. I do not believe the projected riders are going to happen. No train for passengers is profitable. I just returned from China + the tour guide said they barely break even on their high speed technology. So this is really about freight! The CSX corridor would not meet trip time requirements? Bypass land along Florida Turnpike or I-95 is too expensive? This is a long term investment for AAF. They are taking the least expensive way out at an excessive expense. I work in Vero Beach, Jensen Beach, Stuart and Port Salerno. The additional time at these intersections will be devastating especially for freight responders. I use a boat on the St Lucie River - down time for an 8000' + freight train is a negative impact!

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Comments:

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COCO TO WEST PALM BEACH RESULTING
IN ZERO SERVICE AND MAXIMUM INCONVENIENCE,
WITH 32 TRAINS PER DAY W/ 3-4 GRADE CROSSING
CLOSURES - IN ADDITION TO PLANNED INCREASE IN
FREIGHT TRAINS PER DAY - WILL CAUSE
ENORMOUS DELAYS TO THOSE WHO MUST
CROSS TRACKS EVERY TIME TRAVELING
FROM HOME INTO TOWN.

THIS IS AN INCREDIBLY ILL CONCEIVED
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This project, if allowed to go to completion will destroy the quality of life on the Treasure Coast. It will cause congestion in towns and marina's, result in the downgrading of towns business activity thereby resulting in lost employment. Poor Access to hospitals and town centres will drive tourism away and cause medical emergency delays and result in noise and material pollution. Local communities will incur unnecessary cost due to having to provide upgraded crossing and the resulting maintenance of said crossings. Everyone in these communities is well aware that the "Passenger" aspect of this project is a smoke screen and that the whole intent is to accommodate a huge increase in freight traffic moving north from Miami for national distribution as a result of the Panama Canal widening. The obvious alternative is the rural CSX line but AAF does not own this line so it would not produce as much profitability for the parent group of Fortress Holdings. The wishes of the Population need to be heard. NO AAF!!

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Comments:

As a resident of Port St. Lucie on the Treasure Coast I am adamantly opposed to this train running thru our community. There is absolutely no potential benefit to us. The impact is only negative -- noise, traffic stalls for vehicles and boats, extra time to reach hospitals, and impact on wildlife. We moved here for a good "quality of life" after coming down here from the noisy congestion of NY. This is a terrible intrusion into the Florida lifestyle!

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Comments:

- Major concerns with:
- ① - train speed through highly populated Treasure Coast.
Including Stuart, Port St. Lucie & Ft Pierce
 - ② - number of planned trips (32) daily and the impact
to traffic being stopped at crossings (first responder
impact is the major concern)
 - ③ environmental impact to the Intercoastal waterway
and the Indian River lagoon & St Lucie River.

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Comments:

THIS PROJECT IS NOT ABOUT PASSENGERS. IT'S ABOUT RUNNING OF FREIGHT
THRU THE TREASURE COAST WITHOUT ANY REGARD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT,
PUBLIC SAFETY, ^{OR} ~~AND~~ THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE & WORK HERE, NOT TO MENTION
THE POLLUTION (NOISE) } EFFECTS ON REAL ESTATE } FISHING INDUSTRIES.
RAN & ENGINEERED BY A HEDGE FUND OUT OF NYC - WANTING TO USE
PUBLIC FUNDS & FACILITIES - THIS IS WRONG - ALL WRONG.
LEAVE THE FREIGHT ON THE SHIPS & SHIP TO JACKSONVILLE - DEEPER
HARBOR & CHEAPER MODE OF FREIGHT TRANSPORT.
NOT A GOOD OR FAIR (JUST) IDEA!

Especially Hospital Transfer (STAFF) - WHAT ABOUT EMERGENCY
EVALUATIONS?

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Comments:

Expense for towns along the tracks will have to bear the costs for safety, crossings and road repair with no added benefit to them. ONLY NOISE, SHAKING HOMES, Businesses, COST FOR SAFE CROSSINGS. SAFETY of the citizens will be in jeopardy with Medical emergencies if someone has a heart attack and it doesn't coincide with a rail crossing opening - it could cause an unnecessary death. - tourist business to beaches will have to have a schedule to get across the tracks to the ocean.

* Hurricane Season; people trying to get to their homes in town or on islands - to get their family - older + youngsters + then get off the island or over tracks to safety without being backed up for hours!!! I do NOT see any advantage of having so many passenger + freight trains going up the east coast -

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Miami - ORLANDO. Especially the long freight trains. Plus in Europe the trains are subsidized and the cost is a burden on the citizens. The boats going under the bridge in Stuart

Large + small boats - No way - waiting to happen
FOR THE BRIDGE TO OPEN THEN BRINGING

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Comments:

We are totally against this enterprise. We also believe this is a "done deal" and you will NOT consider our comments.

All of the "presentations" are just a little too one-sided. We believe that the "facts and figures" used by AAF are a result of dreaming or outright dishonesty.

Dr. Eugene Schaefer
ROBERT SCHRADER FMS

PSL

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Comments:

Very little ongoing financial gain to anyone but the private enterprise forcing this upon us. Incomprehensible that so many residents along this route can be disregarded.

the noise and train traffic

This will disrupt our lives, our driving, and our ability to reach any place on "the other side of the tracks."

It will also damage our lands and our wildlife.

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Comments:

- PUBLIC MONEY SHOULD NOT BE USED TO SUPPORT THIS PROJECT.
IF PUBLIC MONEY IS USED, THE COLLATERAL SHOULD NOT BE JUST
THE RAILS & LAND THAT HAVE NO VALUE TO THE PUBLIC; RAIL CARS,
ENGINES, DEPOT REAL ESTATE, ETC SHOULD COMPRISE THE COLLATERAL.
 - NO STREET LEVEL CROSSINGS SHOULD BE ALLOWED; ALL CROSSINGS
SHOULD BE BY OVERPASSES AND UNDER PASSES.
 - QUIET ZONES FOR ALL STREET LEVEL CROSSINGS SHOULD BE
THE MINIMUM REQUIRED
 - THERE SHOULD BE AN AGREEMENT THAT NO INCREASED
FREIGHT TRAIN TRAFFIC WILL OCCUR AS A RESULT OF
HAVING THE SECOND SET OF RAILS IN PLACE.
 - AN ADDITIONAL RAIL OVERPASS BRIDGE SHOULD BE INSTALLED
IN STUART TO KEEP FROM FURTHER DOWNTIME FOR
BOAT TRAFFIC ON THE ST. LUKE RIVER.
 - THE TRACKS NOW RUN THROUGH CONSERVATION LANDS SUCH
AS THE SAVANNAH & INCREASED FAST TRAINS WILL HAVE A
MEASURABLE NEGATIVE EFFECT ON THE WILDLIFE POPULATION
 - LET FEC USE THE EXISTING CSX TRACKS FOR THEIR NEEDS.
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AT THIS STAGE IN THE ROLL-OUT OF A CONSUMER PRODUCT OR SERVICE, BASIC MARKETING LOGIC WOULD DICTATE THAT POTENTIAL CUSTOMERS BE PERSUADED OF THE VALUE OF THE PRODUCT THROUGH: VISUALIZATIONS OF THE PRODUCT, SHOWN IN USE, BEING ENJOYED BY THE TARGET AUDIENCE, ALONG WITH A LIST OF THE BENEFITS. INSTEAD, THE CITIZENS OF OUR COMMUNITY ONLY KNOW ABOUT THE NEGATIVE & DETRIMENTAL ASPECTS. WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT A TYPICAL TRAIN TRIP WILL COST A COMMUTER - MUCH LESS WHAT KIND OF ROLLING STOCK WILL BE USED. MOREOVER, ALL THE EIS STUDIES FAIL TO ACCOUNT FOR THE HIGHLY NEGATIVE PROSPECT OF HAVING A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR FOR DISASTER INTRODUCED INTO THEIR COMMUNITIES. LET'S REVIEW: WATER POLLUTION, RED TIDE, DRILLING FOR OIL ON THE COASTS, JOB LOSS, HURRICANES, EXPLOITATIVE HEALTH INS., AND NO REASONABLE UNDERWRITERS

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FOR HOME INS -- - FLORIDA IS ON A ROLL!
AND NOW TRAINS
IN YOUR BACK YARD!

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Comments:

As a Resident of St Lucie County I AM OPPOSED TO ALL ABOARD FLA IDEA. WE GET NO BENEFIT AND WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE DESTRUCTION OF OUR WAY OF LIFE. TRAFFIC WILL BE IMPACTED; HOMES NEAR THE TRACKS WILL SUFFER THE NOISE OF CONSTANT TRAINS; HIGH SPEED TRAINS RUNNING THROUGH OUR DOWNTOWN AREAS IS UNACCEPTABLE! TWO TRAINS AN HOUR PLUS FRIEGHT TRAINS IS EXCESSIVE. RUN TRACKS OUT WEST THROUGH FARM COUNTRY WHERE YOU WON'T BOTHER THE TOWNS - !

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Comments:

- Reason to stop AAF
1. loss of property values
 2. inability of rescue vehicles to cross tracks in a timely fashion
 3. Noise
 4. Pollution
 5. Safety at crossings
 6. No benefit to Treasure Coast
 7. Very few people use the existing rail to Orlando (Amtrak)
 8. loss of revenue from mainline industries
 9. The increased threat of terror attacks
 10. Disruption of peace & quiet and a way of life

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Comments:

① I cannot believe that there is a need for 32 trains a day to go between Miami and Orlando - 8 maybe, 32 NO!!!

② The impact these trains will have on our beautiful historic towns (especially downtown Stuart, Fort Pierce & Vero) is criminal! They're not needed, will impact us on many levels - noise, crossings, environment, etc., etc. is totally unnecessary!!!

We are a few people, battling a huge organization. Let's face it boys & girls, it all comes down to MONEY - The guy that pelted up the most wins.

JUST DON'T DO IT!!!!

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Comments:

- I do not believe most of the metrics presented on the various storyboards at the PortSt Lucie AAF meeting → Generally they depicted impact statements and responded to them in AAF's favor
- Boat traffic at the Saint Lucie River crossing was measured in DEC + JAN 2013, cold weather + seas over 4 ft keep many boaters off the water during those months. Poor sample
- Infrastructure costs are lowest on the route chosen because FFA is keeping cost down by not investing in bridges to cross water ways + safer crossings for surface roads.
- ~~The~~ Only^{the} unique railway between Wash DC + Boston makes a profit. Most in the world do not make a profit and are government subsidized - FFA will add another subsidized entity to the tax payer list

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Comments:

Please place this railroad very far West of the present tracks. It will have less impact on the people, cities, wild life where you presently want to run this railroad. It will not be good for the boating community as well. We were dining at a local restaurant in Stuart and timed how long the railroad bridge was down before a train was scheduled to cross it. The bridge is old and would have to be replaced due to wear and tear on it due to more ~~train~~ train crossings and we as tax payers don't need that added expense, plus all the aggravation it would bring.

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① The crossing "gate down" time does not appear to address the time necessary to stop should an issue occur @ the crossing. E.g. SLE - approx 80 mph stop rate approx 2mph/SEC = 40 SEC.

If the gate is to be down for 50 seconds - This leaves only 10 seconds and approx 1150 feet of track before a potential fatality. Absent some significant technology @ each crossing this places a burden of attention on the operator that would be worse than driving I-95 @ the same speed.

② Our community does not need further isolation to exacerbate our financial decline. How can we "attract" business & tourism if there is no stop? We're still paying tolls for the TP so it will be a hard sell to say "maybe later."

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We are against AAF, stop locally or not; these historic towns will be devastated with the increased rail traffic and high speeds.

Trains do derail, freight cars do carry toxic materials. Emergency hospital services will be curtailed. Boat traffic will be halted.

There has not been a true environmental report detailing the significance of increased rail traffic for the Treasure Coast, only the statement that it will be negatively impacted.

There are no studies or projections for an increase in population to support ridership to Orlando/Miami. What is the real agenda??

Tracks away from the coast line seem to have been ~~is~~ ignored even though far more sensible and environmentally conscious.

Again we are against AAF - completely

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Carol S. Brockhaus
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This project must be stopped. It is inexcusable to devalue the properties and disrupt the lives and livelihoods of hundreds of thousands for almost exclusively private gain.

Here are a few reasons this impact must not be allowed:

- 32 addtl trains daily, cutting off ready access at every crossing and bridge and causing countless delays
- The noise, despite reassurances to the contrary, is an intrusion into our daily lives.
- There of course will be negative impact to wildlife, fish and lands adjacent to the tracks for the entire length of it.
- No evidence that projected ridership will materialize or be sustained.
- Alternative route with far less impact exists to the west. Have a look at that if you must.

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We DO NOT WANT ANY OF THIS.

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Comments:

My husband and I just spent
our life savings on a retirement
home in this peaceful, beautiful
area. One mile from these tracks!

The proposed train traffic will
bisect us from the beach,
from town, and will be
all we hear all day, every day.

Move it West.

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Comments:

*The Train will ruin our beautiful treasure
Coast. Move WEST!*

We will not be sacrificial lambs!

Charlynn S. Suarez

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Comments:

I would like to see connections to
Daytona Beach. Cor Rounding track
Melbourne Airport.
Stop at either Fort Pierce or
Stuart. to connect to Disney
Land + also to get to Mican
Airport

The Airport or Connections are
very important as people to get from
one place to another. Unless stops
are not being made at these places
I do oppose to this High Speed
Train.

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Comments:

I have lived in Fort Pierce 57 years
this high speed is a detriment to our
peaceful and calming lifestyle. This
train 32 times a date stops
our lives, causing interruption from
living. An emergency vehicle is stopped,
people are endangered as they walk
at crossings. Stop this Train,
the people benefiting from will
realize large financials gains.
They don't have to live in a community
that stops them from living a
peaceful existence - They don't
have a High-Speed Train.

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Comments:

30 year resident of Stuart - FL.

- ① Concerned about pedestrian safety in downtown Stuart.
- ② City recently spent \$ upgrading landscaping, roads, medians, side walks that ~~had~~ would have to be redone. - Waste of taxpayer \$.
- ③ Time spent at closed traffic guards.
- ④ Traffic jams at " " " - especially Down town Stuart.
- ⑤ Trains must slow down so more time needed.
- ⑥ Loss of beautification in historic Down town Stuart.

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Comments:

I SEE A LOT OF PROMISE + PROPOSALS TO
QUIET THE RESISTANCE, BUT NO REAL ACCOUNTABILITY
IT SEEMS TO BE A HANDOUT TO FEC WITH NO
GUARANTEE OF RETURN TO THE PEOPLE WHO
WILL REALLY FOOT THE BILL FOR THE PROJECT,

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Michael T. Small

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Comments:

I think that the passenger rail is not going to work, going through small communities along the rail line. The environment impact statement ~~doesn't~~ ^{doesn't} mention the SAVANNAH'S Reserve state park. How are people to go walk in the state park if the rail ~~property~~ ^{line property} is fenced? ~~Who~~ Who is to collect all the dead animals ~~that~~ that will be killed at night from the new passenger rail? This whole operation is something that should NOT happen. I live along the tracks and I can say that the tracks ~~are~~ are not properly maintained. I have walked the tracks for ~~most~~ most of my life. The rail that is there now must be markedly improved maintenance wise for them to even consider a fast commuter ~~train~~ train. How is this train - ^(bullet train) fast train going to be a bullet train if it has to slow down for each RRR crossing? How is this Passenger Rail called an Intercity Passenger Rail if it is going through small coastal communities?

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Comments:

What is going to happen when the passenger rail fails because of ~~and~~ excessively low ^{Ridership?} ~~ridership~~. We the tax payer are going to be left holding the bag! We are going to be left with two rails of freight, which the will be thunder down a rail line that is not properly maintained. These trains are good for freight and never have been profitable when they carry people! Why are we being lied to by the All Aboard people? Why isn't the predicted ridership study in the public domain? ~~We~~ we shouldn't we know the number of people that would have to ride the bullet train, "that has to slow for every RR crossing 400 some" for it to be profitable? What are they hiding? ~~The~~ All aboard Florida, knows that the ridership will not generate enough funds for the bullet train to be profitable! ~~There~~ their long term goal is to have 2 rails of freight and we will be punished by FEC, because of it! This is not a good thing,

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Comments:

To residents of the Treasure Coast this plan is an abomination. The FEC tracks bisect all of our communities. Emergency service centers such as hospitals can only be on one side of the tracks. Someone in an ambulance has a high likelihood of needing to cross the tracks to receive possibly life saving medical care. For the sake of our piece of mind, our lifestyle and our lives, this plan must be relocated. The central part of our state is heavily populated and impact on residential communities would be minimal. This plan must not be allowed to begin!

Janet R. Ruppel
544 N. River Rd
Seville, FL
34996

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Comments:

As a concerned South Florida resident I am absolutely heart broken over the intent to add a vastly over-promoted disaster to our way of life. If there was such a need then go along the turnpike away from the paradise we love. How about a quiet monorail between north and southbound lanes. Animals, plants and most of all people will suffer the consequences of a brutal assault on what peace and quiet we have.

Sharola Overton

stoverton@hotmail.com

Registered voter &

will keep complaining!
Or more

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Comments:

When Flagler built his railroad through downtown Jensen Beach, the only things disturbed were local merchants and pineapple fields. I'm sure the merchants were happy to have the railroad. However, that was 100 years ago. ^{Now} The center of town has many businesses that service tourists. I have seen the brepper congestions caused by the L-O-N-G freight trains. I am retired and in good health, but many of our friends are not. The Martin County Hospital is on the other side of the tracks for us. I also worry about the environmental impact on this ^{environmentally sensitive} + diverse area. The quality of life ^{along the Treasure Coast} will be sacrificed to the commerce delivered to the Port of Miami. This is a thoroughly ^{well} presented meeting platform of facts for the AAF side. However, I'm not buying it!!!

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Comments:

I oppose the project as it stands running on the East Coast through towns is not safe for residents. Many areas have single access routes in & out of housing areas, the trains ~~can~~ ~~imp~~ ~~increase~~ will impact the time gates are down & access is not possible by emergency vehicles.

- Freight impacts are not covered accurately in the DEIS Study. Freight speeds vs High Speed Rail speeds on the same corridor impacts safety

- Evacuation routes will be impaired

- No additional jobs will be created along the treasure coast while property values will go down.

- Increased costs for maintaining double & dupp track crossings that will need to be paid by taxpayers

- RRif Loan is backed by taxpayers

- This Study was not conducted by an independent entity!

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* We need a DEIS Study conducted by a neutral outside party to fully determine impact.

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Oppose

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Comments:

- I oppose the proposed All Aboard Florida for several reasons:
1. Adds additional traffic at High Speed thru Residential Community - Divides our Community in 2
 2. Financial Impacts: local cost to upgrade crossings to Quite Zones
 3. Increase local cost for crossing maintenance
 4. Taxpayer liability for the Federal loan
 5. Historic - Oldest Home in St. Lucie County is located in our Area.
 6. First Residences constructed prior to Flagler building railroad
 7. Depreciation of property Value -
 8. Eventual decrease in tax revenue for Town.
 9. Currently we have 14 freight trains per day with increase to 20 by 2016 + 32 AAF = 52 trains a Day There will be a train every 20 minutes

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Comments:

The only way I could accept these trains would be if they could be relocated west of the towns where there would be little impact on safety, noise, cost, vibration, congestion, etc, etc, etc! For those of us that live in Fort Pierce, we would have all the bad impact without being able to use the passenger trains! I would not be in favor of the trains even if they stopped on the Treasure Coast, but at least some people would be more accepting if that were the case. I cannot believe that you are able to do something like this when the great majority of people are against this! We live on North Hutchinson Island & travel back to the mainland almost every day & we sometimes have to wait for the lift bridge, but now we will also have to wait for the trains too! I am very much against this plan!

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Comments:

I have 3 concerns

- the number of runs daily + impact on environment (noise dust + wild life)

- cost to the tax payer if it is not successful + do not meet number of needed passengers.

- the fact that there is not going to be a station in Treasure Coast. if it goes through.

I think a new rail system should be inland by Rt 90 where it is less populated with more open space + less waterways that will be affected.

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Comments:

What a bunch of creative data manipulation!
The business Model stinks The impact will be so negative to residential, environment, Municipal infrastructure because it is too expensive to do this the RIGHT Way.

There is NO evidence to support an interest in ridership.

I looked at all the bologna displayed and cried I am a 36 year resident of the state of FL. A property owner in St Lucie City I have wanted mass transit for a long time. To use Henry Flaglers lines through Coastal Florida IS WRONG. To add insult to injury there is NO guarantee that there will be riders OR profit

You are asking us to have our lives, peace, liberty held hostage for tourists from DADE. This is so wrong. The business model stinks the analysis is so slanted. Something is humming in the background

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that this is being concealed, some ulterior motive

And! what about Hurricane washoot + \$ to repair?

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Comments:

Beyond what is being presented. Our quality of life is in your hands if you allow this atrocity to be forced upon the residents of Florida for the convenience of a few and the undetermined but doubtful profitability.

There is only one profitable rail corridor in DC to NY/Con. and the Density and Demographics support that.

FL Demographics do not support this configuration. It was too late when people figured out draining the everglades was a bad idea. Do not allow this to move forward as planned. If they want to do this DO NOT USE the old Flagler routes through neighborhoods, business, and sensitive lands like Johnathan Dickinson + the Savannahs. Remember the Summerts!

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I am against AAF.

The detrimental effects include:

- traffic congestion
- marine traffic congestion
- environmental (wildlife) effects
- noise

I am unaware of any long-term beneficial effects of AAF

- All in all AAF will negatively affect the quality of life on the treasure coast with no redeeming benefits

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Comments:

- 1) Have train go in middle of state -
not on our beautiful shoreline /
- 2) Traffic backup will be terrible -
no matter how quickly they go through.
- 3) Do not understand when it goes
bankrupt, how receiving the collateral
of train equipment will help taxpayers.
- 4) Noise will be there no matter how
quiet you try to make it.
- 5) Martin Hospital for emergencies will
be greatly impacted)
No to this ever!

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Comments:

Are you kidding me? The project overview states that a "screened alternative", the CSX Corridor, didn't meet trip time requirements. This so-called trip time requirement is to benefit how many people? On the other hand, how many people on the Treasure Coast will its inconvenience and endanger?

Under "Beneficial Effects" AAF's Project Overview states that our air quality will be improved because it would reduce vehicle miles driven by private cars. I submit that would be negated by vehicles stopped for additional train crossings, while vehicles are idling.

In short, this is a Boondoggle to be foisted on us (Treasure Coast Businesses and Residents) by AAF whose ultimate motive is not yet entirely clear.

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Comments:

Stop this nonsense in its tracks!
All the propaganda disseminated by
All Aboard Florida is just that: propaganda.
In reality, they are planning to usurp
the rights of so many, for the benefit
of a few.
What happens when these passenger
trains prove to be unsuccessful? Will
they (AAF) then leave the tracks to freight
traffic and further increase noise, pollution,
longer waits at the crossings, and
more danger to Treasure Coast citizenry?

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Comments:

I strongly resent the fact that our government will allow AAF to trample on our rights. As it is now, I have to cross Train Tracks to exit Hutchinson Island and at least once more in going to my usual destinations in Vero Beach or Ft. Pierce. There is an alternative to the AAF trains running through populous areas on the Treasure Coast and they should be forced to use it.

Furthermore, how can our government, in good conscience, effectively assist AAF by allowing them to sell PABS, costing us lost tax revenue of \$500M?

All these trains will do for the Treasure Coast is add noise, pollution, danger at the crossings and inconvenience.

Please stop this nonsense.

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Agree 100% with concept
But The location MUST
Be moved west of I95
IN The Northern Counties

- COST TO local municipalities
- Safety of crossings
- Harm to the Savannahs
- loss of Right of ways to
Cities in towns along route
- Loss of Commerce to Commercial
Vessels at Bridge Crossings
- Bridge closings for pleasure boaters
- Absolutely NO Benefit to
anyone north of Palm Beach County

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Comments on the EIS regarding All Aboard Florida

Submitted by David Dale of 4701 S. Indian River Drive, Ft. Pierce, FL 34982

Among many others, a glaring shortcoming of the statement is in regard to the wildlife that will be adversely affected by the 32 additional passenger trains a day plus an unknown number of additional freight trains.

The tracks will pass through the North Sebastian Conservation area, the Savannas Preserve State Park, the Seabrook Preserve State Park, Jonathan Dickinson State Park and the Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge. These areas are home to many protected and endangered species of mammals, birds and reptiles and any wildlife biologist will tell you that vibration and noise will certainly interfere with their breeding habits.

All Aboard Florida may even be breaking Federal laws that protect those animals but that possibility was totally ignored.

The construction of a second set of tracks will be equally disruptive due to the heavy equipment needed and the large number of workers involved.

The EIS glossed over these considerations and in a ridiculous understatement said "effects to various environmental resources are unavoidable due to the proposed location".

The answer is simple: Choose another, more logical, location that does not run through wildlife refuges.

Another factor I take issue with is that AAF says they will pledge the tracks as collateral for a federal loan of taxpayer funds of the astounding amount of \$1.6 billion. Except to a railroad the tracks are valueless. The Federal Railroad Administration must insist that the rolling stock and the real estate where the new stations are to be built be the collateral. At least then, when AAF defaults, which is likely, we taxpayers have a chance of getting some of our money back.

On a personal note I have been taken to the emergency room and then hospitalized three times in the last five years. On November 5th, 2014 I spent 17 minutes, from 9:30 until 9:47AM stuck at the train crossing at Orange Avenue in downtown Ft. Pierce. Doctors say the first 15 minutes of an emergency are critical to the recovery of the patient.

With a minimum of 32 more trains a day my chances of not making it to the hospital in time are severely limited. That is frightening and another point that AAF downplays as having no significance. The implication that my life doesn't matter is insulting.

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Comments:

MY CONCERNS ARE:

- FINANCIAL VIABILITY OF ABF. WHAT IS THE PLAN IF ONLY 4000 PASSENGERS RIDE TRAIN DAILY. NO ANSWER FROM YOUR PEOPLE.
- CONDITION OF EXISTING TRACKS
- STRONGLY SUGGEST A WEST COAST ROUTE FOR TRACKS
- NO STATIONS IN STUART, PSL, FT. PIERCE AND VERO
- ST LUCIE RIVER MODEL IS NOT REALISTIC. SHOWS BOATS TRAVELING AT OPTIMUM SPEED. DOES NOT SHOW CURRENTS AN IMPACT ON BOATS.
- THERE SHOULD BE NO TAXES TO SUPPORT PROJECT. DID NOT GET ANY FEEL THAT FED. GOV'T WOULD NOT BE INVOLVED.

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Comments:

THE DEIS DOES NOT REFLECT THE ACTUAL IMPACT THAT OVER 50 CROSSINGS WILL HAVE ON DAILY LIFE OF THOSE OF US WHO LIVE IN FT. PIERCE. OUR QUALITY OF LIFE WILL DECREASE SIGNIFICANTLY WHILE ALL ABOARD FLORIDA'S PROFITS WILL SOAR ALONG WITH INCREASE REVENUES ON THE FREIGHT SIDE OF THE BUSINESS.

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Exaggerated impact on waterways

- 1) Month's of surveys had planned to do 16 to 18 over entire month. We couldn't find boat out at all. Not representative month.
- 2) Average boat traffic is 1000 per day throughout day. Not only. Boats go out in morning & come back in evening when there are storms, they get stuck at some time and there was room to dock.
- 3) I found the train bridge last time we were caught. The bridge was down 30 min before the train. There was a short train (5 min). It took 15 minutes to open & 40 minutes for one short train.
- 4) Problem w/ 3 bridges in close proximity. We have a large boat. 2 large boats cannot pass at the same time & at wide speed it takes > 5 minutes for us to pass. There is no space to circle around between bridges.
- 5) We own a home on the N side of the St Lucie. We bought it to keep our boat (2) behind the house. The value of our home is because we have ocean access. We pay high taxes for this. If we have difficulty reaching the ocean, our property value will fall & we will move away.
- 6) High speed trains in pedestrian areas are dangerous.
- 7) It will destroy all property values with ocean access.

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as well as the new school Mariner & Platten Co Marina.
 We want to purchase a large boat but we are unable to because we don't want a boat if it's not safe

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Comments:

I do not believe the train would benefit the city of Port St. Lucie, even if service would be provided in the city.

I think due to all the concerns if the railroad wants to have service from Miami to Orlando it should find an alternative route so it does not impact the cities!

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I AM TOTALLY AGAINST THIS PROJECT.
I SEE NO REASON FOR MORE RAIL SERVICE
BETWEEN MIAMI & ORLANDO. THE CURRENT
ONE CANNOT SUPPORT ITSELF. TAXPAYERS
DO NOT NEED AN ADDITIONAL TAX BURDEN
OF SUPPORTING ANOTHER GUARANTEED FAILURE.
I DO SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF HIGH SPEED RAIL, BUT
NOT WHEN IT CUTS OUR TOWN AND CITIES FROM
BASIC SERVICES. - ~~FOR~~ MANY OF OUR TOWNS
& CITIES WILL BE SPLIT IN HALF. DELAYS IN
GETTING TO FIRE AND MEDICAL EMERGENCIES
OCCUR ENOUGH NOW, IMAGINE 3X MORE TRAINS
WORSE YET, WHEN THE PANAMA CANAL IMPROVEMENTS
ARE FINISHED THE VOLUME OF FREIGHT WILL
INCREASE UTILIZATION FURTHER.
I VOTE
Florida Not On or Board

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An Architect's Thoughts on High Speed Rail – Part 1

When an architect designs a building, he/she meets with the client to determine their requirements. By law, an architect must design the safest, most efficient project which does no damage to neighboring properties. Goals and Expectations are established and agreed upon by the client. The architect designs the project to meet or exceed the client's established Goals and Expectations.

Now, let's apply this approach to High Speed Rail (HSR) from Orlando to Miami.

Who is the client for HSR? The client should be the citizens of the United States.

What are the Goals and Expectations for HSR?

Goal 1. Fast as possible. HSR in Europe, Japan and China runs at 220 miles per hour. There is no reason that HSR should not run at 220 miles per hour in the United States.

Goal 2. Safe as possible. HSR should be designed with 100% grade separation at all crossings. This eliminates dangerous train conflict with cars and people. It also eliminates delays at crossings.

Goal 3. Orlando to Miami HSR should be part of a National HSR Running from Boston to Miami. A Boston to Miami HSR would have Major Stops in Boston, New York City, Washington, Charlotte, Atlanta, Orlando, and Miami. The alignment would follow I-95 to I-85 to I-75 to the Florida Turnpike.

Goal 4. HSR should enhance a Multi-Modal Approach by having the Major HSR Stops at Major Airports. This provides fast easy connections with Airlines and Local Rapid Transit.

Goal 5. HSR should do no damage to the environment through which it passes including damage to the Economy and Quality of Life.

These are reasonable and appropriate Goals and Expectations for HSR.

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Comments:

I do not support this project
Another failed Rail project is not needed
in our state. The current Rail connection
serving a Miami/Orlando connection was failed
miserably.

one that severs access of whole towns from
their medical services is unacceptable.
Please stop this project

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Comments:

Boating access to the river and the ocean will be tremendously impacted by the delays caused by the lowering of the bridge.

This will affect the economy of St Lucie & Fort Pierce as boaters who have a choice will not come to the area.

The cost of boat fuel is a consideration and timing a transit through/under the bridge will be impossible. The grid lock the bridge lowering will cause will add to pollution of the water, increased cost in fuel & time for boaters.

Cutting off of the ^{towns} ~~comm~~ from one side to the other is just so wrong on all levels.

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Comments:

1. I AM OPPOSED TO USING "ANY" TAXPAYER GUARANTEED LOAN MONEY FOR ANY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.
2. I oppose USING TAXPAYER MONEY TO UPGRADE, OR MAINTAIN CROSSINGS.
3. I oppose USING TAXPAYER MONEY FOR MITIGATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS.
4. I oppose USING TAXPAYER MONEY TO OFFSET LOSSES FOR INSUFFICIENT PASSENGERS.
5. I believe this project is also a prelude to increasing Freight Trains to further Block city traffic.
6. To anyone that has TRAVELED to ANY TREASURE COAST city AND seen how the TRAIN SERVICE WILL AFFECT (split) the towns, THIS IS TRAGIC.
7. High Speed Rail THRU these SMALL cities, OR ANY city, IS NOT A RATIONAL IDEA

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8. If this project goes bankrupt, it is ~~at least~~ surely guaranteed to be mitigated in court for pennies to a dollar and a loss to taxpayers.
9. This train goes thru major traffic patterns that are already overloaded and jammed at traffic signals. Adding more trains to an ~~over~~ increasingly overloaded ~~problem~~ traffic system makes no sense.
10. To imply that areas are not environmentally impacted by the noise and vibration is patently false

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Comments:

- Very concerned about the cost to taxpayers to fund the loan - already have difficulty taking care of our citizens - don't want to pay for trains that could fail - then we get stuck with the bill.
- Don't want to have to pay for the upgrades/modernization of railroad crossings.
- The ↑ passenger + freight traffic through these communities will ~~also~~ ~~destrain~~ ~~the~~ way of life of these people in these communities - god forbid you have a medical emergency + have to wait for the train to pass.
- Don't think you will get the projected ridership - people want their cars - if they take a train from Miami to Orlando they will have to rent a car in Orlando to get around. Can't stop anywhere along the way.

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Comments:

- Will turn our small railroad-side communities into ghost towns. Who wants to live with that?
- If people really want to take trains - why is Tri-rail not more successful?
- How will we sell our homes with that much railroad traffic?
- Make them go out west - the area is not developed & therefore will not draw as many commuters.

Very bad idea. I think we are being deceived by all aboard.

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1) Concern is about the added time due to all the new passenger & freight traffic will have to emergency response. Lines on both sides of the tracks will be impacted by the delays and the grid lock traffic. The golden hour of trauma is a matter of life and death. If the EMS can't get to the scene then can't get to the hospital as fast as they can lives will be lost.

2) Wild life will not be able to get out of the way of a high speed train. The increase in volume projected will kill more than double the amount of wildlife that is now killed. The basking tortois line in Sawanna park and on the existing rail right of way. They will be crushed to death by the addition of another line.

3. The Indian River Lagoon is one of only seven in the world. The impact of additional construction near it will effect the sea life that depends on it for its survival.

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My Wife & I have the opinion that if this IPR is started we would be a pioneer on Hutchinson Lake. With the amount of passenger trains along with the increased amount of more freight trains that ^{will} be added to the existing trains, for this reason alone we are against this ever starting. Thank You!

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I'm very concerned about the railroad crossings -
I'm a senior citizen (Jensen Beach) all my medical facilities
are in Stuart, I would need to cross at least 2
RR crossings to get to them. Also access for Ambulances,
Police & other emergency vehicles.

Although we no longer are boating still have
friends that do and would be very much inconvenienced
at RR Bridge up in Stuart.

Certainly ~~we~~ would like to see the train go west.
Have they no consideration for the people in these
communities. (Jensen Beach Center of Town
Geneapple Festival just one of the events each
year. Tracks through the center.
Was a former resident of Ocean Breeze Park and knew of
3 people killed crossing the tracks.

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Any study that says boat traffic will not be effected is WRONG
As a boater on North Fork St. Lucie River we travel past RR Bridge or Rosevelt Bridge. If a train is coming the wait time is no less than 40 minutes. Sometimes 2 trains come back to back and the wait time is over 1 hour. With 52 trains a day there is NO WAY that boating on N+S Forks of St. Lucie River will NOT be shut down for most of the day. The South Fork of the St. Lucie River is also the entrance to the Federal IntraCoastal Waterway across the State of Florida. All Aboard Florida trains in addition to freight trains will virtually close the ICW across the state - How does a private company get to do this? Must be a law to prevent this from happening. No boating on N+S fork of St. Lucie River will be a huge economic disaster for the area effecting property values - tax base for two counties and this will effect the whole State of Florida - Go West for All Aboard

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Comments:

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GET PEOPLES TO COME TO THE
MEETINGS. THIS FORMAT IS
BAD NEWS.

THE TRAIN WILL DISRUPT LIVES
AND DESTROY OUR WAY OF LIFE
FOR NO GAIN, NO ONE WILL RIDE
THE TRAIN,

WASTE OF GOVERNMENT MONEY

STOP THE TRAIN

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I DONT SEE ANY BENEFIT TO ME AND MY FAMILY AT ALL
THIS IS JUST going TO DECREASE MY ALREADY DECREASED PROPERTY
VALUE. THE SOUND AND HORN NOISE going By WILL MAKE MY
PROPERTY WORTHLESS COMPARED TO WHAT I OWN. I MAY AS WELL
BURN MY HOUSE DOWN AND WAIT AWAY, BECAUSE I WILL
NEVER SEE ANY EQUITY THAT AND THE FACT THAT THERE
ISNT EVEN going TO BE A BOARDING STATION NEAR MY CITY?
TOTALLY WORTHLESS! THANKS FOR NOTHING!

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social, biological and safety standpoint —
are access to health care facilities
without delay, protection of wildlife and
managing bridge openings and
schedules of trains to minimize impact
on bridge openings. This latter
mitigation should be MANDATED as
a Requirement for approval. Boating
is a Huge industry in Florida —
especially on the Treasure Coast
where we have the Saint Lucie River,
the Indian River and the Indian
River Lagoon. Economic impact on
the boating industry must be balanced
against any further impact — None for the
Treasure Coast — of the rail service.
This project should be moved West of the
coastal cities & towns. A dollar spent on
a bad project is a dollar wasted.

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All Aboard FL is ruining the quiet and upscale neighborhoods in St. Lucie Cty., not to mention creating hazardous situations re: St. Lucie River crossing and in-town crossings, with 32 trains coming & going each day. I am totally against this venture.

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Comments:

I FEEL THAT THE PLANNED ROUTE OF "AAF" ALONG THE TREASURE COAST AND SPACE COAST WOULD NOT BE GOOD FOR THESE TWO URBAN AREAS. I THINK AAF SHOULD WORK OUT AN ARRANGEMENT WITH THE "CSX" RAIL ROAD TO GO NORTH WEST FROM WPB to INDIANTOWN, THAN OKEECHOBEE, AND THAN NORTH TO ORLANDO, FL. THIS WOULD GO THROUGH THE RURAL AREAS OF THE TREASURE COAST AND SOUTHEAST CENTRAL FLORIDA. THERE WOULD BE LESS RAIL CROSSINGS GOING THIS ROUTE. ALSO THE EFFECTS OF EMERGENCY ~~NEEDS~~ NEEDS, WOULD BE DELAYED FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THOSE WHO WILL NEED TO CROSS THE TRACKS.

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This train is an abomination. It will not benefit nearly as many people as it will hurt. It is noisy and cumbersome and is just a smoke screen for bigger things like freight. This will ruin our quality of life here in the Treasure Coast. If someone needs to travel from Orlando to Miami, then TAKE THE BUS. This project is senseless, needless and detrimental to the people who reside on the Treasure Coast. Please consider our lives as many of us have put our entire life's savings into our homes and expect to maintain our peaceful and quiet quality of life.

Thank You

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While it was a convenient location at the time it was built, the only one it's convenient for now is All Aboard FL & its investors. For those of us in the small towns we object to:

1. Liquefaction
2. Noise
3. Traffic
4. Repetitive vibration
5. Not being able to take advantage of riding the train from stops near us
6. Gaining profit at small towns' expense of the above 1-4
7. Safety: With the proximity of the tracks to populations, derailings or other dangers would catastrophically affect larger numbers of people & property than if tracks were laid west of the populated areas.

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8. Medical transports & personnel need every millisecond to save lives. The value of lives are not able to be compared to people's profits or conveniences.

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Comments:

The Environmental Impact study was not done by a outside agency but by a paid representative of All Aboard FL. - this is not an unbiased report & does not reflect the true concerns that need to be addressed.

The meetings should have been organized in a different format (question & answer) with more much more detailed information provided.

Beyond West Palm Beach there is no benefit to this project for Treasure Coast residents. ~~except~~ It appears that All Aboard FL. does not care about the safety ~~aspect~~ aspect of ~~a single~~ multiple old marine bridges in our area or the impact of the same bridges constantly opening & closing. Property values will significantly deteriorate being so close to the railroad tracks - it appears

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to be of no concern to AAF.

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If the purpose of "All Aboard Fla." is
to move people/visitors from point A
to point B - I living on the Treasure
Coast don't see any benefit to
those of us living here.

No Benefit to locals!

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I BELIEVE AAF IS A MISREPRESENTATION OF ITS TRUE PURPOSE. IT WILL NEVER BE A HIGH-SPEED RAIL SYSTEM (GOING THROUGH THE SMALL COASTAL TOWNS) THE \$1.5 BIL. FROM THE GOVERNMENT WAS FOR HIGH-SPEED WHICH FLORIDA COULD USE.

THIS WILL SURELY BENEFIT FEC AND THEIR FUTURE FREIGHT OPERATIONS. THAT ISN'T A TERRIBLE THING. HOWEVER THAT \$1.5 BIL WAS FOR TRUE HIGH SPEED RAIL TRAVEL, FOR PASSENGERS. ORLANDO TO MIAMI IN 2 HOURS, THAT WOULD BE HIGH SPEED. BUT NOW I FEEL FLORIDA WILL NEVER SEE THAT. FLORIDA WILL NOT BENEFIT FROM AAF (AT LEAST THE PUBLIC) AND ITS RESIDENTS. FECRR WILL OF COURSE BENEFIT.

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DANIEL BALDWIN
PORT ST. LUCIE, FL
RESIDENT

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Comments:

WASTE OF TIME COMING - ONE
REP TOLD THREE PEOPLE THREE
DIFFERENT STORIES
WE HAVE A WELL & NO CITY WATER
SO WE ARE AT MERCY OF SAVANAS.
WE HAVE BOBCATS, TURTLES, HOGS, SAND
HILL CRANE - WHO WILL BE WATCHING
FOR THEM - SEVERAL HOUSE BUILT UP
AGAINST TRACKS - THEY HAVE SMALL
CHILDREN - I AM WORRIED ABOUT
ECONOMIC IMPACT, QUALITY OF LIFE,
NOISE + EMERGENCY VEHICLE GETTING
THROUGH - YOU WILL DESTROY THE
SMALL TOWN AND BUSINESSES.
~~WE~~ SOME OF YOUR REPS WERE
RUDE AND OTHERS DID NOT KNOW
ANSWERS.

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Comments:

This will KILL the Treasure Coast Communities
of Vero Beach, Ft. Pierce, Stuart, Hobe Sound
Divides These Communities -

Put new tracks West of the
Coastal developed Areas!

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Comments:

I QUESTION THE FINANCIAL VIABILITY
OF THIS PROJECT. AMTRAK NOW RUNS
PASSENGER SERVICE (NOT IDENTICAL, BUT
CLOSE) AND LOSRS MONEY ON IT. I
UNDERSTAND THE RELIABILITY FACTOR TALKED
OF, BUT QUESTION THE LONG TERM
FINANCIALS OF RUNNING THIS SERVICE.
AS WITH ANY BUSINESS, IF THIS
DOES NOT PROVE FINANCIALLY REWARDING,
WHAT ALTERNATIVE WILL BE USED?
ONE LAST QUESTION: HOW LONG BEFORE
A FINANCIAL DECISION IS REVISIONED
AS TO WHETHER THIS IS FINANCIALLY
SOUND OR IS A CHANGE REQUIRED?

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Comments:

I see this project as ill conceived
and serves only a very small # of
people compared to the damage.
Who is going to ride these trains?
Do you honestly think your ridership
will justify 32 trains a day?
Where will these people/riders come from?
Who will pay when it fails? Taxpayers?

This project offers NOTHING to the
area + its population from WPB to
Orlando. We will suffer the noise,
pollution, unsannience 32 times a
day - for what?

Build a monorail along I 95 on
the turnpike.

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Spare the Treasure Coast this affront
M... ..McCartney, P54, Fl 34952

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Comments:

This train system will ruin the culture, beauty, and the pleasure of enjoying our wonderful small towns of Stuart and Jensen Beach.

Can you imagine having to dine in our outdoor restaurants? I can't.

I am so stressed out about this tragedy happening to our beautiful area. The boating will be affected, everything Stuart will be affected. I could just cry.

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- ① THIS IS A PRIVATE-FOR PROFIT ENTERPRISE. I DO NOT BELIEVE THE GOVERNMENT, ON ANY LEVEL, SHOULD BE FORCED TO INVEST OR INSURE ANY MONEY WHATSOEVER, IF THIS PROVES TO BE AS PROFITABLE AS THE PROPOSERS FEEL IT WILL BE LET THEM ABSORB ALL OF THE RISKS THEMSELVES
- ② ONLY RAILROAD EMPLOYEES WILL BE EMPLOYED TO WORK ON THE RAILS. THIS IS OBVIOUSLY TO PREVENT IMPROPER ASSEMBLY, ETC., SO 10,000 JOBS? NOT LOCALLY.
- ③ THIS PROJECT WILL DO NOTHING TO IMPROVE MY COMMUNITY (PORT SAINT LUCIE) I WILL NEVER USE THIS SYSTEM EVEN IF THERE IS A LOCAL STATION BUILT NEARBY
- ④ TRAFFIC CONGESTION IS BAD ENOUGH ON US 1

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Comments:

YOU ANSWERED MY QUESTIONS EXCEPT
I FENCING ALONG THE RIGHT OF WAY
WE ARE WORRIED ABOUT THE CHILDREN
LIVING NEXT TO THE RIGHT OF WAY

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1. Boating on St. Lucie River in Stuart will be greatly impacted due to railroad bridge closings. Trips to Stuart township will be difficult. Businesses in Stuart will be impacted because of this. Fishing through the river will also be hampered. Right now bridge closing cause at least a 20 minute delay in getting from end to the ~~river~~ St. Lucie River.
2. Why does ABC TV or Scripps news not have any coverage of Florida-alto-board? Does Disney have a part in any of this?
3. Stuart stands to lose hundreds of parking spaces if tracks are expanded there. again a huge impact to small business.
4. Have any private studies been made that support AAF claim of number of passengers that will travel between Orlando and Miami. Also impact on auto travel.

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Comments:

IN Part St. Lucie & VERO BEACH THERE ARE NO UNDERPASSES OR OVERPASSES TO CROSS THE R.R. LINES AND THEREFOR THERE WILL BE SUBSTANCIAL DELAYS FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES NEEDING EMERGENCY ACCESS (FROM WEST TO EAST) GETTING TO THE HOSPITAL (IN VERO).

IF STAGE II WERE TO BE APPROVED IT SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED ALONG THE PROPOSED ROUTE, BUT TAKEN WEST ALONG THE TURNPIKE.

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Simulation for the St. Lucie River Train
bridge shows vessel traffic moving east-west
thru the bridge simultaneously. This rarely happens.

At a minimum a there needs to be a
full time bridge tender to stage vessel
movement for safe passage.

(marine industries)
We would fully support a western
corridor for this project.

Currently there is no emergency evacuation
plan for boaters in coordination with
the railroad for the St. Lucie River

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20 years living in Stuart FL. The impact of this Rail Project would be a very negative factor on the county. The Expansion of 2 rail lines through Downtown Stuart and the rest of the county would have a very negative impact on the commerce and flow of traffic in our county. The demand for passenger rail service is not going to support the trains and will simply become an expansion of the freight lines. The refusal to consider a western route for the train line due to cost is a reason the project will not be profitable.

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1. The EIS should be submitted to the Federal Environmental Protection Agency for review and analysis. Indian River County has environmentally protected gopher tortoises and scrub jays whose environment is in the vicinity of the railroad tracks in certain areas. These need to be protected. Also, there was a significant Archaeological dig, the Vero Man, which must be sequestered from any type of activity which would violate this site.

2. Public Safety Concern: The statistics for crossing fatalities in Florida for the period 2000 to 2010: the state had 2867 miles of track and 173 fatalities. Florida East Coast (FEC), parent company of AAF, had 351 miles of track (12%) and 50 fatalities (29%).

Comparison of FEC to ACELA: FEC track has 95% grade crossing; ACELA has 98% bridge crossings. Adding 32 trains with 353 crossings in 195 miles in urban areas triples the opportunity for crossing accidents.

Comparison with ACELA'S lack of crossings: ACELA has experienced only ONE crossing accident with 3 fatalities and only 3 total crossing accidents in their entire history. In the past 15 years, ACELA has had 3 crossing deaths vs. 71 deaths on the FEC. FEC has 24 times a greater fatality rate than ACELA before adding 32 trains.

3. APPLICATION OF ABOVE PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS TO MY OWN SITUATION: MY HUSBAND AND I LIVE ON AN ISLAND IN THE INDIAN RIVER LAGOON BETWEEN THE BARRIER ISLAND ON THE EAST AND US1 TO THE WEST. TO EXIT THIS AREA WE USE RT.510, THE ONLY ROAD WHICH CONNECTS OUR ISLAND AND THE BARRIER ISLAND TO THE MAINLAND. DURING THE PEAK POPULATION TIMES THROUGHOUT THE WINTER MONTHS, TRAFFIC CAN BECOME CONGESTED. HOWEVER, AS WE APPROACH US 1, IT IS IMPERATIVE TO KEEP THE INTERSECTION CLEAR OF CONGESTION IN ORDER TO MOVE THE TRAFFIC OFF THE ISLANDS.THE US1 NORTH AND SOUTH ROADS AND RT. 510 EAST AND WEST ROADS FEED INTO THIS MAJOR INTERSECTION. COUNTY RECORDS ALSO REVEAL THAT THERE HAVE BEEN MANY ACCIDENTS AT THIS LOCATION AS THERE ARE 2 MAJOR PHARMACIES LOCATED ON 2 DIAGONAL CORNERS FEEDING ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC TO THE AREA. THERE IS APPROXIMATELY 500 FEET BETWEEN THE RAILROAD TRACKS AND THE INSTERSECTION TO ACCOMMODATE TRAFFIC PARKED WHILE THE TRAIN IS CROSSING. ALSO, THE ONLY FIRE RESCUE/AMBULANCE SERVICE FOR THIS ENTIRE AREA IS LOCATED ON RT. 510 ON THE BARRIER ISLAND. ANY EMERGENCY NEED TO TRANSPORT A PATIENT TO THE ONLY 2 HOSPITALS LOCATED ON THE MAINLAND MUST USE THIS ROUTE. THIS IS ALSO THE ONLY EVACUATION ROUTE.

Sheila Clancy

300 Cathedral Oaks Dr.

Vero Beach, Fl. 32963

772 388-1463

Nov. 4, 2014

QUESTIONS ABOUT EIS FOR AAF SEPT 2014

1. No where can I find in the EIS showing the results of : " Buildings where Rayleigh waves would cause structural damage." As just using the term "vibrations" does not cover everything accredited to all vibrations in a whole. No where in the EIS does it address the Rayleigh/Love waves. Why? Explain.
2. What geographical land type was used in the study to determine the impact of the vibrations/Rayleigh/Love waves from the trains passing by?
3. Where there any distinctions made on the type, age and conditions of the structures in close proximity to the train tracks? And if so, what?
4. In the Summary of the EIS it states(page S-18)," The Project would have no direct or indirect effects (noise, vibration or change in setting) to the historic resources located adjacent to the N-S Corridor. " This is NOT AT ALL the case, there is historic properties directly adjacent to the N-S Corridor in Indian River County alone not to mention the other counties along the Treasure coast that will be affected.

What if any will be done to mitigate these issues with the areas that will be impacted by the vibrations/Rayleigh/Love waves from the High-Speed trains and increased freight train traffic?

In Rayleigh surface waves the particle motion has both horizontal and vertical components. No where is this discussed in the EIS. The problem to find out a low-cost method to install barrier walls against train-induced ground vibrations has been under investigation. The purpose is to isolate buildings from the traveling Rayleigh surface waves. This usually happens when the soil consists of soft layers of clay. Such places are locating very often in coastal places, where the soil originates from the sea bottom sediments or erosion sludge conveyed by rivers. One promising work method is sheet-piling, in which case the barrier has to be composed of sheet-pile wall with soft isolation layer at its building side. The purpose of the wall is to reduce the amount of soil masses to be removed and also to support the isolation layer. Isolation material could be air cushion or granular material like artificial gravel. The installation work can be carried out by computer controlled boom system, which allows drive the pile wall in prescribed inclination angle. The boom is equipped with an integrated gripper-driver unit and may belong to an excavator with track wheels or it may be mounted on a customized wagon. By changing cyclically the bucket and sheet piler, the work process can run in piling-digging-layering-filling phases semi-automatically, where the operator assists changes from one internally automatic task to a next one.

5. In all of the material it shows that the trains will be traveling at a distance of 50 feet from structures, this is not the case in most cities along the Treasure coast. In Figure 4.2.2-4 the AAF EIS shows Locomotive Powered Passenger or Freight trains traveling at 50 mph. However, with existing speeds of the freight trains that travel along the N-S Corridor at 54.2 mph, no where does it show what the impact of the High-Speed train traveling at 103.34 mph through Indian River County, 93.38 mph in St. Lucie Co. and 76.96 mph in Martin Co. Why? Explain.



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attached

- #1 Ridership + Revenue
- #2 Time Savings

Stop trains due to
 faulty Data + Low
 Ridership

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November 5, 2014
Indian River College

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772-492-6754 - Vero Beach, Florida

Comments that Require Major Consideration to STOP RIFF Loan and Turn Down DEIS as being unacceptable, inaccurate and misleading lies.

Note: The required 110 decibels is 16 times louder than the average pain threshold. Noise Issues will create huge liabilities for All Aboard Florida

Train Horns and Noise Abatement Can Cause Permanent Hearing Loss in Vero Beach:

Nathan-AirChime is a long-time supplier of train horns in America and approved by FRA standards. All they require all train horns to blast at 96-110 decibels for residential, commercial and industrial.

Nathan Airhorn Disclaimers that accompany all horns warn:

Train horns Must be used at a distance of 100 feet to avoid damage.

Proper hearing protection must be worn when using this Airhorn or permanent damage may result.

Never operate this produce close to pedestrians.

Nathan Airhorn KSLA-AIR HORNS (company says this type will be used for HSR) **DISCLAIMERS ON ALL TRAIN HORNS: HEARING PROTECTION REQUIRED**

Vero Beach Florida Code Enforcement Code: Section 38-61:

"It shall be unlawful for any person to make, continue, or cause to be made or continued in excess, unnecessary or unreasonably loud noise which disturbs the peace or quiet of any neighborhood or which causes discomfort or annoyance to any reasonable person of normal sensitivity."

All Aboard Florida has 353 crossings x 32 crossings day = 11,296 x 4 blasts = 45, 184 day Vero Beach has 31 crossings x 32 times a day = 992 Toots x 4 blasts = **4,000 Toots Day**

Vero Beach Codes have exempted warning signals even though we'll people close to tracks and crossings will hear 4,000 blasts daily, at minimum, seriously harmful to citizens and **POSES HUGE LIABILITIES**

Draft Environmental Impact Statement, "Affected Environment and Environmental Consequences, Pages 4-4 and 4-5, Table 4 For Indian River County

"Summary of Impact Contour Distances for North-South Corridor Indian River = **"Category 2 Moderate Impact at 600 feet and Severe Impact at 75 feet."** Refer to Noise Source Authorities and Their Effects:

<https://www.chem.purdue.edu.chemsafety/Training/PPETtrain/dblevels.htm>



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 Noise Abatement
 Horn warnings for
 Permanent Loss
 not required → 96-110dB

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RIDERSHIP AND REVENUE REPORTS ON EIS – Request FRA to DENY RIFF Loan & DENY EIS Draft

The DEIS is incomplete, faulty and misleading data, ticket prices hidden, AAF sued to have ridership/ticket prices hidden to prevent company profitability projections, Lack of Viable and valid Business Plan, Unrealistic ridership data on Pages 2-4 and Table 1 below.

AAF RIDERSHIP AND REVENUE STUDY - Summary Report: Different Numbers Reveal Extremely Contradictory Numbers and Shows Failure to Achieve Financial Success
Refer to: [EIS Study Pages 2-4, Table 1: Ridership and Profitable Revenue for 2019](#)

ANALYSIS PER EIS REPORT – Low Ridership Numbers of 37% to 2019

Table 1, Pg 4 Below chart says: “4.01 Million in 2019, volume of riders 11,000 per day.”
Misleading as Only Numbers to Use are Base Case, Long Distance (Orlando/Miami)
Ridership = 1,526,300 Passengers Annually Compare with their claim of 4.1 Million Annual
Ridership = Very Low Ridership in 2019 of = 37% HUGE OPERATIONAL LOSS

Note Analysis Points: Only “Long Distance” Applies here for Orlando to Miami and short term trains are already in service and not part of AAF HSR Long Distance Analysis. “Business Plan Case” on chart can’t be used as that pertains to future expansion.
“Base Case” ridership numbers are only ones to consider ridership to 2019 – 1,526,300.

ANALYSIS AAF CAPACITY CLAIMS PER EIS REPORT: Only 3.25% ridership by 2019

Rusty Roberts of AFF repeatedly verified: 10 trains, 400 passengers each, 32 times per day = 128,000 = 47 million Annual Seat Capacity

Contradiction: EIS Table 1, Page 4 Shows 1,526,300 “Long Haul” Riders Annually (separated from city) compared to AAF Train Capacity per Rusty Roberts of 47 Million = 3.25% tickets per capacity

Both Above Scenarios Create Huge Ridership Discrepancy and Operational Losses
Chart Numbers Show 37% Passengers to Capacity, AAF Claim’s show 3.25% Passengers to Capacity –
BOTH HUGE OPERATIN LOSSES – RIFF Loans and Bond Issues won’t be pack back!
25-50% Time Savings in EIS is not accurate compared to Mr. Roberts 30 Minutes HSR Time Savings!

TIME SAVINGS LIES: Ridership and Revenue Study Summary

Page Two: AAF says “**No Comparable Service**” “AAF can provide travel time savings of 25% to 50% when compared to existing surface modes (auto) ... Mr. Roberts has presented train to car savings of half-an hour since day one! (Verify on MapQuest Orlando/Miami Car Trip 3 Hours and 35 minutes)

DEIS “Time Savings” of 25-50% Aren’t Possible and False!



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"North Sebastian Conservation Area" in Sebastian (Indian River Co.) ~~surrounds~~ ^{abuts} the railroad track for approx 1 mile. Scrub-jays, Gopher Tortoises + other wildlife regularly cross the tracks. The Scrub jays are afraid of train horns + leave their acorn food source when they hear a train coming.

This Conservation Area was set up specifically for Scrub Jays + is one of the few areas in the State where they are increasing! The train track construction + additional trains will be devastating to the Scrub Jays, Gopher Tortoises + other wildlife here. There is also a wetland here along the tracks.

Also Scrub jays live along the tracks in Micco, FL (Brevard Co.)

Jane Schnee
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P.S. I monitor Scrub Jays in Indian River Co.

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
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~~THE~~ ALL ABOARD FLORIDA

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After speaking with representatives it appears noise levels with regard to water amplification needs to be studied and evaluated.

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I believe the project will be a great addition to the community. Allowing a much easier, safer and easier means of travel will be such an improvement. Many things can be impacted by this including easier access to jobs in areas one would normally not drive to.

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Comments:

THE AAF PROJECT IS ONE
OF THE BEST THINGS I HAVE
EVER SEEN IN PASSENGER RAIL
IMPROVEMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE.
AAF WILL PROVIDE IMPROVEMENT
IN SAFETY, QUALITY OF LIFE,
ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE
FOR FLORIDA, THE TREASURE COAST,
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY & VERO BEACH, FL.
I WISH US DOT, FRA AND ALL
PARTIES INVOLVED THE VERY BEST
IN BRINGING AAF, THE PROPOSED
ROUTE AND HIGH-SPEED INTERCITY
PASSENGER RAIL TO REALITY,
THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS.
KEITH D. KITE

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Comments:

100% for Passenger Service
AAF has investigated & researched
everything need to build the RR—
Proud to see someone in the USA
to take on this challenge & make
this adventure a success!

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October 24, 2014

Eric Claussen
Vice President – Design & Construction
All Aboard Florida
2855 Le Jeune Road, 4th Floor
Coral Gables, FL 33134

Reference: All Aboard Florida – Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Claussen:

Universal Engineering Sciences, Inc. (UES) is proud to express our support for All Aboard Florida (AAF), the privately financed rail project linking the international city of Miami to the state's largest tourist destination, the city of Orlando.

This infrastructure project will provide an alternative transportation mode for our state. It is reported, that this year Florida will surpass New York in population to become the third-largest state in the country. With the increase in population, comes an increase in the number of cars on our streets and highways. AAF will locally link the Florida cities of Miami, Fort Lauderdale, and West Palm Beach, with the Space Coast and Orlando, providing Floridians and tourists with a transportation alternative to driving. This will be a valuable investment in meeting the future transportation and infrastructure needs of our state.

AAF, a privately financed infrastructure project, will provide an economic stimulus to the state. Jobs will be generated during construction of the double tracking and the construction of the first three stations located in Miami, Fort Lauderdale, and West Palm Beach. When completed, the rail system will provide economic stimulus, by providing our tourists a transportation option with the mobility to travel between these areas. In addition, the project will reduce congestion and roadways and enhance the quality of life in Florida.

Looking ahead, this infrastructure project will contribute to the long-term solutions to our future transportation needs. We wholeheartedly support All Aboard Florida and what it will mean to Florida.

Respectfully submitted,
UNIVERSAL ENGINEERING SCIENCES, INC.

Peter G. Read, PE
Regional Manager

Mark C. Israel, PE
President

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Comments:

*Good job
after you get going
consider a stop in
Sebastian FL for a local
well start a fund to build
a station!*

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PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE IS GREATLY NEEDED,
BOTH FOR INTRASTATE AND FOR LONG-DISTANCE
TRAVEL. THE ALTERNATIVE IS TO DRIVE ON THE
DEADLIEST HIGHWAY (PER MILE). WE NEED FAST
AND FREQUENT SERVICE BOTH WAYS (MIAMI AND
ORLANDO).

MY SUGGESTION IS THAT EACH TRAIN MAKE ONE
ADDITIONAL STOP IN EACH DIRECTION, WHICH
WOULD ADD 5 MINUTES TO THE TRIP — STOPS
SHOULD BE IN COCOA, MELBOURNE, VERO BEACH
AND PORT ST. LUCIE. WE WOULD HOPE FOR
LONG-DISTANCE SERVICE BY AMTRAK ON THE
CENTRAL EAST COAST (E.G., NEW YORK TO MIAMI)
THEREBY PROVIDING GOOD, FREQUENT RAIL SERVICE
TO OUR AREA.

LET'S GET THE TRAINS MOVING.

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c/o John Winkle, FRA,
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Dear Mr. Winkle:

On behalf of hundreds of citizens of Vero Beach, Florida and thousands of petitioners of Florida Not All Aboard I want to register strong objections to the high-speed passenger rail project All Aboard Florida and the DOT's loan to same. Simply stated, the project is not viable and will cost taxpayers well more than \$2 Billion.

If this is not the case, why did DOT refuse a \$ 5.6 Billion grant to Xpress West a similar passenger rail project from California to Las Vegas just last year? AAF is all about Crony Capitalism with taxpayer funds used to benefit a large publicly owned hedge fund - The Fortress Group - which has major real estate and freight handling/shipping interest in south Florida, especially Miami.....

Beyond this very basic point, the process for public hearing of the draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Palm Beach to Orlando leg of the project is deeply flawed. Important considerations of safety, emergency access, costs to upgrade hundreds of grade-level crossings as well as impact on local businesses and property values should NOT be in the hands of a consulting firm retained and paid by the petitioner, AAF. This is DOT's basic job.....

The silence in Washington re AAF on the part of elected officials is deafening and, indeed, scandalous.....Please see that this letter is made part of the public record on this hearing process.

Sincerely,

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QUESTIONS ABOUT EIS FOR AAF SEPT 2014

1. No where can I find in the EIS showing the results of : " Buildings where Rayleigh waves would cause structural damage." As just using the term "vibrations" does not cover everything accredited to all vibrations in a whole. No where in the EIS does it address the Rayleigh/Love waves. Why? Explain.
2. What geographical land type was used in the study to determine the impact of the vibrations/Rayleigh/Love waves from the trains passing by?
3. Where there any distinctions made on the type, age and conditions of the structures in close proximity to the train tracks? And if so, what?
4. In the Summary of the EIS it states(page S-18)," The Project would have no direct or indirect effects (noise, vibration or change in setting) to the historic resources located adjacent to the N-S Corridor. " This is NOT AT ALL the case, there is historic properties directly adjacent to the N-S Corridor in Indian River County alone not to mention the other counties along the Treasure coast that will be affected.

What if any will be done to mitigate these issues with the areas that will be impacted by the vibrations/Rayleigh/Love waves from the High-Speed trains and increased freight train traffic?

In Rayleigh surface waves the particle motion has both horizontal and vertical components. No where is this discussed in the EIS. The problem to find out a low-cost method to install barrier walls against train-induced ground vibrations has been under investigation. The purpose is to isolate buildings from the traveling Rayleigh surface waves. This usually happens when the soil consists of soft layers of clay. Such places are locating very often in coastal places, where the soil originates from the sea bottom sediments or erosion sludge conveyed by rivers. One promising work method is sheet-piling, in which case the barrier has to be composed of sheet-pile wall with soft isolation layer at its building side. The purpose of the wall is to reduce the amount of soil masses to be removed and also to support the isolation layer. Isolation material could be air cushion or granular material like artificial gravel. The installation work can be carried out by computer controlled boom system, which allows drive the pile wall in prescribed inclination angle. The boom is equipped with an integrated gripper-driver unit and may belong to an excavator with track wheels or it may be mounted on a customized wagon. By changing cyclically the bucket and sheet piler, the work process can run in piling-digging-layering-filling phases semi-automatically, where the operator assists changes from one internally automatic task to a next one.

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I live within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of present tracks and it is already too noisy to leave windows open at night due to the passing trains. It will be unbearable for people who live nearer the tracks to have 32 additional trains passing through and blowing their whistles.

It will be inconvenient and sometimes life threatening to have the cities along the Treasure Coast cut in two by 32 additional trains daily. Ambulances may not be able to get to victims or the hospital ~~etc~~ in a timely manner.

Passenger train service of this magnitude isn't working anywhere else, why should we use taxpayer money for this boon doggle. A loan is still our money!

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Comments:

I moved to Vero Beach ^{11 years ago} after retiring from H.S. Teaching in Broward County. I was looking for (and found) a tranquil little town here with friendly people (not rude like in Broward) and lots of trees and a slower paced life free of stress. If all those trains go through near our little unique downtown, people will stay away from that area hurting our economy. Drivers will become stressed and hence more likely to become rude and pushy. Please consider building your railway closer to I95, or even better, the FL turnpike, which is a more direct + faster route, saving you money + releasing us from the disruptions to our peaceful lives here in Vero Beach.

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made a profit since the ATO was invented.
I believe this is intended to insure all is in
place when the Miami port is upgraded to
UNLOAD all the Super-carriers coming. The
Rushwood, prop by a "loan" will be lost and
be another government bailout.
I hope I will be wrong.

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Comments:

THIS MEETING WAS NOTHING MORE THAN A PUBLIC RELATIONS
GIMMICK! THERE WAS NO PUBLIC VERBAL INTERACTION!

32 TRAINS A DAY AND FREIGHT AT ^A A RATE DATE
WIL DESTROY THE BEAUTY AND TRANQUILITY OF THE TREASURE
COAST. ITS AMAZING WHAT PEOPLE + CORPORATIONS WILL
DO FOR MONEY.

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You people who don't live on the
treasure coast are planning to ruin our
homes, environment, the wild life
everything. You should be ashamed.
Put your railroad out by 95 or
the turnpike - Our property
values along with the noise and
pollution is a disgrace.

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What are people going to do once they get to Orlando airport?!? Rent a taxi? Rent a car? And just how much will this fun trip cost? No user studies have been done.

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Stop everyone at the toll booth on ~~the~~ I-95 and see how

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many people would say they would be riding the train instead? Betting botting 99.5% would say No.

Families can't afford train tickets for everyone.

This is a scam! Not one Railroad person on AAF.

Unsafe, environmental disaster, spending too much \$, much of it taxpayers, loud, destructive, high high stress for residents, ↓ property values.

It is about freight. It is about big \$, big corporations.

Don't, please please, don't let this happen

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I will move if this happens



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INSTEAD OF LISTING ALL OF THE
NEGATIVE IMPACTS TO THE SMALL
TOWNS ON THE TREASURE COAST, LET
ME SIMPLY SAY THAT IF THIS PROJECT
GOES FORWARD AS PLANNED, OUR
QUALITY OF LIFE HERE IN SEBASTIAN
AND OTHER SMALL TOWN WILL BE
PERMANENTLY AND SEVERELY DAMAGED.
MOVE THE TRACKS TO THE CENTER
OF THE STATE, OR USE CSX TRACKS
AND WE ALL WIN, BOTH SMALL
TOWNS ON THE TREASURE COAST AND
THE BIG CITIES INVOLVED.



JAMES E. PARSONS

973 GREEN BOWER AVE
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Concerned about environmental impact
quality of life for treasure coast.
I live not far from Old Dixie
Highway - it will make it difficult
to get out of my subdivision
(Chase Meadows) with the traffic
back up from so many trains.
It will also affect my property
value.

Vero Beach will be greatly
changed and it won't be for
the better.

I could go on and on

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This entire idea is detrimental to safety - emergency vehicle arrival promptly at destination, the devaluation of property values on "the other side of the tracks", the inability of sailing vessels being able to navigate in a prompt manner, the noise pollution, the increase of "stop" times both by AAF as well as increase in freight trains which will increase as time goes by.

There have been no RR that have been self-supporting and I expect this one is doomed to the same. Passenger service may start out big due to the novelty but it will diminish quickly.

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I'm against a train passing through Vero Beach for many reasons. The noise factor - we came to Vero because it's quiet & a pretty peaceful community. I also think the traffic will be messed up, with many trains passing. It will be costly and in my opinion not enough people will use it. If I want to go to Fort Lauderdale or Miami, I will drive. It is also dangerous. Many trains passing will cause accidents. If most people living from Miami to Orlando do not want this train then it should be nixed. This is a Democracy. We the people should decide. No train.

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Initial funding for project rejected - now state wants to support private enterprise with tax dollars. Poor decisions in past have been repeated by not looking at alternative routes - turnpike or I95.

Conclusion appears to be in the interest of making more money for the ECR without concern for public interest and safety.

ECR should accept less profit to be realized and put to the other alternate route.

Personally I don't believe the project is necessary and will reduce quality of life rather than improve or enhance it.

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Comments:

This is a play to move freight, not people.
Use the existing tracks further west even
if adding a second set of tracks is necessary.
There is too much disruption to our
beach side communities - disruption of
traffic safety, noise pollution, vibration
in residential neighborhoods, upsetting
creatures in nature.

I doubt that 1/2 of one passenger will be
filled in one week.

Move freight by water (ocean) or by
rail to our west.

A stop in Vero Beach will not benefit.

Liz Melnick

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I am against the high speed train bisecting the treasure + space coasts! It will greatly impact our quality of life. Most of VB lives East of the tracks but business + medical are west of the tracks. With ~~about~~ so many crossings and so many trains a day the delays will be awful. There are lots + lots more reasons but your ability to read all this is finite.

I don't understand why the tracks west of 95 can't be used. That would not impact anyone or directly impact quality of life. Also why call it high speed when the train can only get up to speed ~~fast~~ for 40 miles at the end. It is stupid to build a ~~the~~ high speed train through towns that will impact their way of life when I do not believe that there will be

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enough passengers to support it! EVER!

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Comments:

I see nothing beneficial for New Beach.

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Comments:

The real reason an Environmental Impact Study draft was done is because AAF has applied for almost a 2 billion dollar loan from the feds. Let us not forget Amtrak and Tri-rail already service the South Florida area and passenger trains run thru the center of the state from Orlando to Miami.

All passenger rail service is not profitable and Fortress Investment Group (owner of SE east coast RL and All aboard FL) is the same organization that left the Canadian Government with at 1/2 billion \$ debt. to cover for the 2010 Vancouver Olympics. Should the US gov't try to outdo Canada in foolishness

Edward H. Stoddell
6512 Flora Way
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Nov. 4-2011

To Whom It May Concern
I oppose the All Aboard
Fla. Railroad development
for the following reasons:

- ① Noise
- ② Real Estate Value Impact
- ③ Wait time for numerous
trains
- ④ No local stops

Elizabeth Cross
656-101 Centre St.
Vero Beach, Fl. 32962

All Aboard Fla.

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Comments:

We are entirely against this invasion. How could anyone in Del Beach realize any good from a loud, fast train in our neighborhood.

We know that you intend to go bankrupt and then bring in huge freight trains to bring freight from the Panama Canal.

We fear all the accidents this will incur occurring.

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- (1) How do you plan to compensate (monies) to those impacted with decreased real estate values?
- (2) Passenger time (rail) 3 hr 10 min drive time 4 hrs. - 1/2 mile print?
- (3) Governor vetoed project & rejected government funding! What does it take on your part to override this?
- (4) Are all costs your responsibility?
- (5) Should disaster due to rail occur what are your insurance coverages? And if bankruptcy occurs, what is the responsibility of our local gov government?

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Comments:

There is no high speed rail passenger system in the world that is profitable - pays for its operating expenses and its debt.

AAF is financially structured to be independent of its parent company. Once it goes broke, the taxpayers will be obligated to pay to keep it operating.

Stanford Erickson, 1743 Belmont Cir. SW,
Vero Beach, FL 32968

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Comments:

I am adamantly against any high speed train traveling through Vero Beach for several reasons

① real estate prices. I live w/in 2 ~~miles~~ miles of the tracks and "retired" on a quiet island

This train & its frequencies are going to drastically reduce my slice of paradise

② Inconvenience - we are already met by the train 2x a day - but 22? Kids getting to school? My husband to work... where does the "back up traffic" sit? This is crazy

③ Safety. The fact that there are no walls of protection - NOT THAT I WANT WALLS, but there are people & animals lives that will be lost

④ Simply a bad idea! Smoke & mirrors, "people" moving train, to boost the economy" hogwash - it's to move product/freight

You are looking to drastically changing the environment, the peace & quiet, the traffic pattern, Cannot believe this is an option

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Tax \$'s - really. No way am I going to help fund this!

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Comments:

This is the greatest Boondoggle - with no regard to the residents of the Treasure Coast. There is not one iota of anything to any of us - no stops here, noise pollution, the impact on navigation, our property value will drop and most important the Emergency Responders. How will they deal with dire emergencies. I personally have sat for over 15 min, when a Barnum & Bailey train came through. And now we are expected to welcome 32 more trains.
NO ALL ABOARD FL Here.

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I cannot support this project.
My property value will be decreased,
the noise would be terrible, the
safety at every intersection will be horrible
and ~~these~~ emergency vehicles will not
be able to make it to hospitals, etc.

Why doesn't the railroad project
move to the center of the state.

Horrible, horrible idea!

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Comments:

I AM OPPOSED TO ALL ABOARD FLORIDA AND FE
HI SPEED TRAINS - PASSENGER AND FREIGHT
THRU OUR BUILT-UP COMMUNITIES FROM MIAMI TO
COCOA BEACH.

I AM MOST CONCERNED ABOUT HI SPEED TRAIN
IMPACT ON HUMAN AND ANIMAL LIFE. I THINK THERE
WILL BE MANY ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES. DEATHS.

THE FINANCIAL COST TO THE CITIES AND INDIVIDUALS
WILL BE IN THE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS (I THINK) VS MILLIONS
OF DOLLARS PROFIT TO A SINGLE COMPANY.

I FEEL A HI SPEED TRAIN, SUCCESSFULLY MANAGED
WOULD BE SIMILAR TO JAPAN'S HI SPEED TRAIN - ELEVATED
SURROUNDED BY A CAGE ^{WITH} LIMITED ACCESS WHY IS THE
CSX RAILROAD TRACK LINE NOT BEING CONSIDERED? I
SUSPECT THE POLITICAL CONNECTIONS ARE WITH THE FEC
PARENT COMPANY

I LOOKED AT ALL YOUR DISPLAYS AND TALKED TO A FEW
REPRESENTATIVES. AN ELEVATED, CAGED TRAIN WOULD COST TOO MUCH MONEY (TO
COMPANY) SO I SURMISE MANY PEOPLE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN OUR COMMUNITIES, WI.
BE ENDANGERED AND DAILY ROUTINES DISRUPTED FOR A TRADE OFF TO PASSENGER
WHO HAVE AN OPTION TO TRAVEL.

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Comments:

IS All Aboard FL rail service is a viable project, it is my opinion that the rail should by-pass those communities which would receive no benefits. High speed trains should operate on dedicated rails only, exclusive of freight transit lines. By utilizing existing freight railbeds there are only problems: safety with both high speed trains & slower freight trains traveling in close proximity to one another, traffic disruption, noise. It is one thing for private investors to finance this plan, another to cover any costs (eg guaranteed loans) by the taxpayer. I object to using any public funds or indirect public help to advance this project

Paul Burrows

86 Crooked Tree Ln

Vero Beach, FL 32962

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Comments:

Our property backs up to the railroad tracks in Sebastian Fla. The vibrations are unbelievable when 1 train goes by. Our flooring business and warehouse as well as a rented building are located there. The entire buildings shake. Our crown molding comes loose. The displays and tiles shake. Once or twice a day we can put up with but not 32 trains a day. It's ridiculous. Our business and our property values will be destroyed. Emergency vehicles will be held up. Traffic will be backed up. Most of our roads are only 2 lanes and it takes a very short time to back up. 32 times a day we cross these tracks all day long. How can the US Dept. of Transportation risk our lives, our safety and our property values along with our businesses to support this ridiculous crazy plan that will benefit a select few and this huge Federal Railroad project.

I think it's all about ^{Big} money and moving freight NOT people. Our lives and businesses will be destroyed.

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Please consider moving the triple tracks proposed for St Lucie Village in Appendix 3.3.B-4. We have 7 at-grade crossings in St Lucie Village and crossing the FIC tracks is our only ingress & egress to residential and historic St. Lucie Village.

Please consider moving the proposed triple tracks south of Savannah Road and North of Midway Road in Fort Pierce, St Lucie Village. There are no ^{grade} crossings along this 5-mile stretch. And this would be a much safer triple track alternative.

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Comments:

I AM VERY UNHAPPY WITH THIS PROPOSAL. IT IS SO OBVIOUS THAT UTILIZATION OF CSX TRACKS IS A BETTER PLAN. DUE TO LESS IMPACT ON SAFETY OF CITIZENS, NOISE AND ENVIRONMENT. THE TRAINS COULD MOVE FASTER ON CSX TRACKS BECAUSE THEY ARE IN LESS CONGESTED AREAS. TIME IS OF ESSENCE AND TRAINS CANNOT MOVE FAST THROUGH TOWN AFTER TOWN SAFELY. THE TOWNS AND CITIES CANNOT HANDLE TWO TRAINS PER HOUR. NOISE AND SAFETY OF OLDER DRIVERS AND MOTORCYCLES AT CROSSINGS WOULD BE DEGRADED. REGARDING OF WHATS DONE TO MITIGATE NOISE THE WHISTLES AND STEEL WHEELS ON STEEL TRACKS WILL STRONGLY IMPACT QUALITY OF LIFE AND PROPERTY VALUES NEAR THE TRACKS. IF YOU ARE GOING TO MAKE IT EASIER TO TRAVEL BETWEEN MIAMI & ORLANDO YOU NEED TO DO THE SAME FOR THE WHOLE ROUTE I GARRIDER.

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Comments:

Run the trains PARALLEL TO Route 95
OR THE FLORIDA TURNPIKE - INLAND - RATHER
THAN THRU OUR CROWDED COASTAL TOWNS,

Swap state land along RT 95 or the Florida
Turnpike for FEC right away land along
the coast, THIS way CURRENT FEC RIGHT
OF WAY LAND COULD BE USED FOR BIKING
OR HIKING TRAILS AND BE MADE INTO PARK
LAND. THE NEW FEC TRACKS FOR PASSENGERS
AND FREIGHT WOULD NOT DISTURB PEOPLE OR
TRAFFIC SINCE THEY WOULD GO THROUGH THE
LESS POPULATED CENTER OF THE STATE. OVERPASSES
AND UNDERPASSES CAN BE COORDINATED WITH
RT 95 OR THE FLORIDA TURNPIKE & THE TPKE,
RUNS TO ORLANDO ANYWAY.

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Comments:

IT'S OBVIOUS THAT FRC & AAR ARE REALLY ALL ABOUT FREIGHT. ~~ADDITION~~ PASSENGER SERVICE LOSES MONEY AND FREIGHT SERVICE MAKES MONEY, ESTIMATES ARE THE TRAINS (FREIGHT) WILL BE 1 TO 1 1/2 TO 2 TO 2 1/2 MILES LONG - ESPECIALLY WITH THE PANAMA CANAL AND THE PART OF MIAMI & THE EVERGLADES (FT LAUDERDALE) BEING EXPANDED.

RUNNING MANY OF THESE LONG FREIGHT TRAINS THROUGH OUR COASTAL TOWNS IS FOOLISH BEYOND COMPREHENSION, THESE TRAINS MUST RUN THRU LESS POPULATED AREAS, ISNT THAT WHY THE FLORIDA TURNPIKE (AND ROUTE 95) RUN INLAND IN THE FIRST PLACE!

LET'S DO THE SAME WITH AAR & FRC.

CARL & DORIS PETERS
6265 IRONWOOD CIRCLE
STUART, FLORIDA, 34994

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CARLP 14 @ AOL.COM
602-657-4717

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I strongly do not support this train in the State of Florida - Period! First of all fewer citizens will benefit from this train going to Orlando than will make use of the train. This is strictly a profit motivated plan. Many communities will have to spend much tax dollars to provide quiet zones for the impacted residents. Where is the gain for these people? Your investors may gain financially by this passes But not the average ^{citizen} ~~citizen~~

I question how many will actually use this train. Certainly only persons close to the train depots. From our stand point we seldom go to Orlando - (once per for a flight)

I live in a community close to USF. Certainly we will be impacted several times/day - morning & night

I am not being selfish just stating the interruption in life -

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Concerns are that noise will ruin the tranquility of our community. The tracks will be dangerous when trains come through, as they are now. Trains will increase to 2 an hour which is too much for this small community. Property values will decline because people will not want to live here. I live within 1 mile of the train tracks and am not aware of trains coming through except occasionally. If more trains come through it will definitely be a problem.

We do not need a stop in Sebastian. We like our city the way it is. Quiet and neighborly. We Orlando have all the tourists.

ABF will ruin our city with absolutely no benefit to us. Why would we want this??

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Comments:

I AM OPPOSED TO THIS IDEA THAT 32 TRAINS
A DAY ARE EVEN NEEDED. SAFETY IS MY
NUMBER ONE CONCERN. TOO MANY TRAINS, TOO
MUCH SPEED + NOISE. THIS WHOLE PROJECT WILL
HAVE A VERY NEGATIVE IMPACT ON PEOPLES
LIVES THAT LIVE NEAR THE RAILROAD TRACKS.
IF YOU HAVE TO HAVE A RAILROAD, BUILD IT
20-30 MILES INLAND WHERE YOU WON'T
DESTROY PEOPLES LIVES. I CAN TELL YOU
ONE THING, THE PEOPLE THAT WANT THIS
RAILROAD BUILT WON'T BE LIVING ANY
WHERE NEAR THE TRACKS. AGAIN WE
ARE PUTTING GREED + MONEY AHEAD OF
OUR FLORIDA CITIZENS LIVES. VERY BAD
~~IDEA~~ IDEA.

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Comments:

This train plan will cut Vero Beach in half, east side and west of the tracks. Economically, many local businesses will be affected as people avoid the crossings. I live a mile from the tracks & a crossing & hear the freight horns all night. People will be stuck, emergency vehicles will have to wait EVERY hour, there will be additional noise and pollution from these trains. We already have long waits for freight crossing, & now the high speed will add to it.

I oppose the Federal Railroad Agency giving a loan of almost 2 Billion dollars to finance this fiasco. I don't know where they're getting their ridership numbers from, but it seems highly unrealistic and ready to fail & cost the taxpayers 1.6 billion dollars. I don't think that FA should be able to "buy credits" to offset the environmental damage this project will cost - especially to fragile wetlands. If this fails, the damage will be done, the money gone, taxpayers on the hook (like Solyndra & Digital Domain) and the nice folks from FAA will have their money and go on their way. We will be stuck with the environmental & financial damage. There is NO BENEFIT Vero Beach, Indian River Co., Treasure Coast with this plan!

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Comments:

As a nation we are under terrorist attack at present. Putting two railroads through heavily populated areas makes a bigger "plum" for a terror attack. Taking out 2 railroads AND killing a lot of people at the same time! In the event it escalates to a war on our soil the wisdom of parallel tracks instead of separate transportation for troops, supplies is NOT wisdom, it is folly.

AND even if there is no war the hurricane threat to coastal route is much higher than an inland route. Think of the picture from The Good of the Whole Country both from the side of the big company who might be able to survive on an inland route or on the communities on the coast which would survive without that Railroad.

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Comments:

I see absolutely no benefit to Vero Beach from this project. The projected ridership figures are questionable. If the project fails, taxpayers will be responsible for repaying the federal loan? \$1.6B?
I'm concerned about medical/fire/police response time delays when adding 32 trains per day to the existing freight traffic.
I'm concerned about the lack of transparency - how much will tickets cost? Nobody is saying. Won't the price affect the projected ridership? 30+ Diesel locomotives will generate more air pollution than the low-emission cars ^{they} will supposedly keep off the road. The impact to local businesses will be devastating - cutting the city in half.
I am not 'all aboard Florida'.

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Comments:

The noise, vibration and congestion will take away from the desirability of Vero Beach. This project has nothing to offer us just deteriorate our community and county, where all the people live. Why not consider the CSX freight line from W. Palm inland to Orlando where it would not interfere with the public.

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The R.R. person said All Aboard FLA, "did not find it economically feasible" to chose a ~~A~~ route in the central area. It sounds reasonable until the coast route businesses and property values are considered. Thousands of businesses loosing millions of dollars is much more to ~~them~~ ~~liking~~ the All Aboard people's liking. We are the big boys. We'll take away the little town's life blood because we can.

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The incorporated town of St Lucie Village was not included on page 134 (4-3) St Lucie Village is listed on the National Register of Historic Places (since 1989). The 52 historic resources of St Lucie Village, including Fort Capron (1850-1859) which is in the APE for cultural resources, was not included in the cultural resources survey.

AAFS 347 at-grade crossings on the N-S corridor do not meet with the FRA's (Grow America) vision which supports rail-line relocation and grade crossings improvements, which include over-passes and underpasses.

No safety measures such as this are proposed in the DEIS and no alternative for building a true high speed rail on a designated corridor has been included in the DEIS

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Comments:

No - No - No

To think that a RR can

come thru VB & create

the inconvenience to all the

residence of our city is

outrageous! The noise —

The disruption getting to

us fro will change our

city for ever

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VERO BEACH

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Comments:

My comments are in the box.
My opinion is that the owners are afraid to have an "open meeting" to face all the people who are against this horrific project.

Do not take away our quality of life here in Vero Beach & along the coast.

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VERO BEACH
this plan is totally unacceptable to our town
& towns up & down the Treasure Coast

- 32 MORE trains

- Real estate values near tracks

- train horns all the time

- bridge closures in southern coast.

- 90-100 MPH - dangerous in towns

- Traffic delays

(*) Build along 95 or the turnpike & pay for
2 new tracks. DO NO destroy our living
in Florida.

this project is of NO benefit to
anyone in the towns along the coast.

Go to open spaces to run from
Orlando to Miami.

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Comments:

This project is Investorship In Freight IIF

- ① There is NO ridership; Huge expansion of Port of Miami
- ② Hundreds of containerships, thousands of freight trains
- ③ Bottom line - Wrongful death lawsuits
Bicycle, auto, school bus, pedestrian accidents
Heart attacks, strokes, kidney, liver, etc failure
Emergency vehicles can't get across
- ④ Courts unsympathetic - huge delays of trials,
plaintiffs lose - anger frustration, no payouts for victims
- ⑤ Civil Disobedience
Molotov cocktails on tracks, jack hammers
cars + tires from car + tire graveyards -
- ⑥ Burglaries of oceanfront homes
insufficient police to respond to all the calls
- ⑦ Some towns pass ordinance - NO trains other than
current scheduled freight trains + erect temporary
barrier when necessary.

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- ⑧ I am old - an old dame, probably won't be here when the
chaos / war begins. But not too old to envision it

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Comments:

This project is a typical bureaucratic boondoggle. Rider estimates are overstated in an attempt to gain approval of the project. Environmental impact is also understated. The proposal solves a problem that doesn't exist.

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Comments:

It would be interesting if the Environmental Survey had been performed with no "leaning" input by the railroad.

Also during my visit today a railroad representative said "when there is a crossing there is always a danger"! Why are not overpasses being used as a design to remove the risk?

The vibration problems so near the coast must effect the ecosystem!

If this is the best path for the train + the train is needed, why do the tax payer have to pay to improve the safety and why is this not being done right? If this is needed/or beneficial, do it right.

Add safety, vibration reduction, noise reduction, and overpasses from the start.

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Comments:

- A. T. HOOVER US! WE CAN RUN MORE TRAINS RIGHT NOW -
1) ~~DATA~~ WANTS PEOPLE TO BELIEVE THEY CAN PROFIT FROM
PASSENGER TRAFFIC. - How long will it take to recover
inv. & continuing operating maintain costs
2) ~~TRAFFIC~~ ^{freight income} TRAFFIC ~~WILL~~ IS AAF'S REAL ^{GOAL IN ADD TO} REALITY
REAL ESTATE APPRECIATION + REVENUE
3) ~~TRAVELERS~~ THIS PROJECT IS IRREVERSIBLE +
WILL BE DESTRUCTIVE TO THE COMMUNITY. THERE
IS NO SUCH THING AS AN INVERTIBLE AND NOISELESS
TRAIN.
4) PASSENGERS, IF WORKING WILL NEED TRANSPORTATION
AT DESTINATIONS - COSTLY + ~~NOT~~ CONVENIENT
5) STUDIES ARE TOO EASILY INFLUENCED BY AAF.
ITS CORP CORRUPTED
6) POLLUTION WILL NOT BE DECREASED - CARS WILL
WASTE GAS + TIME AT STOPS

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Impact study on traffic flow - How long
will a train be in Indian River County?
20 min?

Cultural - Seb. bridge
Environmental - wildlife
nothing addressing Indian River,
Martin, FL, Brevard Cty's
impact - the jewels of the
East Coast! Shameful

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No BENEFIT FOR ALL PROPERTY & house, people, from
Orlando to w Palm -
moved to Fla for reasons not compatible with your
interests. People, animals, environment, not being served.
I don't want to move to MIAMI - GREAT FOR MIAMI
GREAT FOR TRAVELERS, BAD FOR INHABITANTS -
yuk!

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On this issue, Vero Beach has nothing to gain and a great deal to lose by this project. We live within a quarter mile of the existing line and are always aware of existing trains, the noise and vibration.

The project will tend to further divide the Vero Beach Community fragmentation.

As for the Corp of Engineers, I have no confidence in their work (from past experience). The communities south of Vero, excluding those with stations, will have the same problem particularly those with waterways.

Again, Vero Beach has nothing to gain and much to lose. Robert Blanchard

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VIBRATION - ADDITIONAL REPORTS ON VIBRATION AFFECTS NEED TO BE DONE. THERE ARE MANY VETERANS IN INDIAN RIVER COUNTY THAT REQUIRE A CERTAIN LEVEL OF NOISE IN ORDER TO OVERCOME PTSD. SUPPLEMENTATION SHOULD BE ALLOTTED BY APPLICATION TO MOVE VETAN SERVICES AT NO COST TO VA IN ORDER TO ASSURE THEY HAVE THE NEEDS MET.

FRIEGHT - THIS NEEDS TO BE ~~BE~~ REPORTED SEPARATELY WITH ESTIMATIONS OF APPROXIMATE TRAIN NUMBERS. THIS CHANGES THE ENIRE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF REPORT.

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I would quarrel with most of your EIS conclusions.

Looking at the map, the RR routes appear to form a triangle.

Always I was taught that the hypotenuse was shorter than
the sum of the other 2 sides.

What is a secondary impact? Something short of fatal?

I don't know where you draw the line with wildlife.

Current economics will definitely be effected.

Businesses close to the tracks will have to close. Jobs will be
lost. Cindi's Pet Shop at 8thst & U.S. 1 for one.

Homeowners will see a decrease in value and increased
taxes to pay for extra track maintenance & liability.

Go west with this project. We may not be
Metropolitan, but we are growing at a respectable
pace and don't need this intrusion.

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Unbelievable TO THINK running a high speed
train through coastal towns, at carrying
FREIGHT / passengers. is an asset for Florida
residents. OR, is it a just a guise for
a few investment owners.

SAFETY ISSUES, NOISE ISSUES
inconvenience loss of economic
monies for all businesses
along treasure coast line as
well as real estate values & noise
dying. Do you really want to
live here with these trains?
I doubt you live near them?

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I did not see any study indicating where all the passengers will come from to support the train. Further, if these passengers (mythical though they be) would normally be driving a car between Orlando and Miami, it's inconceivable that a large portion of them will change their habits. Cars and owning, driving them is ingrained in Americans.

The amount of Florida residents (and visitors) who will be inconvenienced by the train is astronomical compared to the few people who will benefit from it, notwithstanding All Aboard Florida.

Our government needs to step in and demand that AAF come up with a different (and hopefully better) alternative. So what if the train will take more than 3 hours using a different route through a less populous area.

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I OBJECT TO THE USE OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS, IN THE
FORM OF LOANS AND/OR LOAN GUARANTIES, BEING
USED TO BUILD THE AAF INFRASTRUCTURE & PURCHASE
EQUIPMENT.

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AAF WILL NOT BRING JOBS, VISITORS, OR
ADVANTAGES TO SLC COUNTY. INSTEAD IT
WILL COST TAXPAYER DOLLARS TO UPGRADE ALL
ROADWAY CROSSINGS

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ON OCTOBER 28, 2013 I NEARLY DIED.
I WAS HAVING A STROKE.
THE FEC RAILROAD CROSSING AT HOLLY STREET
MICCO FL WAS BLOCKED FOR 40 MINUTES BY
A FEC PARKED FREIGHT TRAIN.
THE LOCAL AMBULANCE COULD NOT COME WEST
OVER THE TRACKS (I LIVE LIKE MANY 1,000S ON
THE EAST SIDE OF THE TRACKS).
SO I DROVE MYSELF TO THE NEXT CROSSING
ABOUT 3 MILES NORTH ON MICCO ROAD, MICCO, FL.
THE DAMNED TRAIN WAS BLOCKING THIS CROSSING
AS WELL ! I SAT IN MY TRUCK HAVING
PULPATIONS, TRYING TO CALL 911 FOR ASSISTANCE.
THE EMERGENCY RESPONDERS ARRIVED AT THE EASTERN
SIDE OF THE RAILROAD CROSSING AND RAN BETWEEN
THE RAILROAD CARS TO REACH ME. THEY CARRIED ME
BACK TO THEIR AMBULANCE ON THE EAST SIDE.
I ARRIVED AT THE SEBASTIAN RIVER HOSPITAL WITH

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WHAT THE EMERGENCY INTAKE DOCTOR (DR ROBERT BENKENDORF
DESCRIBED AS 2-3 MINUTES BEFORE FULL STROKE AND
CARDIAC ARREST. PLEASE INSTALL BRIDGES OVER THE TRACKS
TO ELIMINATE AT GRADE CROSSINGS. THANK YOU.

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While I feel this forum does not allow for an adequate coordinated group objection to "All Aboard", I am compelled to write my comments in case my voice may be heard. I AM NOT ALL ABOARD! We move to this quiet, orange-grove filled community specifically because it was a quiet, orange-grove filled community! All Aboard is all about the money! If 3.5 million has been spent to buy lobbyist votes how much more will be made by those who are pushing this project forward? I can bet that it is a whole lot more than 3.5 million! The disruption of traffic, the noise, the inability to access both hospitals located in this county are simply a few reasons why my family vehemently objects to All Aboard. There is nobody here that can convince me otherwise!

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All Aboard Florida - ~~accept it's not.~~

I propose a name change - "All Aboard Miami And Orlando -
Let's Destroy Everything In-Between!"

See, we, the residents of Vero Beach, have gathered massively
today at the Richardson Center at RCHS. Why? You must
realize the ridiculousness you have asked of us:

Support, put up with, and inevitably fund something that
does nothing but harm us. Let's be honest - there will
never be a stop in our humble little town - why would there
be? Those of you who have pushed this to even get to this
stage care about the money. Who cares about people, or wild-
life? Yeah, okay, you can argue with no basis (there is a friendly
tip-back up claims with support. Do not just list nearby habitats
and assure they will not be affected but give no reasons as
to why they would not.) that it will not harm any wildlife that is
listed.

Those that are not? What of them? What of that little boy's
dog who ran in front of the train because that used to be the parking lot

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he played in?
I will sum it up for you. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
Vero is Vero We have enough issues with the trains already
here. We want quiet. We want peace. I have spoken
with people today whose lives you will ruin, and there is
one major point I take from this:
We say no.

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I understand that using existing tracks saves money. But is it worth the cost to 1. the environment 2. noise pollution 3. encroachment on existing properties when rail is added 4. the health of citizens that will have delayed access to hospitals (2 seconds can mean the difference between life and death!) 5. safety of traffic due to train's high speed? And all this cost to our community with zero benefits??!!

6. cost to city to maintain crossing
Move it west, parallel to the turnpike. The monetary cost is well worth the savings in cost to our ~~communities~~ communities.

Why so many trains? 32/day + 400/train - they will not be full and profitable. And how much room is there for error when the

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trains are travelling at 100 mph. A stray cat wouldn't have a chance. God forbid it is a child or any other human being.

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I do not think this is a good idea because of different kinds of pollution. One pollution would be air pollution because of the substance you use to run the train. Another pollution would be noise pollution, this would affect us because the train would be going through multiple times a day. If all of these trains go through every day people might have trouble getting to hospitals. This would not be good because if there is an emergency and someone needs help fast they will get stoped by this train. There would be a lot more traffic conjustion if this were to go thru and people would not be able to get to places.

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- 32 TRAINS / DAY WILL SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE QUALITY OF LIFE DUE TO NOISE & WAIT TIMES FOR RESIDENTS OF THE THREE TREASURY COAST COUNTIES WITHOUT PROVIDING ANY BENEFIT.
- IF AAF GOAL IS TO OFFER RAIL SERVICE (PASSENGER) BETWEEN SOUTH FLORIDA & ORLANDO USE A ROUTE SIMILAR TO THE TURNPIKE. A LIGHT RAIL SYSTEM OR DEDICATED HIGH SPEED BUS LANE WOULD BE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVE
- RIDERSHIP ESTIMATES & REDUCTION IN CONGESTION ARE QUESTIONABLE

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Extend Thruway Right of Way for Tracks
Passenger & Freight Train Service
with Spurs to major cities.

How many rail crossings between
Jacksonville & Miami

How long will crossings be closed
ie Train at approx 2 miles a ~~hour~~ minute
plus gates lowering approx 30 sec to min.

* Florida need improve rail service
for future growth, Travel via rail
Freight via rail

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Very high risk* No reward. 5/20/2014
* 221 Deaths in FEC corridor in 15 years.
with out the extra 32 high speed trains.
cut off from emergency services and the
hospital; Traffic congestion, noise pollution,
disrupts our right for the pursuit of
happiness. I would be more than happy
to help you pay for RR tracks west
of town. Alex Fritz Alex Fritz
1234 River Reach. Dr.
Vero Beach, FL 32967

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Comments:

I Fell awy one that is elected
by the people for people I liked
this train foot-up High Speed of
32 trains a day must be voted out!
For ever

32 train 9,500 per Day where
will they get 386 or so riders
per day - Not going to happen

then we the people will prove
mir-tax \$ in keeping going!

Never Happen

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The All Florida Intercity Rail Project is a very dangerous to communities as Vero Beach. It will have a serious impact on anyone near the tracks. There will be many accidents and discomfort to Vero Beach residents. There is an alternative rail track considerably west of 95 that would not propose the risks this project has.

Lincoln Thompson Jr.
Elizabeth Thompson
8342 W. Harbor Village Dr.
Vero Beach, FL

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The proposed route through Indian River County, St. Lucie County, and Martin County is of no benefit and actually a detriment to all who reside in these counties. Traffic from east of the tracks and those near the tracks will be impacted seriously. Please consider routing your trains to an area west of these Counties.

Robert Cardenas

5055 N. A1A #606

Ft. Pierce, FL 34949

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Comments:

QUESTION FROM A VERO BEACH RESIDENT:
"WHY WOULD I WANT 2 TRAINS PER
HOUR (6:00AM TO 10:00 PM) GOING THROUGH
MY TOWN AT 110 MPH."

THE ONLY BENEFIT THAT WAS
ARTICULATED IS THAT IT IS FOR THE
GREATER GOOD. I SEE NO OTHER BENEFIT.

IF THAT IS THE ONLY BENEFIT FOR US,
I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHY A CORRIDOR
WEST OF THE CITIES INVOLVED HASN'T BEEN
CONSIDERED. I SUSPECT THAT THE REASON
IS THAT, IT WOULD CUT TOO DEEPLY INTO
PROJECTED PROFITS.

BOTTOM LINE - A VERO RESIDENT HAS
TO PUT UP WITH THIS TO ENSURE YOU
MAXIMIZE PROFITS. - NOT THE MOST COMPELLING
ARGUMENT I CAN THINK OF.

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All Aboard Florida Questions/comments November 5, 2014

How exactly will Vero Beach benefit from an extra 32 trains per day running through the town?

Will citizens have access to transportation on the train to the north or south? When?

Jobs: What kind? Long term or temporary employment opportunities? Skilled or labor?

Who in the Vero Beach area benefits from AAF?

Which political party or people have received donated funds from AAF? How much money?

Estimate the disruption/hardship in traffic congestion for commuters going from the west side of town to the east side. How slowly in mph will trains go through the populated areas of Vero Beach? What is the approximate time scheduled for each town crossing? What about ambulance traffic to the hospital? Vero Beach has a substantial elderly population, many who may be in need of hospital services and may need to cross the railroad tracks. In some health situations, minutes are matter of life or death.

Why can't AAF use/extend the less citizen disruptive CSX tracks to the west of Vero- near the Florida Turnpike thereby reducing the hardship for citizens?

Should AAF's predicted passenger ridership fail to materialize, will AFF assume full financial responsibility for all losses rather than Florida taxpayers? If not, why not?

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Comments:

This meeting is a sham - I spoke with the "noise" representative, "SAM", and he spoke of quiet zones and noise reduction, however he referred to "decibels" - The average Vero Beach resident would greatly benefit from an actual demo of the "quiet zones" and the actual sound differential instead of vague references to a power noise level. I don't know the current decibels that I hear a block away from the tracks - how diminished will the quiet zones be ???

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Comments:

My concerns extend to safety issues, the environment, the property values. People who want to go to Disney will always find a way to Mickey's Place and all this talk about freeing the roads is unnecessary. Busses could handle the traffic to this amusement mecca. Many of us in Vero Beach believe this is just a ruse for increased freight traffic. Shame on All Aboard Florida.

Green J. Stone

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I feel my golden retirement years have been threatened by all aboard FL. I live very near the tracks + have sunk all my money into a home that will plummet in value if AAFL succeeds. Along with many other senior citizens, I will be trapped by frequent trains crossing the only way in + out of my home.

The environment - air, noise + animal habitat will be impacted and not in a good way.

There will be a few winners + very many losers if this comes to fruition!

I honestly feel like I am having this development rammed down my throat. Leave it to AAFL to rape a very vulnerable population of senior citizens who have been forced by the economy to reside in mobile home communities.

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Nov. 4, 2014

I am writing to express my objections to the grant of a loan to FECI to finance proposed passenger rail service between Miami and Orlando. Based on my knowledge and research, this project will fail, and the taxpayer funded loan proceeds will be lost.

I will focus on the capital costs, since cost overruns will cause the project to fail before the first train ever leaves the station. My research comes from The Reason Foundation, Acela financial statements, the internet, and news articles on other high speed rail projects.

- Track upgrades from Miami to Cocoa: Amtrak is budgeting \$19.5 million per mile to upgrade 23 miles of existing track in New Jersey, which is already double tracked. Because AAF is building a second track and installing quiet corridors along much of the 184 mile route, the cost per mile will be the same or more, or upwards of \$3.6 billion.
- New tracks from Cocoa to Orlando: The estimate for the new Dallas to Houston HSR project is \$41.7 million per mile, or \$1.5 billion for 35 miles of new track. The San Francisco to Los Angeles HSR project currently under construction is costing \$130 million per mile, or \$4.5 billion for 35 miles. The recently completed HSR linking Milan and Turin in Italy also cost \$130 million per mile.
- Rolling stock: AAF has announced it will buy ten train sets. According to the US Inspector General, this will cost from \$300 to \$700 million.
- Train stations: AAF has announced that it will spend \$209 million to build new stations in Miami, Ft. Lauderdale and West Palm Beach.

The estimates above indicate that the project will cost a minimum of \$5.6 billion. At the upper end it could cost \$9 billion. The project will run out of money on or before the completion of the Miami to West Palm Beach segment. The lenders (taxpayers) will be left with a terribly expensive and poorly utilized passenger train linking cities already served by the Metro Rail service which requires over 80% operating subsidies.

My research has been hampered because FECI refuses to make its business plan public. I believe this is because they know that trained financial and investment professionals will rip their assumptions to shreds.

Respectfully,



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Visualize This: A True High-Speed Train System built along either the I-95 or Florida Turnpike Transportation Corridors West of our Coastal Cities and Towns. The Florida East Coast Railway Tracks have been replaced with a Landscaped Linear State Park Greenway with Bicycle and Walking Paths that are highly utilized by our citizens and enhances the quality of life rather than destroying it.

You may recall that a True Florida High-Speed Rail Project with speeds of up to 186 mph was proposed with initial service between Tampa and Orlando and with plans to extend the service south to Miami along the existing I-95 and Florida Turnpike Corridors that already have traffic overpasses and noise abatement walls along the populated areas and which would allow the trains to attain much higher speeds. There would be no issues with the trains bisecting the towns and stopping Automobile, Public Safety Vehicles, Marine Traffic and Pedestrians along the way 32 times (or more) each day.

Governor Rick Scott, during his second month on the job in 2011 rejected a whopping \$2.4 Billion Dollars in Federal Money to help build this Proposed High Speed Rail Line from Tampa to Orlando and Orlando to Miami. Why?

Now Privately Owned Florida East Coast Railway is trying to force a Second Class Not-So-High-Speed System on us using a century old rail right of way that has long outlived its usefulness. This Route through the Treasure and Space Coasts bisecting our cities and towns will significantly damage the Quality of Life, Health and Safety of our Citizens and the Economies of the Region.

One of the major incentives for FECR to upgrade the tracks is to allow more Freight Trains through our region as a result of the Port of Miami Improvements which will allow Huge International Container ships to unload there and the containers to be transported via rail with more potential for derailment disasters along the way.

Scott has now pledged \$215 Million in Florida State funds to build a massive Orlando Transit Hub with an additional \$467 Million from the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority totaling \$682 Million to serve the Privately Owned All Aboard Florida. This helps only Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, Palm Beach and Orlando and does nothing for the Treasure and Space Coasts as both passenger and freight trains loudly rumble through our cities and towns and across our waterways at least 32 times per day.

I suggest the following: Offer Florida East Coast Railway / All Aboard Florida an easement along the Florida Turnpike or I-95 to build new tracks in exchange for vacating and abandoning the existing tracks through the centers of our coastal cities and towns and deed the land and right of way to the State to be used as Linear Park. The State, in cooperation with the Cities and Towns along the route can then remove the tracks and install bicycle and walking paths with Florida Landscaping along the Greenbelt.

Two Much Better Route Options:

- The Turnpike Route is more direct and would significantly cut the travel time - Downtown Miami to Orlando International Airport is approximately 230 Miles.
- The I-95 to SR-528 Route is approximately 273 miles but runs closer to 4 International Airports along the way: Miami, Ft Lauderdale-Hollywood, Palm Beach and Melbourne. Shuttles from the airports delivering people to a True High Speed Train Terminal would greatly increase the number of passengers utilizing the trains and boost the Florida economy.

Looks like a Win-Win solution to me

Ken Bradley

COMMENTS ON ALL ABOARD FLORIDA

PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES:

110 mph trains through Brevard, Indian River and Martin counties, urban areas
An accident in Vero Beach at 21st street and Route #1 would wipe out the Chamber of Commerce and the Post Office
An accident at Aviation Boulevard and Route #1 would wipe out the Vero Beach Water Department leaving residents without water for months
Many residences and businesses along Old Dixie Highway and Route #1 would be demolished

This project has no benefits to public safety !

OTHER ISSUES

Disruption of Quality of Life
Noise
Vibration
Disruption of boat traffic
Disruption of traffic flow
Disruption of emergency care
Disruption of evacuation
A transition from occasional interruption of our peace and quiet to a constant interruption
Reduced property values

CONCERNS

32 high speed and 20 freight trains could increase accidents by 300% on the 20th place line for FRA accidents
FRA should provide speed, footprints and damage information for all significant recent accidents in North America
FRA should require railroad lines to provide documentation of all toxic materials carried and restrict where they may be carried if an accident would deteriorate water, environment, or quality of life

PROPER LOCATION FOR HIGH SPEED RAIL

Sixty years ago, the Interstate Highway system was designed to skirt urban areas and AAF should be out in middle of the state where CSX and Amtrak operate - and maybe Orlando to Miami would be less than 3 hours

SABIN ABELL

940 ST. ANNE'S LANE

VERO BEACH, FL 32967

Sabinabell@comcast.net

To: The Federal Rail Administration
From: J. Austin, Vero Beach, Florida 32967
Re: The Vero Beach, Florida EIS meeting
Date: 11.5.14

***Potential for the delay of vital transportation services – fire, ambulance, first responders etc.**

*This train will divide our county...forever.

*The Vero Beach Fire Dept. tells us that they are ill-equipped for hazmat training. Each hazmat truck will cost between \$600,000 – 800,000 not including equipment. 7 more fire rescue hazmat trained specialists must be hired for round the clock duty. A new fire house must be built.

*No ridership – potential for hazardous freight v. passenger rail.

*If fruit and vegetables are transported the use of methyl bromide has been suggested as a means for speedy rail delivery from S. American countries. This is a banned chemical.

*Noise and vibration will be increased.

*If a train derails – downtown Stuart will be the most severely impacted. This could wipe out an entire downtown area.

*Some roads may need to be closed throughout the region. We do not want the re-engineering of our towns. Our elected officials are the only planners for our county - not a rail company.

*Various forms of wildlife will be at risk.

*AAF will pave the way for Transit Oriented Development – with other business areas being at risk for loss of business. This is not Europe.

*Trains will hasten the Vehicle Miles Traveled tax as we will be “encouraged to ride a train”. Our state is not yet massively congested and only 6% of U.S. land is developed. The U.N. would like all Americans on a train or bus. This is not Europe.

*We will be paying for the crossing upkeep of a private company – **forever. They should pay us for destroying our towns.**

*AAF is taking advantage of the global push for all people to shift to public transportation. This is corporatism in the purest sense.

*To date, public comments have been suppressed on the FRA website. The FRA is not on the side of “We the People”...they are on the side of the corporations.

Let the G.A.O. have a say in a matter that will change our lives – not for the better. With property rights come responsibilities. The EIS does not address the issue of safety. The only winner will be AAF.

J. Austin

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Austin', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Nov. 4, 2014

Re: RRIF Loan Application from Florida East Coast Industries, LLC (All Aboard Florida)

I am writing to express my objections to granting the above referenced loan on the basis that the proposed passenger rail project will lose money, resulting in a loan default. The loan is a waste of taxpayer's money, which should be used for infrastructure with actual public benefits. Below I have summarized why this project will lose money.

Insufficient population density & lack of local public transit: There is neither enough population density along the route, nor adequate local public transit to feed passengers to and from the train. The only "successful" intercity train route in the US is the Amtrak Acela between Washington D.C. and New York City, a corridor with **twelve times the population** of the Miami/Orlando corridor. The northeast corridor cities have excellent local trains, busses, ferries, taxis and subways to deliver departing passengers to the train station, and arriving passengers to their final destination. However, even Acela requires taxpayer funded capital grants.

Inadequate demand from business travelers: The target market for high speed rail is the business traveler, who can afford the high price of a train or plane ticket. The Miami/Ft. Lauderdale/Orlando market demand is currently satisfied by fourteen flights per day, or **2,100 seats**. FEC will be adding **4,800 seats** per day. There will not be enough business travel demand in our lifetime to fill the seats. FEC claims that their ridership will be mostly tourists, but why would a family of four spend \$1,000 to take a side trip via train to Disney World or Miami, only to have to rent a car upon arrival? Tourist traffic will be very sparse.

Speed: The FEC trains are not "high speed," which by definition means speeds of at least 150 mph. FEC will take three hours to travel from Miami to Orlando, only slightly less time than driving. Passenger trains should never share tracks with freight trains as proposed by FEC, because delays on either route render both services unreliable. The CSX "Theme Park on Wheels" train between Orlando and Miami ran freight and passenger trains on the same tracks, and failed in 1997 after less than two years, proving the point.

Demographics and automobile competition prohibit profitability in the US: Intercity passenger rail service doesn't work in the USA. The only two profitable high speed routes in the world are Paris to Lyon and Tokyo to Osaka. Their infrastructure was built over three decades ago at less than 10% of current costs. Their routes connect dense urban populations served by excellent local mass transit. Automobile travel in France and Japan is much more expensive than in the US, due to high gas prices and toll roads, rendering their trains more price competitive. Every other high speed rail line in the world requires government subsidies. It is inconceivable that FECI can operate profitably.

Capital costs are vastly underestimated: FECI has stated the project cost will be \$2.25 billion. I believe it will cost \$5.6 to \$9.6 billion. You can verify this by comparing the costs of other projects under construction or recently completed. FECI will run out of funds before the first passenger train section is completed.

FECI is overleveraged: The private sector underwrote \$405 million 12% FECI junk bonds this summer. How can you possibly believe that they will be able to repay the additional \$1.6 FRA loan, and why would you expect the taxpayers to accept a rate less than 12% for this speculative loan?

In summary, the proposed FEC loan will not be repaid, and should **not** be granted.

Very truly yours,



Alice J. Johnson

November 5, 2014

Federal Railroad Administration
Via Public Meeting, Vero Beach, FL 2015-11-05

RE: All Aboard Florida

To Whom It May Concern:

We would like to go on record as being strongly opposed to the All Aboard Florida railway project in its entirety. We are also strongly opposed to any expansion of services or facilities along the Florida East Coast railway line.

While there are numerous reasons for our opposition, we have chosen to limit this letter of concern to our top safety concerns.

1. **Existing rail traffic through the Treasure Coast presents a hazard for emergency services vehicles – expansion of services will create threat of life and property by hindering emergency response times.** The majority of health care services and our only hospital here in Sebastian, FL, are located to the east of the existing and proposed rail corridor. Every time a train comes through in either direction, all sidings are blocked for a minimum of 5 minutes and in some cases up to 20 minutes. These closures prevent emergency services vehicles from reaching residents or emergency events. Life threatening illness or injuries can't be "put on hold" while the crossings are closed. Lives continue to be put in jeopardy because necessary medical services cannot be accessed in time. Fires burn longer before responders are able to reach the scene. This is only going to escalate if more trains are allowed to utilize this corridor.
2. **The existing railway bridges and crossings are woefully lacking structural capacity to handle existing trains.** The railway bridge over the Sebastian River is unstable due to years of wear and lack of routine maintenance. The level of corrosion has gone unchecked. The fallout from a failure of that bridge would be catastrophic for this community. This is not a unique situation. The majority of the existing infrastructure of FEC routes are in the same or worse condition. Crossings are unsafe for pedestrian access and vehicular access. This is a predominantly senior community and many of our residents walk, ride bicycles, or use their scooters/wheelchairs to cross the tracks to access the stores on US 1. Replacing bridges and crossings would cause irreparable damage to our ecosystem. Our river and lagoon eco systems are already in jeopardy with existing infrastructure.
3. **Expansion of the track system to add another set of tracks would have an adverse environmental impact on our waterfront community.** In many of the communities along the FEC corridor, expansion would mean elimination of businesses, homes, and green spaces. It would increase the

rail traffic which would bring with it increased noise, vibration, and pollution. Again, no benefit to our community – only detrimental impacts to property, our ecosystem, and our safety.

There are more viable options for expanding north/south rail service in Florida. When I95 was being considered as a ~~corridor~~ north/south corridor the original proposal was to run the same route as AAF is proposing. But after impact studies were complete and public input considered, the project was moved west with no opposition. CSX operates a successful ~~and~~ north/south rail corridor originating in Miami and terminating in Orlando via West Palm, Lake Okeechobee area, and Winter Haven area. Why not collaborate with CSX or build west of I95? There's wide open spaces out there and the existing transportation infrastructure impact is far less invasive and detrimental than the proposed AAF route which goes as far east as Cocoa Beach and requires at least one new set of tracks and multiple new sidings?

4. **We are facing a “taxation without representation” scenario.** We are being told that there is no financial impact to our community yet we will be forced to shoulder the costs of maintaining the crossings in our community. We will be forced to shoulder the costs associated with relocating emergency services to protect our residents and our property. We will be forced to live with an intrusion that is detrimental to the lifestyle of our community. We will be forced to accept a project that will further damage our ecosystem. And for a community that is finally seeing property values begin to recover, we will be forced to accept property value declines as a result of the detrimental impacts of increased rail traffic.
5. **We are being denied our right to due process.** These public meetings are being staged and orchestrated by All Aboard Florida. There are no presentations with a question and answer component. The materials being used for presentation purposes are provided by All Aboard Florida and are, in most cases, woefully inadequate and false interpretations of the impact we can expect in our community. Distribution of factual information by parties in opposition to the project is being banned at these meetings in favor of false statements and renderings created by All Aboard Florida. These meetings were intended to be an opportunity for the FRA to share its findings and answer questions from citizens of each community in a “town hall” forum. Where did our voice go? Who is running this governmental agency? This is not a true public hearing. It is a dog and pony show.

Sincerely,



Nancy Chiappinelli Munoz
1014 Phelps Street
Sebastian, FL 32958
772-913-2570



Gary Stephen Munoz

November 5, 2014

TO: The Federal Railroad Board

FROM: PROPERTY OWNER AMY E WRIGHT- 423 ROUSE ROAD, FORT PIERCE, FL 34946

RE: Comments on Environmental Impact Statement for ALL ABOARD FLORIDA

I am against ALL ABOARD FLORIDA as I see significant environmental impacts to all of the small cities and neighborhoods along the FEC tracks if this project moves forward.

It is surprising that in the FONSI document the words "Fort Pierce", "St. Lucie Village", "Vero Beach" and "Stuart" do not appear even one time. I didn't check for all the other cities like Sebastian, Wabasso, and Melbourne...but I bet they are not there either. One might think they don't exist- but they are in fact some of the areas with the GREATEST environmental impacts. I can't even imagine what downtown Stuart will be like if this goes through. Here are some of my primary concerns: *Supposedly this Vero Meeting is to define what the concerns are: So see below.*

St. Lucie Village. I live in St. Lucie Village. Homes existed in this riverfront community before the FEC railroad tracks. There are plans to have not one additional track but two additional tracks for a total of three the entire length of the village. Even better the two new tracks will be in the area to the west of the existing track and immediately adjacent to Old Dixie Highway- it appears that there will be 6 feet between the edge of the western most track and the existing roadway. The plan puts a train traveling up to **98 miles per hour according to your documents running within 6 feet of cars, bikes and pedestrians** traveling on Old Dixie Highway. Old Dixie Hwy has a speed limit of 35 miles per hour through most of the Village and north of Rouse Road goes to 50 miles per hour. With a 6 foot space from the track there will be no place for a car to pull off the road to stop while the trains go by- so traffic wishing to cross the tracks to our homes will have to stop on Old Dixie and we will be as close as 6 feet to the train while it barrels by us. Is that safe? Really? Old Dixie Highway itself has no more than 12 inches between the edge of the asphalt and the white line marking the traveling lanes (e.g. no bike lane, shoulder etc.). Children waiting for the bus will now have to stay on the west side of Old Dixie and if a train is going by the buses will get caught in the traffic. Would you want your child standing near a train traveling 98 mph? How can we have trains operating at high speed with no setback? We can't build anything within 6 feet of a property line in the village- let alone a train track. Will all the fiber optic and other buried cables be moved to the western side of Old Dixie? Who will pay for that? Currently there appear to be at least four different buried cables in this area. And just a bit further north of the village is Florida Atlantic University with hundreds of people arriving at work and classes each day...one can expect long delays as trains jockey around on three separate tracks.

no one at the meeting could address closeness to the Road- this was disturbing
PROBABLE USE OF THE THIRD TRACK- If one considers what the likely use of the third track is, one can guess that it will be to sideline the freight trains (perhaps even stopping them) which would of course totally block ingress and egress to our homes for residents, emergency vehicles, mail delivery, trash trucks etc....I have waited many a time for the crawling (or parked) freight train to move from the railroad crossing and with the poorly conceived project called All Aboard Florida I can imagine this will be MUCH MORE OFTEN because there will be three times the number of trains! I sure hope that neither my 84 year old mother nor I need EMS for anything after this disaster happens.

Quiet Zones- The Village runs for about 3 miles- it has 8 RR crossings- if the train is moving at 98 miles per hour (taken from map) it would take less than 2 minutes to go through the Village and it would come to a crossing every 15 seconds. Sounds pretty fast....we won't even notice them - gone in the blink of an eye. The only issue is that the trains would have to blow their horns the entire way through the Village- WHOOOO WHOOOO WHOOOO...how nice... especially for the homes that are right next to the tracks. The solution?- QUIET ZONES- impenetrable barriers that come down and block traffic - no horn blowing necessary. The issue with these new "quiet and impenetrable" crossings is that every time one of the "maintenance trucks" is near the crossing (within a few blocks) the bars will come down and block movement through the crossing. This happens a lot- probably more often than an actual train coming through - but worse yet are those times when the crossing simply closes- for no reason, no train, no maintenance worker- just a closed crossing- which can go on for half an hour or more. With the current set up you can get out of your car- look up and down- see that there is not a train or a truck - and drive around the barrier (probably not legal, but then blocking the road is also

illegal). With the QUIET ZONES we will be stuck- even if there is NOT a train- just a broken system or maintenance workers somewhere up the tracks. The maintenance people are there multiple times per week- and with three tracks they will be three times as often – so even when trains are nowhere nearby- the crossings may be closed and no one can either enter or leave the neighborhood and traffic stopped on Old Dixie Highway. Even with just a few trains per hour- total downtime at any crossing will be substantially longer. But no one seems to have thought about this- maybe they don't live near a railroad crossing- and have to deal on a daily basis with track maintenance and "ghost trains" that close the crossings.

RIDERSHIP- The ridership report seems like someone's pipe dream and one wonders how they can be serious. It is filled with assumptions that they even say are assumptions with limited if any real data to support them. They do not take into account the added cost of transportation around the "destination cities". Will there be a giant upturn in Taxi service in Cocoa Beach- and who are these hundreds of thousands to millions of people who want to go there- and why? Maybe Ron Jon's will see an upswing. Similar comments for West Palm...what are you going to do in WPB- go shopping, clubbing? Maybe the Kennedy's will take the train... I guess once you are at the station you can rent a car or take a taxi- or better yet use the bus system (LOL). Maybe the connections in South Florida (Miami, Lauderdale) will be used- but it is not clear who really wants to take the train north and if there is this huge need why don't they use the existing AMTRAK services? It is FASTER than the proposed new train. No need to destroy all of the communities north of Palm Beach for nothing...or could it be for more freight?

PORTS- So the funny thing is that all of the places that this passenger train is going to travel to– all have ports- Port of Miami, Port Everglades, Port of West Palm Beach and Port Canaveral – could the real reason we need this be so that they can haul more freight? Between ports....and on to other places? Or is there going to be a sudden surge of people wanting to take cruises....and if so, why don't they just fly into the city where their ship departs?

There is an old saying...If it doesn't sound right or make sense then it's probably isn't true. Nothing about All Aboard Florida sounds right – nothing about it makes sense- all this expense and impact to the communities along the eastern Florida coast but nothing that shows any real concrete benefit to anyone– except some real estate deals making the owners rich and some jobs building and maintaining it- and of course the taxi driver jobs for all those people who get left at the station with no way to get anywhere else. I am totally against any kind of Federal loan because I can see no way that this boondoggle will make money- tax payers will be left holding the empty bag that once held **1.6 billion dollars**. If they can get private dollars to back this with absolutely no government involvement (no bonds) - then fund it that way- but unfortunately for All Aboard Florida it doesn't appear that the deep pockets of the private sector are "on board" - they can see the same flaws that are obvious to everyone else.

I ask that this letter be incorporated into the public comment section of the documents on environmental impact of All Aboard Florida. There are serious environmental impacts to the communities along the track of All Aboard Florida- none of which are mentioned in your reports because they don't address the communities along the central eastern Florida coast. We will have added noise, vibration, safety issues, reduced access to our homes and emergency services, traffic backups and delays and costs of maintaining these "improved" crossings. There are issues regarding boating and navigation in the Stuart Area. This is not a project that should move forward.

My suggestion: if this is about passengers going between South Florida and Orlando- (and not about more freight on FEC) then put the new tracks on the CSX right of way to the west and compete with Amtrak....or just do the South Florida bit of it and stop there....but then that might not connect the ports...would it?

Amy E Wright 11-5-14

Comments – All Aboard Florida

As things presently stand, nothing has been published which would provide any reason for residents of the Treasure Coast (TC) to favor or be supportive of the All Aboard Florida's (AAF) train proposal. The impression generated, by the AAP people, appears to be "The public be damned, full speed ahead"!

To my knowledge there have not been any considerations given as to how to "sell" the planned train service to the people on the TC. From what I have heard and concluded, the following are the pertinent points of discussion which would provide a more favorable response from the TC:

1. Provide one passenger train which would provide service to the TC, one train north and one train south, each day. The favored passenger stop, to board/ discharge users, would appear to be Fort Pierce, with a time scheduling which would provide, at a reasonable cost, connections with Amtrak and the airport. The Treasure Coast has, for many years, been in favor of passenger service.
2. Publicize the schedule of all train traffic by the day of the week and the time of arrival at each major city, passenger and freight.
3. Information should be provided indicating the speed of all trains at each city, lengths of the trains and the actual time required to clear intersections.
4. Of great importance would be information where freight trains would be sidetracked for the passage of the high speed passenger trains?

These would be the minimum considerations which would possibly interest and sell the train proposal to the TC!

If these concerns are not given full consideration it is doubtful that most of the TC will support the proposal. Then, All Aboard Florida will, very likely, become "a dirty word" on the TC! Would this be "positive Good Will"!?

Submitted by:

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August 21, 2014

Mr. Joseph C. Szabo
Administrator
Federal Railroad Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave
Washington, DC 20590

Re: **All Aboard Florida**

Dear Mr. Szabo:

All Aboard Florida will inconvenience or otherwise harm just about everybody who lives, works, shops or goes to school along Florida's eastern corridor between Miami and Cape Canaveral.

Following are my concerns:

- Assertions that the project will increase tourism, create jobs, have positive environmental and economic impact, and reduce automobile traffic between destinations are speculative, misleading or false.
- Management is not project tested for high speed rail beyond its slick marketing and backroom politicking capabilities.
- Any miscalculations or oversight in the company's business, engineering or operating plans could prove catastrophic.
- The Florida East Coast rail bed is not suited for high speed trains in many areas where roads closely parallel and intersect tracks.
- Any train is a threat to public safety despite precautions taken.
- Almost every three hours a person or vehicle is hit by a train (NBC Nightly News 7-29-14).

11-5-14

Bottom line, All Aboard Florida will seriously inconvenience and otherwise harm a lot more people than it will help!

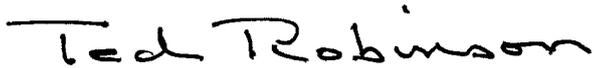
Theodore Robinson

- All Aboard Florida trains will become increasingly annoying, distracting and disruptive to families, businesses and local governments with the passage of time.
- Most commercial and residential real estate within sight and sound of the trains will lose desirability and value.
- All Aboard Florida is not a public necessity, will have little public value, and probably 98% of Florida residents, visitors and taxpayers will never board an All Aboard Florida train once the marketing stops and the novelty wears off.
- The company cannot compete with other modes of transportation in terms of total door-to-door travel time and cost.
- All Aboard Florida and its parent company, Florida East Coast Industries, can never cover investment, debt service and operating costs without some form of public subsidy.
- All Aboard Florida is probably structured – legally and financially – for bailout by taxpayers in the event of catastrophe or project failure.
- The collateral offered, rolling stock, is unacceptable. with a liquidation value of only a small percentage of the \$1.6 billion public financing sought.
- All Aboard Florida will add to traffic congestion around station stops in Miami, Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach and the Orlando airport without noticeable improvement in road travel conditions between them.
- The company's grandiose private real estate development and railway infrastructure improvements will cause traffic snarls and other problems wherever work is being done, reminiscent of Boston's Big Dig.
- There are proponents of All Aboard Florida from the public and private sectors who place self-interest ahead of public safety and financial welfare, and consequently cannot be entrusted with the management and use of \$1.6 billion borrowed taxpayer money.

In view of the foregoing, I trust you and your Federal Railroad Administration associates will deny All Aboard Florida the RIFF financing it seeks. You cannot in good conscience use taxpayer money to finance a project that will inevitably inconvenience and harm anyone you are constitutionally obligated to protect and serve.

Thank you for your consideration. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter. My telephone number is (772) 231-7537 if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ted Robinson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "T" and "R".

Theodore W. Robinson III

cc: Anthony Foxx, Secretary of Transportation, U.S. DOT
Jeff Marootian, White House Liaison, U.S. DOT
The Honorable Patrick E. Murphy, U.S. Congress
The Honorable Bill Posey, U.S. Congress
The Honorable Marco Rubio, U.S. Senate
The Honorable William C. Nelson, U.S. Senate
Michael Busha, Executive Director, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
Joe Baird, Indian River County Administrator
Jim O'Connor, City Manager of Vero Beach, FL
Joe Griffin, City Manager, Sebastian, FL

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I am opposed to the train because they could put the tracks where it wouldn't impact the homeowners and our way of life!

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* people moved to this area because they liked what they saw here*. Now a man with a miss has railroad tracks, he decided to get investees, years ago to make him money. His ego. Our own Governor's involved in this very sneaky deal! He's been putting his money in this for his own ego. miama + Panama Canal a finished, for now improving docks for freight. We find out AFTER the fact! Lies + secrets. Our towns have been built on the water + tracks, old tracks new heavy speed train animals, kids + what will happen when old tracks + new trains crash - don't mix. All the publicity for us to realize we will end up paying for some trains we don't need or want. Go West - we don't want you here. This should just be "No Trains" - what is all this about - just

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say No - just say no train

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why are we even here,
just say no train at all!

To: Federal Railroad Administration
Washington DC 20590

Nov 5, 2014

Attn: John Winkle

Subject: Draft EIS, All Aboard Florida

From: John E. Preschlack
101 Oyster Cut
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EMAIL: JEP@COR@tds.net
PH 772/234-8209

The draft EIS fails to recognize the impacts on coastal communities of combined passenger and freight traffic well beyond current levels. AAF's sister company, Florida East Coast Industries is in the business of freight-management with major investments in the coming expansion of freight traffic following ^{widening} ~~expansion~~ of the Panama Canal ^{financed} ~~in 1914~~. The track & crossing improvements ~~financed~~ by the Federal loan to AAF will allow an ^{unregulated and} unlimited amount of freight traffic ^{on} to the FECI lines thereby causing extreme ^{congestion at} ~~congestion at~~ crossings and bridge ~~closures~~ in the affected coastal communities. The draft EIS simply does not address this issue ^{of combined traffic} ~~except in~~ ^{and unregulated} ~~cover~~ a ~~most superficial way~~.

J. Preschlack

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THE ESTIMATE OF 9500 RIDERS PER DAY IS PROBABLY CORRECT, THE COST WILL BE GREATER THAN AIR, LONGER BUT MORE COMFORTABLE, THE ONLY REASON TO RIDE TO ORLANDO IS EITHER THE AIRPORT OR DISNEY WORLD ETC.

BLUE RIDER OR EUROSTAR IS IDEAL, BUT THE SHARED TRACK DRIVING BUT MUCH MORE EXPENSIVE ESPECIALLY FOR MORE THAN ONE.

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Roscoe (name)

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Comments:

- Very concerned about grade crossings

- Safety of emergency health providers crossing or trying to cross tracks

- Substantial interference with businesses along tracks + with people trying to get to the business

- We know that tracks exist west of proposed route and that project can be carried out there. This would avoid all these problems + the consequent impact on the life of this community

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get across from (EAST) Barrier
Island to the Hospital either
JRM Hosp in Vero or Sebastian
Hospital north of Vero?
Re: Medical Condition -
Life or death depends on
the ability of Ambulance to
get to a Hospital promptly
(Trains can not stop in this
scenario)

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Comments:

This project would descript a
lonely community. It would affect
business, ambulances to the hospital
cause safety problems & disrupt
attending community projects.
This should be west of Vero
Beach where a railroad already
exists & would avoid all problems
noted above. No federal
funds should be given.

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Comments:

LIVING ON US I WE DO NOT NEED THE
NOISE AND THE SHAKING OF THE BOURDINGS
WE DONT WANT THIS TRAIN

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FOR CONTAINER TRAFFIC FROM MIAMI /
TO POINTS NORTH & WEST, A MORE
EFFICIENT MODE OF TRANSPORTATION
THAN RAIL WOULD BE A TUG &
BALGE INTELMPAL SYSTEM. THE
CONTAINERS WOULD BE OFFLOADED FROM
THE SHIP OR FROM THE CONTAINER
STORAGE PATIO ONTO THE BALGES
WHICH WOULD THEN BE TOWED OR
PUSHED BY TUGS FROM MIAMI,
TO JACKSONVILLE SAVANNAH,
CHARLESTON AND FROM THERE
BY TRUCK & RAIL TO POINTS WEST.
SUCH SYSTEM PRESENTLY OPERATES
BETWEEN PUERTO RICO & JACKSONVILLE
AND IS OPERATED BY CROWLEY
MARITIME.

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Comments:

Why do you think running "at grade" thru 340 crossings is good for our emergency services, school buses, businesses - all along the Treasure Coast?

Asela only crosses 11 "at grade" crossings all the way from N.Y.C. to Boston!

Take it west of I 95

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Comments:

I am concerned that the historical diesel plant in Vero Beach will be adversely affected by the vibrations additional train traffic will cause, we have documented knowledge that is contrary to the studies done by the AA team. More than once this information has been presented to John Winkle and it would appear it has been ignored. If these additional trains somehow receive approval and the diesel plant is severely damaged it is on record w/ the local news and media that your organization was alerted and warned, please address this appropriately and do not ignore our pleas to save the officially recognized historical building we care about,

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We live in Sebastian. All major activities, hospitals, parks, restaurants are on US1 or along the lagoon. Everything is east of the railroad tracks, yet 2/3 of residents are on the west side of the tracks.

You AAF is ruining the life of tens of thousands of people's lives by sending 16 trains (32) crossing closures per day along the Treasure Coast. "SHAME ON YOU AAF"

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Comments:

I am opposed to the All Aboard Florida plan for the following reasons - (1) The quality of life in Vero Beach will be significantly affected in several ways including increased noise, vibration, safety, (2) Businesses on either side of the track will be affected by the increased number of crossing closures due to 32 train/day crossing time (B). (3) Health care given (i.e. ambulances) will potentially be affected. (4) After AAT realizes that their passenger trains are not being utilized as much as they'd hoped - guess what they'll turn to freight trains increasing on the line. Vero Beach has nothing to gain and a lot to lose. They should have gone inland but they of course don't own that line (CSX does).

Michael King 2012

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Representatives of Vero Beach, Florida

“All Aboard Florida” is truly a misnomer, because the company has no intention of including the residents of the town of Vero Beach. My husband and I anticipated a passenger train that would transport us from Vero Beach to the V.A. facility in West Palm Beach. When A A F announced their plans for high speed rail service, I was interested, but soon dismayed as their projected plans would not include a stop in Vero . In fact, no stops were planned for any city between Orlando and West Palm Beach . Not one of the 16 daily trains would be available to the residents, but their cars would pass through 32 times per day up to a speed of over 100 mph, disrupting traffic and adding to the noise level.

Why would AAF and the Fortress Investment Group ever expect any support from our community or the other communities along the current railroad tracks passing through the center of our small towns? And to add insult to injury, this private investment group is asking for public support by asking each town to pay for upgrades to the tracks in the town and for any additional safety features needed at our crossings. It seems to me that the Investment group has little to lose, but the communities have much to lose- profits for investors, none for residents.

And what about citizens who live west of the railroad track? In an emergency situation how long will ambulances have to wait at crossing while transporting citizens to the Indian River Hospital located to the east of the railroad tracks? How many lives may be lost in such a delay?

I envision a rail service that might just fail to reach the projected passenger capacity as do most of the rail systems in the U.S. What then? Will the company throw up their hands and request more government help? Isn't this simply a further burden on the taxpayers? Or will they trade the passenger cars for longer freight cars to transport goods from the port of Miami northward as I suspect might just be their ultimate goal anyway.

I ask that our town not support this project. Let the Fortress Investment Group and their investors use the westerly tracks by the Florida Turnpike for their route from Orlando to Miami. Only then will there be less disruption to our towns. How they fund the additional tracks and safety issues should be theirs to solve, and covering any losses due to poor ridership should be their responsibility as well. Taxpayers here don't want it and shouldn't have to pay for any of it.

Ann Rabinowitz

2488 63rd Square, Vero Beach, FL 32966

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We (2) would like to see the passenger rail put into use - and am excited that additional steps may be considered.

I'm concerned about the cost per person. Also - your projection of how many people per day is questionable.

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or ENJOY

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Comments:

I live very close to the tracks on the East side. My floors, window sills and window blinds are constantly coated with black soot-dust. Additional trains will result in more of this. There are six crossings near me; adding 32 more trains will make the noise unbearable. Everytime I need to go West of the tracks I will be tied up with a train crossing. I am very concerned that there will be no access over tracks for emergency vehicles; this could cause tragic consequences for many people. Even one life lost to a crossing train is too much. What about the additional costs that Vero Beach tax payers will eventually be paying - with no benefit to us. This is a lose-lose deal for us living in Vero.

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Comments:

Douglas Moore Cindy Pat Carter, 721 US Hwy 1
Varo Branch.

I've been told that the crossings will
take 47 seconds from closing to opening
although that may vary due to traffic.
This means as I understand all traffic
east to west in stopped for 32 minutes
per day contributing to additional congestion
in already congested urban areas.

I've also been told that the sole reason
for not using the CSX line through Oklawaha
is that freight has priority. Considering there are
fewer crossings, fewer bridges, less interruption to
existing communities, increased revenues to CSX along
with a new line & upgraded rails I find the
objections to be suspicious.

I AM AGAINST Dualizing the Existing
EAST COAST LINE

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Comments:

I DO NOT BELIEVE THIS TRAIN IS SAFE FOR CROSSINGS
FOR HOMES & WILDLIFE
IT WILL SPLIT THE TOWN IN HALF, DISRUPT OUR
PEACEFUL ~~ENVIRONMENT~~ SURROUNDINGS - CAUSE MASSIVE
TRAFFIC BACKUPS - DESTROY OUR QUALITY OF LIFE
DEVALUE OUR PROPERTY

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Comments:

I am definitely opposed to AAF coming through Indian River County and disrupting our lives. I live near enough to the tracks to lose my property value ~~and~~ ^{and} with all the traffic backed up from the crossing, it will be a nightmare getting to the street. Also, I object to the impact it will have on the wildlife ~~on~~ our preserve.

Why do you insist on coming thru the heavy populated cities + towns on the East Coast of Fla. when the tracks running thru the central part of Fla. are already in existence

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Comments:

We live in a development along US #1 - across the highway from the tracks.

1) Noise - increased rail traffic will severely impact us. It may cause our property values to decrease, also. (↑ Noise)

2) Rail crossings closing that often is unrealistic - for regular traffic and emergency traffic & access

3) Rail bridges for boaters will increase waiting times.

4) Cost to communities for noise abatement is an impact for taxpayers

5) Let's not forget that we don't have any reason to like this system - No stops, etc. locally

6) I doubt very much that you can turn a profit with all of these trips - taxpayers will eventually have to make up the difference.

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Comments:

This RR divides our town in half
e for a small semi-rural city
This is a disaster with no
benefit. IT disrupts our
way of life

Richard Winger
1361 Indian Mound Tr
Vero Beach, FL 32963
772-231-4445
Mayor of Vero Beach
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Address	<i>1361 INDIAN MOUND TR, Vero Beach 32963</i>
email	Please provide your email address if you would like to receive notification when the FEIS is available <i>dickwinger@live.com</i>



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Comments:

A A F selected and paid for the consultants used by the F R A for the environmental impact statement. The F R A is not concerned about safety and the environment, only want to enable A A F.

It is evident that the Federal + State government is not concerned about all the problems this rail system will cause the citizens of the Treasure Coast.

The high speed train should be routed to the west in Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River + Brevard counties and hopefully this will be reviewed again by consultants not paid by A A F

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Comments:

This proposed project will cause a huge negative impact on the citizens of the Treasure Coast. Please do not let this happen.

100's of grade level crossings = problems

Emergency Vehicle delays = premature deaths

Boaters will be greatly inconvenienced by the movable bridge closures. Hundreds of boats every weekend day (Sat + Sun + Holidays) will be stopped 15-25 minutes, And all this will increase with the projected increase in ^{the number of} freight trains in the future

To minimize the environmental (and human) impact, this project should go through the area West of Interstate 95 — such as on the CSX Line.

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Comments:

① Good For All ABOARD FLORIDA - They've invested so much capital that they have to assert this is a viable project and will benefit the environment and the economy.

BAD For the small towns and cities who will actually have to deal with the worsened environment + economy.

② So who amongst you (FRA) has actually spent time, on-site, evaluating the impact of this project, on, for instance, Stuart, Ft Pierce, Vero Beach. Ever experienced the car/boat traffic in, for instance Ft Pierce? No? Then how can you buy (oh, that's right, it's just a loan) the info put out by AAF? Let's all say "yes" to AAF and don't worry about the rest of us. Go home and sleep well. We won't, living 2 blocks from the tracks. Ever have 22 to 30 trains blowing their horns outside your front door in the very heart of your business area, approximately 4 blocks by 3 blocks? No? Then you have no

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idea what the impact is. Give me a call and I'll be glad to introduce you to Ft. Pierce
Ellen MANCINI, 772-532-0096

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Comments:

THIS PROJECT SEEMS TO BE DRIVEN BY
COMMERCIAL INTEREST OUTSIDE OF THE
FLORIDA COAST WITH NO BENEFIT TO THE
FLORIDIAN GOVT. THE LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE
IS NOT DESIGNED TO ACCOMMODATE THIS
TYPE OF PROJECT, HOSPITAL SEPARATE FROM
THE MAIN POPULATION BY A R.R. LINE THAT
AMPLIFIES THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE
SITUATION.
IF YOU WANT TO SUPPORT DISNEY AND
THEir CAUSE LINEAR, LET THEM PAY FOR IT
AND GO WAY AWAY FROM THE POPULATION
CENTERS. YOU WOULD HAVE A LOT MORE
SUPPORT.
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Comments:

NO-FAV!

I AM AGAINST THE ALL ABOARD FL
PASSENGER RAIL PROJECT. ALL R/R CROSSINGS
ARE NOT ADIQUATE FOR THE MANY TRAIN PASSINGS
THROUGH VERO BEACH & INDIAN RIVER COUNTY.
THE TRAIN PASSINGS WILL DISRUPT TRAFFIC TO AND
FROM THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT - THE AIRPORT TRAFFIC
WILL BE DISRUPTED! THE PROPERTY
VALUES WILL BE DEVALUED BECAUSE OF
THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF THE TRAINS
PASSING THROUGH VERO BEACH & INDIAN RIVER CO.
THE TRAIN VIBRATIONS WILL POSE A ^{NEGATIVE} SAFETY
CONCERN TO ALL REAL ESTATE PROPERTY
WITHIN 100 YARDS EITHER SIDE OF THE TRAIN
TRACKS!

I AM A RESIDENT OF INDIAN RIVER CO. I
DO NOT BELIEVE THE TRAIN SERVICE TO
BE GOOD FOR INDIAN RIVER CO.

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Comments:

Property values will go down if 32 trains a day run through Vero Beach, FL. Nothing has been presented stating how pedestrians + bike riders can safely and easily cross the tracks. How many people will die because trains are stopping them from getting to Indian River Memorial ^{Hospital} on 37th St. between U.S. 1 + Indian River drive? All those trains (32+) will be a nuisance if you live in Vero, St. Lucie + Ft. Pierce + Sebastian. No consideration. There is nothing good about 32+ trains speeding through our towns, and the noise!! One of your speakers talking about tracks, wrongly stated the track for freight is already in place. News papers reported that "eventually" an additional track for freight will be added. Just heard no presentation will be given.

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Comments:

- 1) How much effort are you willing to maintain maximum safety measures to ~~prevent~~ ~~prevent~~ ~~prevent~~ ~~prevent~~ ~~prevent~~ certain accidents?
- 2) What will happen if business goes bad to the point where you may have to shut down?
- 3) And how would you know the figures of how many will ride your train
- 4) Can't you accept additional revenue by adding a stop ~~to~~ in the Treasure Coast? Does chart does it?
- 5) How can you be sure your train won't derail at high speeds? Anything can happen at 100-250 mph.
- 6) European railroads follow a more efficient method of conducting business: They go AROUND cities, not make the roads more congested. (Indian River County traffic is horrible as it is ~~the~~ as small towns like Vero Beach and Sebastian go.
- 7) I'm sure your business may fail. Can't say for how long, but it just won't end well on this spot, especially when expanding it to Jacksonville where you have to deal with more cities along the way.

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It was very disturbing that there was not one copy of the draft EIS at the public information meeting - so it was impossible to show them what we were asking about - why hold a meeting where the document under discussion is not available to look at?

Why not have close ups of the planned new tracks ^{in this area} at the meeting rather than just a red line running along existing tracks?

I live in St. Lucie Village and it would be great if someone came to our township and explained the design & use of the 3 tracks & their relationship to homes & Old Dixie Hwy -

Amy Wright 423 Rouse Rd, Fort Pierce FL 34946
772 461-2339

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Need more information re:
those conditions where only
street (in green/purple) could be
blocking emergency services
- ambulance, fire, law enforcement
etc.

See nothing that spoke to
this issue along the
Treasure Coast.

One death caused by
above could "backstop" the
FEC.

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I HAVE RIDDEN THE MIAMI METRO RAIL TO WORK
FOR 2 YEARS (1992-1994) FROM HIALEAH
TO SOUTH MIAMI - DADELAND, AND THEN CONTINUED
ON THE METROBUS ON TO WORK. I KNOW HOW
IMPORTANT IT CAN BE TO DEPEND ON RELIABLE
TRANSPORTATION FOR WORK, HOWEVER, I DO NOT
UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS HIGH-
SPEED ITEM! IT SOUNDS LIKE A
KILLER TO ME! WHERE MUST THESE
TRACKS BE??? CLOSE TO MY DAUGHTER'S
HOME, WHERE SHE CROSSES THE TRACKS WHILE
TAKING HER GIRLS DAILY TO THEIR DOCTORS, TO
CHEERLEADING, TO SWIM PRACTICE, OR EVEN TO SCHOOL!
WHY IN THE WORLD CAN'T THIS BIG
PROJECT GO THROUGH THE COW PASTURES
IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STATE?? DOES
THAT COST TOO MUCH ☹ ☹ \$\$\$ \$\$\$ \$\$\$

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Comments:

I simply cannot understand the rationale of the proposed train route splitting cities & waterways to achieve your freight plans. You will absolutely ruin the treasure coast unnecessarily. Why not choose the logical routes west of these historical treasures - west where CSX already exists. Is the plan you propose so necessary that negotiations ^{are} not regarded as at the ruin of what little the Florida coast has left for future generations.
SHAME ON YOU!

GREED & PROFIT ^{FOR SPEED} AT WHAT COST?

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Comments:

- 1) UN SAFE SPEEDS
- 2) SAFETY FOR "US" small quiet Vero Beach
- 3) Medical to get to the hospital
2 minutes delay is @ can be too much.
- #) We had fewer trains at the time of
Med/Emergency for my mom I didn't know
the TRAIN times - how many (times)
do I get to remember. I do know that you
are pretty much on schedule but what about
emergencies - We can't plan them at the time
to wait @ decide which RR crossing to cross
- 4) how are you going to keep Old Historic V.B.
from shaking off its foundation.
- 5) I live on 44th AVE & hear the night trains
where's my tranquility
- 6) Are you paying for this - I can assure
you - "You'll" get your bonus.

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Comments:

"You Guys -"
"FEC, AAF, ECR AND ALL OTHER CO'S"
have given 3.5 million to get this going
I really don't care Rep @ Dem
mayors / V.P.'s @ all inbetween
I think you could have used the monies
in a positive way by show 1st
Improvements ALL THE WAY AROUND
to all these small towns (only pass bys)
to make sure the fire trucks "em jets"
sheriff etc then traffic to pass over
the trains so as not to delay @ maybe a
death on the other side of the tracks -
Don't really know if I'll be here 2015 @ 2017
when 1st part is done but you're not being kind
to small towns - "small town people"
I grew up in MIAMI - I lived in W Palm -
left them for the small town -

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I understand the need to move people,
but this is the wrong place. You will
be destroying a lovely place called the
"treasure coast" and that makes you pirates!
This will divide our community (Vero
Beach) it will cause loss of jobs because
the building will stop, folks can't get
to the hospital and terrible traffic jams,
and our precious environment will be
compromised and in time the sea will
eat it all away. Please think of the state
as a whole and don't destroy it.

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The shortest distance between Miami to Orlando is not along the Inshore Coast. Why not, if you insist on carrying on this obscurity, run the Train along the Florida ~~to~~ Turnpike where the state already owns land; the population density is less & the environmental impact would be less. The route would also be shorter!

Aileen M. Flaherty

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Comments:

WILL THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REALLY INCLUDE "WORST CASE" ECONOMIC IMPACT ON THE CITIZENS OF FLORIDA: STATE, CITY, COUNTY, or LOCAL TAXES?

WILL THERE BE AN ACCOUNTING OF LOBBYING COST DIRECT + INDIRECT (greased palms) TO SUPPORT THIS "PASSENGER RAIL PROJECT"?

WHAT PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL COST OF THIS PROJECT WILL THE RAILROAD COMPANY ACTUALLY PAY - DO ~~THE~~ THE "PUBLIC OFFICERS" RECEIVE ANY SHARE OF THE PROFIT REALIZED BY THIS SERVICE AFTER SUBSIDIES FROM THE TAXPAYERS TO BUILD IT?

WHY IS THE EAST-WEST CORRIDOR (35 miles) THE ONLY ONE CONSIDERED FOR "QUIET ZONE" ~~HOW~~ HOW CLOSE ARE YOU WILLING TO LIVE TO TRAIN TRACKS THAT HAVE 50 TRAINS PER DAY AND HOW MUCH ARE YOU WILLING TO PAY TO BUY PROPERTY THERE? ~~BRUCE TRIPPEY~~

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I wish to express my concerns regarding this Rail Project. Since there are NO RESTRICTIONS on more freight traffic or how much this will REALLY COST!

1) As a citizen I will be paying taxes for several more years. This will cost me as a Federal Taxpayer, in addition cost by the local community as we as the state will be born by me. ☹️ ^{no longer contributing as a consumer}

2) Without proper overpasses/underpasses built now more taxpayers will suffer being cut off from emergency services (FIRE, Health, WEATHER) ~~of~~ ^{one dead former taxpayer}

3) The Elephant in the Room is the conversion to freight traffic should the passenger demand not meet economic needs. UNSPOKEN IS THE INCREASE OF GOODS & PRODUCTS OFF LOADED FROM SHIPPING THANKS TO THE ~~WIDENING~~ WIDENING OF THE PANAMA CANAL

4) WHAT ARE THE PROJECTED PASSENGER TRAFFIC AND FAIRE TO/FROM ORLANDO + MIAMI? WILL THAT MANY PEOPLE REALLY PAY IT?

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Bruce Trippet

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Comments:

TRAIN WOULD CREATE UNSAFE CONDITIONS,
(TOO MANY, TOO FAST, TOO LOUD)

BAD FOR ADJACENT BUSINESSES

BAD FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL

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Comments:

William A. Kelly - 401-418-0104

I grew up in NYC area - high speed trains connect NYC + Boston and NYC + Washington DC - An important commute hook up of Key Economic centers. This train and its environmental impact will do nothing more than bring more people to the Plastic Capital of the World.

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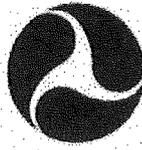
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1. Amtrak runs between Miami and Orlando. Do we really need more train transportation between those cities? If so, why must it run through the middle of our towns along the east coast?
2. The Panama Canal expansion project is expected to be completed by 2016. It will double the capacity of the canal by allowing more and larger ships to pass through the canal. The Port of Miami will be the closest port for off-loading goods at this end of the canal. If demand for passenger service by train between Miami and Orlando isn't high, the tracks will be ready for more freight trains. If speedy passenger trains divide our towns, imagine what a major increase in long, slow freight trains will do.
3. Some are in favor of trains through our towns because the laying of tracks will create jobs. First of all, even if jobs are created locally, they will last only as long as the construction of the tracks lasts. Also, surely they would not hire a new crew in each town. If they were to do so, the jobs that would be created would be of even shorter duration.
4. Florida depends on tourism. Most permanent residents may find themselves stuck in towns where train traffic adds noise and makes it difficult to get to the beach, favorite restaurants, and shopping. Emergency vehicles may be unable to get to people needing speedy access to hospitals. We may have to deal with all of that, but our visitors don't. They can simply choose another town, maybe on the west coast or even in another state, to winter in.
5. Please seriously consider the change in quality of life for those towns to be affected by the addition of additional tracks through our towns - the towns that are home to so many of us. This is not necessary. Send the trains to a less populated area. There is no reason not to send them elsewhere while there are so many reasons to keep them out of our towns.

Deborah J. Lindmark

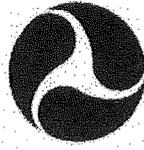


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Comments:

Why should we (the Treasury Coast) wait for thru-only trains? What's in it for us?
We wait too long for freight trains as it is.

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Comments:

*no trains through the hearts of
our cities*

*a few
just some of the reasons why
the trains should not run thru our
communities.*

THEY KNOW...LIVES WILL BE LOST. IST RESPONDERS WILL BE HAMPERED....MANY.PRECIOUS MOMENTS WILL BE LOST AT THE CROSSINGS FOR ACCIDENT VICTIMS..HEART ATTACKS AND MORE.

THE ALL ABOARD FLORIDA SAYS IT ONLY TAKES 49 SECONDS FOR THE TRAIN TO MOVE ACROSS A CROSSING, BUT, HOW MANY CROSSINGS WILL HAVE TO CLOSE AHEAD OF A TRAIN RUNNING OVER 100MPH?

PEOPLE WORRY OUR REAL ESTATE VALUES WILL DROP AND PEOPLE WILL LEAVE TO FIND BETTER SEASIDE COMMUNITIES. THERE ARE SERIOUS RAMIFACATIONS ABOUT THIS.

WE ALREADY HAVE AMTRAC PASSENGER SERVICE...WHICH IS FEDERALLY FUNDED BETWEEN MAIMI AND ORLANDO. WITH TWO TRAINS SPLITTING THE RIDERSHIP....NEITHER ONE WILL SUCCED .

THE AAF STATES " THE PASSENGER TRAINS WILL LOWER THE CARBON FOOTPRINT" taking cars off the road. WRONG... CARS HAVE POLLUTION CONTROLS...DEISEL LOCAMOTIVES SPEW SOOT. WE AS HOMEOWNERS HAD TO CLOSE IN OUR BACK PORCH BECAUSE OF THE SOOT ON EVERYTHING. I CAN'T IMAGINE HOW BAD IT WOULD BE WITH ALL THE PROPOSED FREIGHT TRAINS.

HAVING OWNED AND OPERATED A FINE ART GALLERY IN PA FOR 27 YEARS.....I HAD PLANS TO OPEN A GALLERY IN THE ART DISTRICT DOWNTOWN. LIKE MANY OTHERS, WE CANNOT DO BUSINESS IN A PLACE WHERE MANY TRAINS CUT THE CITY IN HALF ALL DAY LONG

THIS PROJECT PROVIDES NO BENEFITS FOR US...ONLY DAMAGES, DUE TO LIABILITY RISKS AND FINANCIAL COSTS....AND LOSS OF BUSINESS

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Major concern with financial viability of venture.
How were the ridership (projected) ^{figures} calculated?

How much has been done to develop a service that would run from Miami to Orlando that did not pass through all the residential communities?

Has a non-localized train (passenger) service been investigated to provide transportation between towns (Stuart/Vero Beach/Melbourne, etc) along with a direct service?

Are all the noise mitigation features been developed to quiet noise for the households fairly close to the railway? Will seamless track be used?

Are there existing high speed trains in use in the United States? Have they been financially successful?

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Not only is the entire project a sham, but these public hearings are also a sham. No speeches or interaction - controlling the process + outcome. Passenger rail is doomed to failure, just look at failures around the country and the world. The whole project is a ruse to carry excess freight from the Panama Canal. Ridership projections are downright laughable. Oh, and how about the bogus environmental impact study. And paralleling through our towns, disrupting and destroying our way of life why to save money by not going through the center of the state using the thruway, is one. 32 ~~trains~~ trains a day, 110 mph - plus frequent trains is a huge detriment in terms of noise, vibration, safety. Service essentially be cut off from the backside of towns, inducing traffic delays and de

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Emergency vehicles will be delayed and
hindered. Businesses will suffer because
it will be difficult to get to their location.

It's a destructive and stupid idea to run
these trains through the beautiful coastal
towns on the eastern seaboard. The beaches &
ocean are our draw and joy where we want
to live. Tourism in our towns will suffer
due to the horrendous noise everyone
is forced to endure.

How dare you call this a private project - Federal
funds are OUR money and we don't approve
of this project!

Samuel Johnson says I can't stop you!

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Noise Pollution is environmental pollution. 32 Trains a day going through the several crossings in Vero Beach sounding their horns at each crossing constitute extreme noise pollution, not to mention the impact of road closures at each crossing; the AAF prepared to insure no emergency vehicle will be unduly ~~delayed~~ delayed.

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Comments:

I am very concerned about many things
top of my list is the cut off the hospital
and most of Vero's doctors - Our elderly
live mostly west of the tracks!!!!

This project is not for passenger transport
it is the increase of freight train traffic
they take more than 1/2 minute!

The noise of the trains deafening

We have no overpasses to make traffic
available - safety of our children

We have really been "Road Rooded".

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I am against the All Aboard train concept! I am a resident of Indian River County, a home owner, an investment real estate owner, wife, mother, and Grandmother! The impact such a "rail" system would have on a community like Vero Beach/ Indian River County would be a major environmental problem: noise, debris, and a safety issue to the surrounding properties causing a decrease in real estate and property values! The emergency programs with regard to the health facilities would be greatly impaired due to delays, caused by the delays in the time used daily to cross, delay times the multiple trips at each rail crossings and daily to Doctors & hospital could be horrible to all those in need of emergency care at the IRMC and surrounding Dr. offices.

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Whispering Palms MHC & RV Resort consists of 50 acres, 571 sites with 68 sites along approximately 1/2 mile of existing track. We are year round with a high seasonal base. The sites along the "back where the train is" have always been harder to rent. Reasons cited: Vibration, fear of the train, noise when it goes by. We discount those sites to try and make them more attractive. During the month of Oct. alone we have lost over \$30k in revenue because they will not reserve along that area. We have Florida Panthers, bobcats, turtles and various wildlife. We, and all my residents, come to our area for the peace and quiet, Indian River & ocean access.

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Sebastian is a fishing village and prides itself in staying with that feel.

32 additional trains would change our way of living, create traffic issues, increase stress on a large senior population, disturb our environment and change the "feel" of our area.

Please see map of our community and letters written representing the 800 residents of our community.

If all fails and this does go thru, then a sound wall, such as along the freeway, would be expected.

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Comments:

opposed to AAF.

1) unsafe speeds

2) too much congestion time

3) too loud, too much vibration

4) no economic reason for Indian River.
no positive economic impact for us

5) adverse impact on residence + business
along the train tracks -

6) build tracks along side the Florida Turnpike -
not thru towns -

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Comments:

Drastically opposed to a private corporation affecting the life and comfort of a large portion of the Florida coast, which is a high tourist/revenue area which will be negatively affected by trains - passenger and freight stopping traffic, emergency vehicles and boating.

Move the tracks to the middle of the state !!

We hope someone listens.

Looks like a beandoggle to me.

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Comments:

NO !!!

We live west of The R.R. TRACKS,

HOSPITAL, EMT, FIRE ARE ALL EAST OF
TRACKS,

The FREIGHT TRAINS TAKE A LONG TIME AS
IT IS. PLEASE DO NOT RUN 32 TRAINS
THRU OUR LOVELY TOWN. BRIDGES WILL BE
BIG PROBLEMS. NOISE POLLUTION. GOVERNMENT
PROBABLY WILL BE INVOLVED TO "HELP"
BAIL OUT THIS POOR IDEA!!

LOOK AT SAFETY NOT SOME KIDS
WHO JUST HAVE TO GET TO DISNEY A LITTLE
FASTER.

VERY BAD IDEA THAT IMPACTS ON MY
FAMILY!

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1. I live across the street ^{on the East Side} from U.S. 1 in Vero Beach. Adding these trains + another track will more than double the noise and vibration there by causing cracks in walls and ceilings of the homes + condos. They were not built to withstand that kind of train traffic.

2. The fire department is on the West side of the tracks, while I live on the East side. Hence the fire department and/or paramedics will not be able to respond in a timely fashion + will endanger me + my neighbors and family.

3. It's an outrage to have these trains run through the downtowns of Steward, Jensen Beach, Port St. Lucie, Vero Beach, Sebastian, and Melbourne, ruining the quality of life in these towns. Vero Beach + others are wealthy

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communities + contribute much to FL. Do you really want to chase these millionaires + their money away?

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Comments:

4. It is AN outrage to permit these trains to go through the wetlands endangering the habitats of both local & migrating birds, not to mention other wild life. The noise and VIBRATIONS will disturb nests, burrows, and dens. The wetlands & wild life are what make Florida attractive to many visitors, tourists, and residents, not just the cities or Disney land. I'm a wildlife photographer, and I know the animals, big & little, will be disturbed.

5. 2 mile long freight trains are un-con-sciousable. That's 4 miles of trains when they pass each other.

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Comments:

6. You say these trains will go 110 m/p/h. I come from the Northeast where they had high speed trains from Boston to NY to Washington, DC. There is only a small stretch of track that they can go high speed on.

That will be ~~there~~ here on the Treasure Coast, too. For safety's sake, they should not roar through all the towns on the Treasure & Space Coast. How stupid that would be. How many people do these trains have to kill, maim or mutilate for you to consider safety first?

I am adamantly & passionately against ALL ABOARD Florida. Shame on you guys.

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Comments:

This project will have a **NEGATIVE** impact on our Treasure Coast area. The additional closings causing cars waiting creates more emissions.

The fact that should the train have a problem and be stalled in our Vero Beach corridor, we have no additional access to our hospital.

The nightly noise and pollution is adverse to a good quality of life.

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1) I am a year-round home owning resident in Southern Indian River County. I'm retired. When I moved into the area in 2000, when it comes time to sell, I want to be able to make a profit on that sale. Currently, if I had to sell, I would be losing money. The rail road passenger proposal would stimulate land values in the County.

Indian River County needs an economic boost in property values. There are many residential sub-divisions that stand in completed - having streets laid out and paved with ^{many} ~~many~~ unsold vacant lots. The developers ran out of money due to a lack of sales. It is a depressing site to say the least.

2) A lot with an overpass already constructed exists in northern St. Lucie County, adjoining the rail road ~~tracks~~ ^{to track} and Old Dixie Highway. The overpass would connect with U.S. 1 at Turnpike Feeder Road. This lot presents a first-rate site for a passenger rail station which I am favor of.

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Comments:

I am completely against AAF.
It will destroy the ambience of
The Treasure Coast!

There are other tracks west of
the coast that can be utilized -
and must be utilized for
this project.

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Comments:

I am opposed to All Aboard Florida. I live in Vero Beach. 32 passenger trains at 100 mph + coming through our town daily between 5:00 am and midnight will be very disruptive to our quiet life in Vero Beach. The noise at each crossing will echo up and down the Indian River waterway on a constant basis. Few high speed rail trains worldwide travel to disrupt traffic flow. They either go over the roadway or under where bridges have been built for auto traffic. Safety is a large concern; we have an aged population in Vero (especially during the winter) who do not react quickly or hear well. Such a high speed train in Vero Beach is not good, no; is

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Comments:

These will be zero benefit to our Community + will have
negative environmental impact. Trains will not stop
anywhere on the Treasure Coast and, none are planned.
Emergency vehicles will be slowed. Additional costs
will be incurred by our County for making quiet zones

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Comments:

It is beyond me why/how any aware company who cares about the people of this state could possibly ^{think} that those of us who enjoy our wonderful, quiet, safe coastal community would be willing to support what you are proposing: a rail that will speed noisily thru our counties while stopping the traffic of our everyday life.

Please, please, please find a rail up the middle of the state. I am total against this plan for many reasons. However the main one is that we are now TOLD what will happen + not asked to vote on whether we wanted it or not.

Barbara B. Richards

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Vero Beach, FL 32967

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Comments:

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CERTAINLY NOT FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE
TREASURE COAST - NOISE, TRAFFIC, STRUCTURAL
DAMAGE, PROPERTY VALUES AND LOCAL SMALL
BUSINESSES WILL ALL SUFFER SO THAT MIAMI,
FT. LAUDERDALE & W. PALM BEACH CAN REAP
BENEFITS FOR THE FEW MONEY MEN WHO
WILL PROSPER IF THIS IS APPROVED.

WHEN YOU FIND OUT THAT THERE IS
OVER A 90% UNFAVORABLE OPINION OF
A PROJECT, SOMETHING MUST BE DONE TO
STOP THIS. EITHER IT IS TURNED DOWN
OR THE VOTERS WILL MAKE SURE THAT THEIR
POLITICAL LEADERS WHO DID NOTHING, WILL
LOSE THEIR SEATS.

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Comments:

I am very concerned with the potential the increased hazard resulting from the number of trains passing through our area. If this project is approved as submitted, three crossings per hour will affect our quality of life, increase traffic congestion today & significantly in the future as the Treasure Coast grows in size from migration to this area by families/persons from the North & South Florida.

To satisfy the need to offer mass transport from the Orlando area to South Florida, an alternate route must be considered, such as partnering with CSX or utilizing the FL Turnpike or I95 right of ways.

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Comments:

How does a resident of Indian River County benefit
from a train going through their residential areas

Why would your lender accept collateral such
as TRAIL CARS OR TRUCKS, THAT WOULD SEEM TO BE
LESS THAN LIQUID.

What is the % of net income derived from
developed real estate at the three new stations versus
the proposed retail passenger service.

What is the nature of 10,000 created. % of these
jobs by county.

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David Gooden

Comments:

- 1) The route is alongside 95 ~~for 200 ft~~
- 2) What is so hard about adding at least one or two in the treasure coast? (One in Vero, one in Port Saint Lucie for the most)
- 3) The safety concerns as well as access for emergency vehicles and hospitals? Were not willing to spend more tax dollars building another hospital on the other side of the tracks. (or a police station)
- 4) AAF isn't decreasing greenhouse emission from vehicles in the Treasure Coast, especially when its only congesting traffic ~~in~~ at railroad crossings and on US 1 also.
- 5) US 1 may also be heavily affected as the roads that AAF will cross, and may result in repairing costs for each road at the taxpayers expense.
- 6) What if someone's car gets stuck on the railroads at a crossing and it can't move, How will you respond? By hitting it at 100-120 mph?
- 7) Why not build it on AAF with those obnoxious rich folks. They'll love something

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a high speed train and also
freight ~~pass~~ passing through Vero
without any benefit to this area
so doesn't have a positive
impact here. That's why people
here are against the train coming
through their town.

Maybe work on a ~~reason~~
compromise.

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Comments:

Destruction of our beautiful city. Is this still America where citizens have the right to determine our lifestyle. In addition to the safety issues, property values will drop. Take AAF from West Palm Beach to the turnpike, that makes sense.

I believe this is all a part of the agenda 21 project. The Federal Bureau should NOT determine our lifestyle.

We will fight this to the end.

Freedom, self determination -

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email <i>wilsonroseb@ yahoo.com</i>	Please provide your email address if you would like to receive notification when the FEIS is available <i>I know that the FEIS is available AND I don't like it. AAF did the EIS.</i>

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The idea of a high-speed train passing through town 32 times a day doesn't sound inviting. More people would probably find a positive light in the idea if the train stopped here. After all, it's a long way from West Palm to Orlando with no stops. ~~That~~ A few minute stop wouldn't be a big hold-up. It can be seen by the 2,600+ people that signed the petition that people care about this issue, and if a compromise was made, it wouldn't be for nothing.

To me, it just seems like the All Aboard Florida idea was presented, mostly everyone in the area disagreed with it, yet it is going to happen anyway. Funny how that works.

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I am against All Aboard Florida in any form for several reasons:

We will never be able to attract high technology manufacturing firms that require vibration free manufacturing processes such as semi-conductor fabrication. I know this because I was a design engineer with a major fab facility.

A quadrupling in the number of times traffic is stopped, will create untenably long lines extending across US 1 thus creating unsafe traffic conditions.

School buses and emergency vehicles will be more at risk than they are now.

The list of reasons for my other objections need not be repeated here for others have already documented them.

But the biggest reason for my objection is that All Aboard Florida will destroy our way of life which has been developed in an orderly and carefully planned fashion over the last 100 years only to be destroyed in a metaphorically instant. Up to now Vero Beach has been one, homogenous town. All Aboard will bisect the population. It will isolate those who live on one side of the tracks from those on the other politically, socially and economically. This isolation will destroy our tourism trade, reduce real estate values and ruin our reputation as a bucolic and verdant island in the sun and, up to now, a great place to live.

Ron Renaldo
7 Vista Gardens Trail
Unit 203
Vero Beach, FL, 32962

E-mail: rrenaldo@stny.rr.com
Tel: 772-564-9643

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Comments:

I am opposed to All Aboard because there have been know studies printed as to the ridership ~~an~~ between Miami + Orlando. Who know maybe no one will ride the train. This train will disrupt the lives of everyone who lives along the route.

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Comments:

This form is ridiculous. You can't get answer to a question. This AAF is a benefit to freight trains - Disney & Cruise ships not the treasure coast only gets the headache - safety & conservation - traffic issues - The form is just for show & will not change any minds for AAF

It is shameful!

I know you will shred this without reading any of these comments!

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Miss Standley



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Comments:

USE CSX FOR NOW
DEVELOP A 10-15 YR PLAN ON #95 UP
AND DOWN THE COAST, FROM MAINE TO FL
WITH SPEEDS FROM 200-300 MPH, NOT DIESEL
AT 100-125 MPH ON OLD RR BEDS.

FED. GOV. SHOULD NEGOTIATE A NEW
FREIGHT ROUTE ALONG 95 AS WELL.

WORK WITH OTHER COUNTRIES WHERE
HIGH SPEED RAIL WORKS

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO MAKE HIGH
SPEED RAIL WORK ON #95

COULD WRITE A LOT ABOUT SAFETY
CONCERNS (EMT FOR 30YRS)

HAVE RELATIVES IN EUROPE WHO LOVE
HIGH SPEED RAIL IF DONE RIGHT, NOT
LIKE WHAT IS PROPOSED HERE.

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Comments:

The railroad would not service small communities like Melbourne, Vero Beach, Fort Pierce. Build your route west of these areas - along I95 or further west. Proposed plan is detrimental to the towns along proposed route.

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I am absolutely against this train whether
or not it have any stops in Vero Beach. So
many trains will divide every town in half,
prevent ambulances from getting to the hospital
(our hosp. is east of the tracks, most of our town is
west of the tracks). It will destroy property
values and people's peace. Many homes
are now killed by trains - I can just imagine
how many more will die. What about the
wildlife in Savannas. - There is no reason
that tracks cannot be built (closed west of 95.
I feel that greed and money is behind this
the hell with the people who live here. Also
the citizens of Fla. should not pay 1¢ for
any of this. If you want your train TOO
pay for it all of it.

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Comments:

I have lived in Miami for 45 years - How successful was Amtrak, Metro Rail and Metro Mover ???
Need I say more? Visitors from South America & Europe always rent autos and DRIVE to Disney - This encroachment on the quiet & peaceful lifestyle of the Treasure Coast Counties is completely unwarranted
If you need rail service from Miami to Orlando the Only Solution is to run parallel to the Turnpike & I-95 -
Would Fortis have to Spring for too much money to invest ??
We are Serious opponents of All Aboard Fla. as it now is planned -
Fla. has done a great job of ruining the beaches with Hi-Rises - Now you want to destroy the Coast line too ???

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Comments:

- #1 The "noise" & vibration will ruin the environment for Miles on both sides ~~of~~ of the Tracks
- #2 It will not be Safe.
- #3 De-railments ?
- #4 More Fright will be coming through our nice Quiet Towns
- #5 What about cost?
- #6 Why can't They go through the Middle of State - they already have a Track from Sanford to Sebring
- #7 What do our Elected Representatives think about this & do they ask what we think
- #8 Most of Jobs will be Temporary

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Comments:

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UPON OVER 200-MILES OF FLORIDA TOWNS (AND
SEVERAL THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ARE WELL KNOWN
TO THOSE AFFECTED AS WELL AS TO THE
PROPOUNTS OF ALL ABOARD. TO RUN HIGH
SPEED TRAINS ^(320 MPH) THROUGH POPULATED AREAS
IS MADNESS. THE MORTAL DANGER TO
CHILDREN, DISADVANTAGED PEOPLE, AND ANIMALS
SHOULD BE OBVIOUS. THE DIRT, NOISE AND
TRAFFIC TIE UPS ARE HAZARDS TO EMERGENCY
VEHICLES AS WELL AS TO THOSE BUSINESSSES &
HOME OWNERS NEAR THE TRACKS.

DON'T CALIFORNICATE FLORIDA

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**North Beach Civic Association
12546 N Hwy A1A
Vero Beach, Fl. 32963**

EIS Public Comment

November 6, 2014

Public Safety and our Efficient Transportation impacts regarding AAF

Dear Sirs;

EIS Mitigation and Impact Sharing Plan: Many are concerned, we will be overwhelmed by the impacts which need expensive mitigation! This proposed high speed rail not stopping in many downtown centers, hence, it provides disruption and no public benefit! The rail transportation impacts to public safety and vehicular traffic are huge! Emergency access to medical facilities will require a large demographic base to cross the rail tracks impacted by proposed new high speed and rumored Panama Canal freight services! The rail lines will morph into a new disruptive boundary and time delay warp! Planned intense rail uses for extensive freight, two passenger lines, plus corresponding passing and loading tracks will be much like a new interstate running through towns! Even with signals the volume of trains navigating at grade crossings will be high! Vehicles must contend with high speed rail that should be elevated or below grade! There are exponential impacts for the public, especially children, and animals crossing with trains running at 110 miles per hour! Walkers, wheel chairs, and baby carriages must move quickly across several tracks. Timing Impacts: Navigational waterway traffic will be discouraged greatly affecting commercial fishing and recreational boating! This will require new bridges!

High speed rail should move west as elevated track away from downtowns! It might be possible to share the Florida Turnpike to Orlando, or possibly I-95. Another solution is a sharing agreement with the CSX rail because much of the track is west and not does not impact most downtown centers!

Extensive Rail Expansion and the Future End Game with No Stops: Typically, high speed rail trains should be placed away from the downtown city center and elevated or set below grade to avoid transportation impacts to our economy and quality of life! We will need to mitigate this by bridge flyovers or tunnels! Since tunnels will be difficult to build due to the water table, new bridges and bridge flyovers will be needed! Bridge flyovers are expensive at approximately 26 million dollars without real estate costs or business damages and severance included! The severance and business damage to the built out downtown may be high but this may be the only way for our transportation system to function at a quality of life and public safety level! We will need a number of bridge flyovers at crossings for our transportation system to function!

PG 2 EIS Comments

At this point, we need a definitive statement outlining solutions! All aboard Florida, FEC Rail, related companies, and FRA, should prepare more extensive impact statements and share the impacts if this bold initiative to build a high speed rail through our downtowns moves forward! Our downtowns were not designed for proposed present and future proposed high speed and other rail expansions! Downtown high speed rail, followed by projected FEC Passenger Rail,

Panama Canal based freight expansions, passing and parking loading tracts, Etc. Furthermore, we need to cost out these transportation impacts! The EIS should outline the cost of bridge crossings at adequate spacing with impacts! The cost should reflect X amount of dollars to mitigate this new influence to transportation, and public health access as well as outlining the immediate method of covering necessary mitigation funding!

Additionally, all related and companies should guarantee notes or bonds (not limited to rolling stock as collateral)! We formally request additional meetings over this matter and the right to respond!

Respectfully,

William Furell, President

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I am AGAINST All Aboard Florida project! This belongs West of all the smaller cities on The Treasure Coast. The train tracks go through all these cities Stuart, Ft Pierce, Vero Beach & Sebastian with a terrible impact on the communities. High speed rail belongs West not EAST. The economic impact will be long lasting in a negative way. Even if a stop on the Treasure Coast is later included, it will not make the project better for these communities. The environmental economic & traffic impact will be devastating.

Thank you, Susan Woly

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1. Greatly impedes getting to the Vero Beach Medical Center in an emergency.
2. Will be dreadful for migrating birds and waterfowl.
3. Feel it is definitely a freight train, rather than a few passengers who might use it.
4. It is a terrible imposition on villagers because of a few greedy developers who can get some Federal funding. (Also taxpayers, though they deny it).
5. Why not build it West of the town instead of going through residential communities?

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Comments:

- ① LOSS OF PROPERTY VALUATION BECAUSE OF NOISE & POLLUTION
- ② LOSS OF CONVENIENCE & TRANSPORTATION HAZARDS FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES, SCHOOL BUSES & BOAT TRAFFIC
- ③ COST IS NOT CONDUCTIVE TO ATTRACTING RIDERS
 - a) COST OF PARKING CAR IN MIAMI
 - b) COST OF TRAIN TICKET
 - c) COST OF CAR RENTAL IN MIAMI OR ORLANDO

$a + b + c =$ NOT LIKELY TO ATTRACT PASSENGERS
CHEAPER & MORE CONVENIENT TO GO BY CAR
- ④ HAZARDOUS TO CARS CROSSING TRACKS
- ⑤ PRESENTLY IT TAKES TIME TO CROSS RT 1 AT TRAFFIC LIGHTS, IT WILL TAKE EVEN LONGER FOR VEHICLES, BUSES, AMBULANCES, PATROLMEN, FIREFIGHTERS & CARS GOING & COMING TO REACHES & ISLANDS

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Comments:

I am for AAF - this will be good for the community
and for the people of the community. Jobs, Jobs & more
jobs.
People - it will also bring additional people to our area
if we can get a stop

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Comments:

This train will have a truly negative impact on the coastal towns of the Treasure Coast.

Financial, safety, conveniences

Take this high speed train west. This is the only way it would be acceptable to me.

When planning ^{RT} 95 & the Turnpikes they took into account the disruption ~~that~~ that would occur & went west of the towns.

Since then we have more people & businesses & schools. This is 2014 ~~for~~ there is a better route than to ruin our investment in our retirement home.

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Comments:

I am extremely concerned about the impacts to the treasure coast with no benefit to our area. The traffic issues, the noise issues are all real problems.

It seems outrageous to me that just because a company can afford to build a project like this it makes it ok.

I can't see why they couldn't do the project with 5-6 trains per day not the 36 they plan.

The bottom line is move the project out to the western tracks and away from our town. We currently visit the "island" multiple times per week to dine or shop this will put an end to that and leaves us with nothing but noise, dirt + traffic. Totally useless for Vero area.

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Comments:

1. Concern for ambulance rushing to Hospital
could cause untimely deaths as well
as road rage for EMTs, Nurses & additional
staff must be considered.

2. who is going to ride on one of the 16 trains
going down the beach.

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Comments:

- ① IN GIFFORD INDIAN RIVER COUNTY THERE IS A MOBILE HOME
PANEL WITH HOMES SEVERAL FEET FROM THE TRACKS THIS POSSES A
^{REAL}~~REAL~~ SAFETY CONCERN
 - ② THE BRIDGE CLOSURES I WAS TOLD ARE 5 MINUTES BEFORE
TRAIN ARRIVES 2 MINUTES WITHIN TRAIN CROSSES AND FOUR
MINUTES AFTER TRAIN LEAVES - 7 PLUS HOURS A DAY
THIS IS A GREAT BURDEN ON THE BOATING PUBLIC
 - ③ THE FORECAST FOR PASSENGER TRAFFIC IS OVERSTATED
AND WILL NEVER BE OBTAINED.
 - ④ THERE IS NO TRAIN STOP PLANNED FOR
STATION ON INDIAN RIVER COUNTY WHY ARE
WE EXPECTED TO SUPPORT THIS PROJECT AND
GIVE NO BENEFIT
 - ⑤ YOU COULD LEASE TRACKS IN OTHER OF
STATE WITH BURDEN ON SMALL COMMUNITIES
WITH THIS INTRODUCTION
 - ⑥ WHO WILL BEAR THE BURDEN OF MAINTAINING
THE QUITS ZONES?
- If you need additional space, please attach a second sheet to this page
- ⑦ ARE YOU FREIGHT LAWS INCLUDING TRAINS
LAWS WITH VOLATILE CHEMICALS

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Comments:

we in Vero Beach see no benefit
whatsoever to this project. The
passenger ship will not be enough
to sustain the train so we feel
the main purpose of AAF is Freight!
The microwave would be just too
much to accept.

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Comments:

We feel the Rails should be constructed toward western corridor near Turnpike Yeehaw Junction! The land is inexpensive and plentiful and far away from population which is what the Homeowners in Florida are demanding! Listen and move the tracks way west →

The train is not used that much in West Palm Beach which is a densely populated WHY would RIDERSHIP increase now?

Who does this corporation represent?
We know — FREIGHT?

WHAT Type of Scam do they think they are perpetrating
Sounds like a Fraud train

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DISCLOSE | WHO
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Comments:

There are an unprecedented
number of at-grade crossings
proposed for this high speed train.
Nowhere in the world is there
a high speed train with over 137 at-grade
crossings!

EIS is deficient. Historic buildings in
Indian River County - Vero Ice Age MAM
Site impacts not addressed.
Impact of control malfunctions not
addressed.

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Comments:

There ARE NO benefits for Brevard County and numerous "negative" aspects to this proposal. The safety and noise concerns outweigh any potential minor benefits that "MIGHT" happen in the future.

As a resident of Cocoa, near 528, I see absolutely no benefits to my town or county

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Comments:

As a Cocoa resident, I'm feeling that Brevard will only suffer the ill effects, while reaping no benefit.

The pretty picture presented here relative to "no environmental impact" leaves me skeptical. I've loved trains all my life and commuted for several years up North. It pains me to say I feel we're getting a bad deal here. You might say we're "being railroaded."

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Comments:

Your literature says the RR cannot request improved safety crossings - only a gov. agency. And if a gov. agency requests the improved safety crossings, it must bear the cost of that measure. BUT IT IS THE RR THAT IS CREATING THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT DEMAND THE IMPROVED CROSSINGS!

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Comments:

This is a horrendous idea that is going to negatively impact everyone who lives near the tracks like we do. (Not like any of the dingbats who hatched this horror show.)

Who is going to ride 32 trains per day? Even the Northeast Corridor ^{doesn't} have that many.

People drive their cars and aren't going to give that up. People who intend Miami as their destination will fly there. The only end for this noisy, life altering mess is the "drug train" from Miami to Orlando. It's not going to be successful in the long run and we are going to end up footing the bill sooner or later. Just like the Slimes who initiated the idea planned all along.

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Comments:

THE DRAFT IMPACT STATEMENT MENTIONS "NOISE" UNDER THE "BENEFICIAL EFFECTS" SUB HEADING OF "PROJECT IMPACTS". ACTUALLY NOISE IS A NEGATIVE IMPACT. WITHOUT A SPECIFIC COMMITMENT TO INSTALL EQUIPMENT TO PROVIDE TRUE 'QUIET CROSSINGS', THERE WILL BE A NEGATIVE NOISE IMPACT. POLE MOUNTED HORNS WOULD BE A TOKEN AND INADEQUATE NOISE ATTENUATION EFFORT.

THE ROCKLEDGE-LOCOA COMMUNITY REPRESENTS ABOUT 10% OF BREVARD COUNTY'S HALF-MILLION POPULATION. THIS PROJECT WOULD BISECT THIS COMMUNITY, WITH NO BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY.

IN ADDITION TO NOISE, THE DELAY OF EMERGENCY VEHICLES IS ANOTHER "COST" NOT BEING ADDRESSED!

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Comments:

I Support A COCOA CROSSING STATION
for passengers (528 + US 1). I think
IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO THE
PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE COMPANY AND
the community (PORT CANAVERAL + COCOA
AREA). Without a station at COCOA
crossing I think my property value
will go down because the train
would have a negative impact
with NO positive value.

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Comments:

- This AAF proposal is a poor one. It'll result in
- 1) Environmental damage to wildlife and humans.
 - 2) Loss of life in various kinds of accidents
(The Sunrail operation in Orlando has brought at least four accidents in about six months. Last Friday 11-7-14 there was a train fatality involving Amtrak in northern Florida.)
 - 3) A severe drop in property values within a mile of the tracks, according to professional local real estate agents.
 - 4) Huge amounts of tax demanded from local taxpayers to pay for safety measures in perpetuity — forever, for those of you at AAF.
 - 5) Blocked crossings, delays of emergency vehicles, etc.
 - 6) AAF is a ^{very} poor business model that's outmoded & hugely expensive. A single bus goes from Orlando to Miami in a short time for \$20 roundtrip.
 - 7) I hope AAF fails!

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Comments:

I BELIEVE THIS IS THE
WORST PLAN FOR BREVARD
COUNTY, THE PORT, AND
THE RESIDENTS

ORLANDO AND LAUDERDALE
ONLY OPTIONS? REDICULOUS.

E WALTON
295 HARVEY
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Comments:

This project runs through the most populated areas and devalues those areas from a real estate perspective. The addition of vibration and noise to these ~~the~~ ^(waterfront) ~~often~~ properties makes for an undesirable environment for anything to live in. If the tracks were moved inland in a less congested area it would make so much more sense.

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Comments:

My concerns are:

- 1.) SAFETY - Adding more trains and higher speeds will increase fatalities. How MANY over the next 15 years?
- 2.) I don't believe that traffic will only be interrupted for a few seconds - The train may pass thru the crossing in a few seconds, but traffic must wait from the time the gate goes down to when the gate goes up and the last car in line crosses the tracks.
- 3.) Historic sites and areas - old
- 4.) The Buildings of 8 new ^{Melbourne} bridges in Brevard county will have an ~~adverse~~ adverse impact on the Indian River Lagoon. NO considerations of the tributaries and feeder streams.

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How about the birds, scrub JAYS.

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Comments:

No TRAIN period -

Not now - not later - not needed.

Muriel King

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Comments:

NO TRAIN PERIOD!!

Not Now Not Later

There is AN AMTRAK FROM
ORLANDO TO MIAMI

Jack King

1263 DORTCHWATER AVE
MIAMI

321 632-5310

HELL NO.

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NOT ALL ABOARD FLORIDA !!

High speed rail should NOT be going through heavily populated areas. It will be devastating to businesses and residences.

Brevard county will be split in two with upwards of 50-60 trains "flying" through traffic all day!

It is a proven fact that trains are not profitable.

TAKE THE TRAINS WEST OF POPULATED AREAS !

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Comments:

I am strongly opposed to All Aboard FL

1. It will cause property values to drop!
2. The noise will be horrendous. I am already disturbed by the existing # of freight trains
3. There should be no public funding or backing of bonds
4. The company should pay for repairs, wear & tear of railroad crossings for a minimum of 50 years.
5. It makes no financial sense that a passenger will ride this rail from S. FL (Miami) to Orlando when there are cheaper ways for passengers to travel
6. Melbourne - Brevard County will have no stops. It makes no sense for us to have the "train" destroy

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our community
7. Siemens should not be involved. The
New Deal Holocaust Reparations for King
was not an American

→ 8 *company*
It will ramp up emergency vehicles from crossing the tracks to Aland and in a timely manner

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Comments:

There should be a station at Cocoa, FL.
Ultimately there should be a connector
to Port Canaveral which is expanding
passenger trips - I have heard from
40,000 / yr. to 80,000 / yr. People
~~it~~ should be able to fly into
Orlando and get to the Port by
train. Otherwise this proposal
adds no benefit or mitigation
factors to Northern Brevard - only
problems.

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Comments:

Closest point that new rail comes to existing residential (where there was ~~some~~ no tracks currently) is at the I-95 crossing area, generally known as Commercial Groves. There is overwhelmingly negative opinions from neighbors in that area, probably understandably. As this is probably in an accel / decel zone for trains approaching or leaving the Cocoa curve, the situation for those neighbors could be improved and their concerns ameliorated by a commitment to keep speeds and acceleration rates low from SR 407 eastward.

There was nothing in the presentation that tabulated speeds or acceleration rates along the Brevard / Co section...
estimated gm

That said, mark me IN FAVOR OF...

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Comments:

I am whole heartedly in favor of the development as a common sense response to the mounting pressure on our roads. I would ask the following of AAF:

- 1) Please look for a green standard to build by i.e. LEED
- 2) Please make provision to allow connection to Port Canaveral.
- 3) Please build the stations and other infrastructure to LEED
- 4) Please use American Made materials, CATS and Trains.
- 5) Please employ as many local worker as you can to build the work.
- 6) Please continue to look for ways to make this a win win for all affected.
- 7) Please make the trains as clean and fuel efficient as current technology will permit.

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Comments:

I believe the estimated ridership from Orlando to S. Fla is over estimated. Known transportation volume from MCO to Port Canaveral is observed yet no provision is made for a station to handle this traffic.

I am an advocate of Rails to Trails and would love to see a greenway along side this route that would connect to the already existent Overseas Highway to Key West. Small towns along this Corridor will receive economic benefits not realized with the non stop rail line. This would soothe a lot of ruffled feathers to incorporate this green space in your plan. What a boon for Florida

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Please consider this.

Thank you very much
Helmut Selzer

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Comments:

It is a dream of mine to bicycle from Cocoa
or Orlando to Key West. - this project is
an excellent opportunity to make this possible.
→ Please allow green space along the right-of-
way for a continuous trail. Much money
dollars are spent by cyclists, and would
greatly enhance local economies.
Additional safety would be provided by this trail
would provide bikers
would be provided to bike riders by removing
them from busy US 1.

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Comments:

I AM ALL ABOARD !! I AM A CONTRACTOR AND FULLY
SUPPORT THIS PROJECT MOVING FORWARD.

MOVE SPAIN

LANE CONSTRUCTION

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Comments:

I believe This is an excellent project
in terms of reducing carbon monoxide emission.
This is great for our state & our community
& will help decrease the traffic congestion we have.

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Comments:

PLEASE OPEN A
STATION IN COCOA!

Good Luck with the
venture!

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Comments:

I look forward to the project. I know that it will be a great help to the growth of Florida's transportation needs. All Aboard Florida is a great deal for the state.

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Comments:

Fully support this project and excited for the prospects it brings to Florida for employment opportunities. Looking forward to real ^{intercity high-speed} mass transit in Florida.

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GO AAF

Good for Jobs

Good for Florida

No impact on Environment

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Comments:

The plan and planning for AAF is very professional. I believe this project is good for Florida and will not adversely affect communities or neighbors.

Please approve EIS and support

AAF.

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Comments:

I think that this project will make it easier for people who have anxiety driving or have poor vision and can't drive to get to places they would like to go. I vote to put a station in Brevard County during the next phase. This will be great!! 😊

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Comments:

Looking forward to the start of this transportation option. Would be nice to see more stops added to route. Should be a life saver to the environment

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Comments:

Wonderful project. Can't wait to
get stops in Broward City.
Will be so nice to hop on the
train and visit relatives who
live in Ft. Lauderdale and Miami

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Comments:

THIS IS A GREAT IDEA!
GOOD FOR FLORIDA!

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Comments:

Excellent opportunity to provide
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State quicker while reducing
traffic.

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Comments:

I AM GLAD TO SEE PROGRESS WITH THE SOUTHERN PORTION
OF THE PROJECT UNDERWAY. I BELIEVE THAT THIS IS AN IMPORTANT
PROJECT THAT WILL REDUCE TRAFFIC ON THE ROAD, AS WELL
AS WELL AS BEING A CATALYST FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH.

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While ATTENDING THIS public forum IT has become
Apperant THAT Those Responsible have been vory Active
in the PLANNING process. Aternative are well described
TO cover MANY OF THE QUESTIONS posed By The
Public.

AS a RAILROAD SIGNAL contractor this
project HAS my support TO ADVANCE from
The planning Stage TO THE Implementation
Stage. The Need for MASS TRANSIT is growing
ANNUALLY This is a Progressive PLAN Looking
INTO Florida's Future.

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Comments:

Long overdue!! Am a staunch supporter of
the All Aboard Florida Intercity Passenger
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Comments:

Long time coming. We have been behind in transportation in this county & I support mass transportation that will not clog our roadways

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Comments:

THIS LOOKS LIKE A VERY VIABLE PROJECT. I AM IN FAVOR OF THIS PASSENGER TRAIN SERVICE. I SEE NO REASON THAT THIS PROJECT WOULD CAUSE ANY SIGNIFIANT PROBLEMS TO BREVARD CITIZENS OR TO THE ENVIRONMENT. EVENTUALLY I BELIEVE A STATION IN COCOA WOULD SERVE CRUISE PASSENGERS AND BE A BENEFIT TO PORT CANAVERAL

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Comments:

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Comments:

GREAT project FOR THE AREA.

NEED TO ~~START~~ START AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

EIS DOES A GOOD JOB OF ADDRESSING ISSUES

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HAND DELIVERED Nov. 12, 2014
FRA Public Comment - Cocoa

From: Sue Olson, Brevard County
Email: jerryandsue1967@bellsouth.net

Subject: Draft Environment Impact Statement – All Aboard Florida (AAF)

DEIS Statement: Page 4-132, 5.4.4.2 - Environmental Consequences

The No-Action Alternative would continue to be operated consistent with the regulations applicable to the existing FECR freight operations. The Project Alternatives and equipment would be constructed, maintained and operated consistent with FRA safety regulations. Design elements of the Project include: enhancing signal and train control systems; reducing the potential for accidents at highway-rail at-grade crossings; and limiting access to rail infrastructure by trespassers and other unauthorized persons. These design elements support safe railroad operations for passengers, employees, pedestrians, and motorists. Consolidated control of freight and passenger train movement, plus the added rail infrastructure, will allow freight operations to continue to operate reliably without adverse impact from the restoration of intercity passenger rail services within the N-S Corridor. The Project would not appreciably affect public health, safety, and security in the rail corridor. While greater frequency of trains may increase the frequency of opportunities for conflict between trains and vehicles or people, safety improvements at crossings, an upgraded PTC system, enhanced security, and improved communications among emergency responders would be a beneficial effect, serving to minimize potential conflicts and their consequences. AAF will develop a comprehensive safety program.

CONFLICT: Completely missing in this DEIS, is an analysis of the tradeoff between All Aboard Florida (AAF) profits and community losses of life, injury and property. Over the past 10-years, FEC freight trains had 211 accidents and caused 46 deaths – without the addition of 32 daily higher speed passenger trains. Residents in Southeast Florida WILL be impacted by the safety hazard of All Aboard Florida (AAF) trains. Residents will die as a result of this project.

AAF is trading profits for the lives of residents who live near the tracks or navigate FEC/AAF road crossings. Local governments have yet to learn if they will be responsible for paying the cost of pedestrian swing gates, fencing or 'channelization,' traffic signal pre-emption devices, 4-quadrant gates or safety consultants. Additionally, local governments may decide NOT to pay for these safety changes if they are not required to so by State or Federal mandate. The implementation of "closed corridors" was imposed on AAF by Florida officials and the description and definition of this safety improvement seems to vary for crossing to crossing.

ACTION REQUEST: The USDOT 2014 Value of One Statistical Life is \$9.2 million. These costs MUST be reasonably analyzed against the costs associated with injury or death due to an accident with a train. So far this year, the FEC railway has recorded ten accidents at road crossings. The State of Florida has no regulations in place for trains traveling at speeds up to 110 mph.

If the Federal Railroad Administration is faithfully executing its responsibility to reasonably protect us from this recognized hazard, then the FRA needs to show residents that All Aboard Florida's marginal investment in safety measures will cost MORE than the \$9.2 million per year needed to save one statistical life per year. The alternative is to make FEC/AAF pay for, install and maintain all necessary safety improvements at road crossings including gates, pedestrian swing gates, as well as gates at necessary foot paths, channelization, safety consultants and traffic signal pre-emption devices.

Lives depend on the FRA acting in support of safety rather than protecting the FEC Railway and All Aboard Florida's bottom-line.







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Comments:

We (I) don't believe that there was enough engineering done for our property at 5300 Palmetto Ave Cocoa FL 32926 We are on 1 state Road 528 it is against our prop. And also They FDOT are widening S.R. 528 to 6 lanes in Brevard Co. and putting a double R.R. Track within the 97 ft that is the E-W Corridor AAF states that they WILL NOT be needing our prop. But They should NOT be federal funded to put R.R. Tracks in people's backyard. Everyone keeps saying R.R. Tracks was here first in our case that is NOT True. And also Brevard Co is really a long Co. and people (Tourists) usually stop somewhere in our Co. Gas Etc. ect with AAF they will just

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Be looking out saying what a crappy place I don't want to go there We (FL) depend on our Tourists for a living

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Please do not give them to many
unknown about AAF and Thank you.

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Comments:

- Please address the potential impact of the four lane overpass that is slated to be built on the Pineda Causeway. Specifically whether the reverberation of track noise from inside the walls of the bridge - along with any wind noise from the train emerging on the north side of Pineda.
- I believe there may be a "frog" problem at Pineda + Wickham - please provide a copy of the noise readings that will be used at this location (Pineda-north) in reference to the noise studies being used for compliance. I.E. - noise now - noise after all aboard adds 32 trains - specific to that location.

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Comments:

1) ~~Will~~ will the same tracks be used for the high speed rail as are currently used?

2) If they are, are they safe?

3) What would be the cost of replacing current tracks?

4) Do you have adequate funding to complete the project on time? If not, how much are you lacking?

5) ^{What would} would you consider appropriate funding sources?

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THE DRIVE FROM ORLANDO TO SOUTH FLORIDA
IS DANGEROUS. TAKING A PLANE IS EXPENSIVE
AND (INCLUDING PARKING & SECURITY) TAKES AS LONG,
IF NOT LONGER THAN DRIVING.
HAVING FAST TRAIN SERVICE WILL SAVE
MONEY, TIME AND GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY
TO BE PRODUCTIVE. WE CAN WORK, USE WI-FI,
AND REST. THE TRAIN IS SAFE, ECONOMICAL
AND BENEFICIAL.

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Comments:

Rail must play a bigger role in our transportation system moving forward. What is so great about the All Aboard project is that it is being done by a private company. Showing that a rail project can be competitive with airline and car travel will change how we look at these projects in the future.

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Comments:

I believe AAF will be a good thing for the infrastructure system of FL. I have the desire to see a station placed in Cocoa as well as the ones already planned

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We are excited about the MIA-MCO
Route as it will allow me as a Florida
Resident a hassle free trip to + from Miami.
I ~~also~~ also see it as a benefit for international
guests coming to Florida. Instead of renting
cars it will eliminate that need.

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Comments:

The All Aboard Florida project provides a much needed transit corridor between Miami and Orlando. From the information provided @ the public meeting, the project will have net positive environmental effects, provide economic growth & job employment and most importantly, provide a transit option between the two highest destinations in Florida. This project should be built

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Comments:

As a native Floridian, I fully support the AAF project. I am a transportation engineer and recognize the need for alternative means of moving people across the State of Florida.

The private investment is remarkable and the economic benefits of the TOD will enhance each and every community along the route.

We cannot build our way out of longterm congestion so an alternative should be considered and APPROVED!

Thank you!

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Comments:

I see the train as a positive impact to not ~~at~~ only citizens by especially positive for our tourism.

In addition it seems that after construction is finished the emissions will reduce.

I personally am excited to be able to travel to south Florida while reading my book!

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Comments:

Its a very exciting project & will take Florida way ahead in terms of much needed transportation infrastructure.
I totally support this project.

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Comments:

This rail system expansion will be good for all of Florida by bringing South FL and Central FL together through the ease of transportation.

It will enhance business opportunities between metro Orlando and West Palm/Miami allowing commuter productivity.

Rail system will also narrow the tourism corridor that will allow visitors to spend time and dollars in the Orlando theme park attractions and the beaches and ports of Miami.

The time is now.

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Comments:

I greatly support this initiative and believe Florida stands to benefit greatly. As someone who takes the SunRail passenger train for my daily commute to and from work, I am optimistic that Floridians have grown receptive to passenger rail service as a reliable and quality transportation alternative. I also suspect that tourists would maximize the utility of this project in its ~~convenience~~ convenience to get between South & Central Florida. I also think that as our Hispanic communities continue to grow, so will the ~~clear~~ desire/demand for easy commuting between Orlando and Miami - two increasingly latino areas in particular. The economic impact might take some time to develop into its full potential but it will nevertheless be profound. Florida needs this!

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Comments:

I support

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Comments:

I support the project and think it is a great idea. What a wonderful thing for families, vacationers, and business travelers. Thank you for all of your hard work and everything that you have done. Keep up the great work!! GO AAF!!

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Comments:

I've been following this project for some time and I appreciate the thorough process of educating the public.

I'm definitely in favor of a free-market driven alternative to government-subsidized rail.

Keep up the great work!!

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RE: All Aboard Florida

Dear Mr. Winkle:

This letter is submitted to provide the undersigned's comments in support of All Aboard Florida. I frequently travel from Orlando to Ft. Lauderdale or Miami and am anxious to use the proposed service.

All Aboard Florida will provide a significant enhancement amid the choices of transportation between Orlando and South Florida. It will reduce to some degree traffic congestion on Florida highways and in the airways between these areas. In addition, All Aboard Florida's proposed schedule will provide transportation with sufficient frequency saving substantial time and costs compared to the alternatives of automobiles and airplanes.

For example, for a business person to take an airplane to Miami, one must spend time arranging a flight, getting to the airport at least 1 ½ hours ahead of schedule and likewise for the return, resulting in a minimum of 3 hours plus boarding, runway and flight time. The business meeting will either be constrained by one's return flight or one must wait for the next available flight adding untolled hours to the wait. Further, there is always the possibility of delays due to airline schedule disruptions and weather.

The proposed schedule of All Aboard Florida minimizes the time one must wait to catch the next train both going and returning allowing for one's just-in-time station arrival. The

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While all mass transit system will have impacts to the areas they move through this project has the opportunity to relieve congestion on I-95, SR 528, as well as reducing the carbon footprint. I believe a Coco Beach stop would be well received allowing the traveler to move from the airport to the cruise ships effortlessly.

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Comments:

It will help the economy and good
for the new job.

Zia Ahmad
CMTS

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Comments:

Great idea for transportation in FL for
both business + tourism. Can't wait to
use it!

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Comments:

I believe the overall benefit of the proposed All Aboard Florida project outweighs any the perceived negative/controversial impacts to the environment. The economic impact w/ the creation of jobs and having a permanent connection between Orlando and Miami will be tremendous while reducing carbon emissions and improving regional air quality. Excellent project for the state of Florida, Floridians, and tourism industry!

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Comments:

As a resident of Orlando, I am very appreciative we are given an opportunity to express our opinion on the way this project is being planned and designed and its eventual operation.

This looks to be a serious catalyst for growth in jobs and progress in transportation. The impact will affect millions of residents and tourists alike. I do hope that a few voices of opposition will be weighed properly.

The professionals working on this project seem to really understand the issues. I'm sure I represent millions of other Florida residents when I say we are eagerly awaiting to ride this train!!

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Comments:

IT IS EASY FOR ME TO BE IN FAVOR OF THE PROJECT SINCE IT WILL NOT AFFECT ME WHERE I LIVE. I AM IN FAVOR OF THE POSITIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT WE SHOULD REALIZE AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT TO SOUTH FLORIDA IN A NEW WAY.

MY ONLY CONCERN IS THAT ENOUGH BE DONE TO KEEP THE GRADE CROSSINGS SAFE FROM PEOPLE WHO TEND TO USE BAD JUDGEMENT — MITIGATE THE CHANCES FOR STUPID PEOPLE WHO WANT TO BEAT THE TRAIN — A ROBUST PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN NEEDS TO BE RUN IN ADVANCE OF SERVICE.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julia Maden".

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Comments:

I am an enthusiastic supporter of this project. The environmental benefits, from moving people from cars to trains, ~~are~~ going to have tremendously positive impacts on our community. The relatively minor loss of wetlands is insignificant compared to the gains to air quality and quality of life.

As the past chair of the Central Florida Partnership, I am particularly interested in providing transportation alternatives to our region. All Aboard Florida is one such critical alternative. The economic impacts to Central Florida, and all of Florida, are difficult to understate. I know that I will use the train regularly, for business and leisure purposes.

Please do everything possible to approve and support this project. It is a vital piece of our community's plans for future prosperity.

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Comments:

The new passenger rail project is very exciting and way overdue. Historically economic growth is directly related to a metro city's transportation model. The more sophisticated the model the better for the city and those who live within a 50 mile geographic area. I fully support this project. The economic benefits the state of Florida will experience is a bonus. I look forward to learning more about the project and its anticipated phases. The day it's completed in it's entirety will be a day of celebration and accomplishment we ~~can~~ can celebrate for a lifetime.

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Comments:

As a frequent traveler between the cities of Orlando and Miami, I believe the AAF train would be a very useful travel option. With less hassle as compared to air travel and the ability to work while traveling with available Wi-Fi connectivity, productivity will assuredly be a huge positive. I fully support the concept and will be a regular customer. Can't wait. Let's make it happen!!

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Comments:

I would encourage FRA to look into expanding rail throughout Florida. The state is under served for transportation needs. I am pro this project.

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Comments:

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A POSITIVE IMPACT AND PROVIDE A MUCH NEEDED
ALTERNATIVE MODE OF TRANSPORTATION. WAY PAST
DUE!

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Comments:

This is a great project for the state of Florida especially east central to south Florida to help aid in the transportation of people between these markets for a variety business and personal ~~and~~ reasons. It will benefit our recovering economy and help our environment.

I look forward to using it.

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Comments:

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Comments:

This is a great project. The average American likes the flexibility of having a car, despite congestion. If AAF is able to nearly match and satisfy the convenient schedule of the public, then it would be a no brainer.

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Comments:

*At Leadership Orlando, we
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Florida, along with other
transportation options in our
multi-modal transportation
network*

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Comments:

The project is a great move for Florida. We need more initiatives like this to keep our nation going in the right direction. The drive to Miami from Orlando is tiresome and this will be a great solution. Sustainable transportation and mindsets are the future of our world. Thanks!!!

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Comments:

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*This is an excellent and needed project
for Florida's transportation system*

*I would definitely use this system
for travel to Miami.*

James Sullivan

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Comments:

Very excited for the AAF project. I have been involved on the engineering side for the past year, and look forward to all the benefits this rail project will bring to the state of Florida. Connecting the major metropolitan areas will be advantageous ~~the environment~~ for the Florida economy, and will change the landscape of our state for the better.

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Comments:

Lots of great information presented today. I'm very much looking forward to the completion of the All Aboard Florida project and I'm very excited about the future of transportation opportunities in Central Florida and beyond. Thank you for taking the time to share these plans with the public.

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Comments:

I fully support the AAF project in its entirety.
There is no question that it will positively impact the
economy of FL and help the infrastructure for
transportation in our state.

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Comments:

This project will find success should the noise pollution impact through residential areas be minimized to the highest extent possible. Overall, this project will change how we commute through Florida and alter the national perception toward our infrastructure.

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Comments:

looking forward to the full service between Orlando
& Miami - always in favor of transportation that
takes cars off the road -

- Terrell Brown

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Comments:

What a great project. The impact to the environment is minimal and the impact to the state's economy is tremendous.

I'm especially looking forward to bringing Miami to within 3 hours of Orlando. I can't wait to abandon I-95.

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Comments:

I believe AAF will be a valuable form of transportation for Florida and help greatly with the reduction of traffic on Florida's roads.

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Comments:

I think privately funded rail from Orlando to Miami is a great way to mitigate against more road building and will be a huge success. I strongly favor the project for several reasons:

1. It will serve to cut down on highway traffic

2. The tracks (with the exception of the beachline route) have been in existence for years.

3. State of the art high speed rail is an exceptional way to travel

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Comments:

Wonderful project. Can't wait for completion. Will be great for our out of country tourists who use rail on a regular basis.

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Comments:

TRANSIT OPTIONS, SUCH AS AAF, ARE CRITICAL TO THE ECONOMIC GROWTH OF CENTRAL FLORIDA. I AM EXCITED AT THE MOMENTUM AND WANT TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT OF ALL PHASES OF THIS PROJECT. CENTRAL FLORIDA WILL BE A CONNECTED, DIVERSE, AND OPPORTUNITY RICH REGION OF FLORIDA THAT ~~WILL~~ I AM HOPEFUL TO PASS MY FAMILY IN. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK

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Comments:

Adding this Passenger Rail Project would be very beneficial to Orlando. We are excited to be able to travel to and from South Florida so efficiently.

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Comments:

I am ALL ABOARD, LET'S GET THIS STARTED AND PUT PEOPLE
TO WORK. THIS STATE NEEDS MORE PROJECTS LIKE
THIS! THE AAF TEAM HAS DONE A GREAT JOB AT
THESE MEETINGS. GOOD LUCK AAF

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Comments:

The loud minority opposition to the project are focused in an area of the state that has long been against growth & opportunity for the greater good, as they "want to keep" their small quiet community. The economic & societal benefits are tremendous!
AAAF & this project benefit over citizens.

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Comments:

I believe it would be a positive outcome to design several crossings to be below grade - above ground so that auto traffic can move across the tracks. Hoping this project can be a major success!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. M. [unclear]".

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Comments:

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available throughout Florida!
Please have more accessibility to
bus routes / shuttle service

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Comments:

Passenger rail service is desperately needed in Florida. When compared to other states, we have an amazing opportunity with this project to move residents + visitors seamlessly... generating economic activity like never before. My hope is support for this ~~pr~~ initial phase ensures additional phases and development. I can't wait for this service to become a reality.

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Comments:

Orlando could really use a passenger rail line to allow people an alternate way to travel to Miami. This is a great idea and I can't wait to ride to the All Aboard Florida train. Keep Going!

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Comments:

Excited to see this project moving forward. Particularly glad to see no negative impact on important environmental factors —

Good luck with project

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I am in favor of this project. I believe it beneficial to the state in a variety of ways. ~~A~~ Living in Orlando with family and business ties in South Florida, I plan on using it (if built).

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ORLANDO + MIAMI. AS A FREQUENT
TRAVELER TO S. FLA I WELCOME THE
OPPORTUNITY TO COMMUTE VIA RAIL VS
AND.

I BELIEVE THE TRAIN WILL POSITIVELY
IMPACT THE TRANSPORTATION CONGESTION
AND POSITIVELY IMPACT THE ENVIRONMENT

I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT ALL ABOARD
IS WORKING HARD W/THE COMMUNITIES
TO REMOVE OR ELIMINATE SAFETY
+ NOISE ISSUES.

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Comments:

High Speed Rail is much overdue!
We have family in Miami and look
forward to a quicker ^{travel} option!
~~WAA~~
Also great for our business & home park /
hospitality)

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Comments:

I fully support this project as the intercity passenger rail project. It will benefit both the commuters/passengers looking for travel between the cities on the train's stop list and the people of Florida by bringing jobs and industry to the area. It would be foolish not to bring high-speed rail to the area, as there are many successful examples throughout the country and more importantly, the world.

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Comments:

So very impressed with how progressive Florida is regarding transportation infrastructure. Florida & the United States desperately needs alternative modes of ^{passenger} transportation for longer trips besides car~~bus~~ and air. I can't wait to utilize the rail service for trips to Miami. A stop^{option} in Cocoa Beach would be beneficial as well. Please continue progress and implementation.

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Comments:

*Please hurry up, I like it now. Thank
You, Including Orlando Florida and so is
Tampa Florida, Thank you again.
Especially Orlando, Florida.*

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Comments:

As a resident in Orlando I have been looking forward to this important rail/commuter link from Orlando to South Florida and Miami. This rail link will provide a valuable service for both business & personal travel. Living in Orlando I have had to travel for work many times to South Florida and would have loved this travel alternative to driving. I also think this rail system will help promote travel & tourism between Miami & Orlando. As the majority of the new rail is on existing rail bed or follows in the right of way of an existing expressway I do not feel there will be any excessive environmental impacts.

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Comments:

I believe this will be a great project to increase transportation possibilities, relieve congestion on our roads, increase the economic growth of our state, jobs, etc. I fully support this project.

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Comments:

I Am in favor of this project. I believe this will help bring people to our community and increase tourism and economic development.

I believe Europeans coming into parts of Miami will ride train into Orlando.

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Comments:

I am really excited about the AAF and the rail line to Miami from Orlando. It was very disappointing when the High Speed Rail project from Orlando to Tampa was cancelled. ~~High Speed~~ Rail is the future of mass transportation and needs to be encouraged at all costs.

We look forward to taking more leisure trips to South Florida now that there is a more convenient mode of transportation.

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Comments:

It is about time! Would really like to see the system expanded to Jacksonville and Tallahassee. Can't tell you how many business hours I have wasted making those trips.

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Comments:

I SUPPORT THE ALL ABOARD FLORIDA PROJECT FOR SEVERAL REASONS. THE STATE OF FLORIDA RESIDENTS AND VISITORS SHOULD HAVE ALTERNATE MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION. RAIL IS A VIABLE MEANS AND WILL PROVIDE CONNECTIVITY WITHOUT INCREASING CONGESTION OR ROADWAYS. LESS VEHICLES REDUCES FUEL CONSUMPTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS. HAVING LIMITED STOPS ON THE ROUTE WILL PROVIDE A MORE TIME EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION MODE FOR SPECIFIC DESTINATIONS. INCORPORATING FEATURES SUCH AS WIFI, INTERNET PROVIDES THE ABILITY TO CONDUCT BUSINESS OR PERSONAL ACTIVITIES WHILE TRAVELING. IT IS RECOMMENDED THIS PROJECT CONTINUE AND POSSIBLY EXTEND TO TAMPA + JACKSONVILLE.

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Comments:

I support the All Aboard Florida Project. I think the rail will spur economic growth & will lower the environmental impact of ~~air~~ travel ~~to~~ between Miami & Orlando.

This project has the potential to encourage sustainable development & travel within Florida

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Comments:

*I support All Aboard Florida.
Great means of transportation to
get from Central Florida to South Florida.
Less congestion on the public roads.*

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Comments:

This is a great oppity for economic development & environmental control. This is a great Job Creation opportunity that will not only increase household GDP, it will also decrease U.S. expenditures.

Additionally, the safety in Florida will be enhanced by taking cars off the highway.

Gas consumption will be decreased which in turn will have a lowering effect on prices. In fact, the keystone pipeline being proposed could conceivably be disbanded.

Great Transportation via Rail!!

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Being experienced with previous years
riding the Red Central from Trenton NJ -
to Grand Central Station N.Y.C.

Being made good connections back from
home to Job.

The need for more transportation
will certainly be a great asset
to include [in the State of Florida]

Good luck

Jack Hill Jr

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In favor of the train, but
didn't see a schedule among the
exhibits.
Alt A seems to be the best alt,
but didn't see information containing
pros & cons of having rail w/ the
the R/W of an expressway.

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Comments:

①

GREAT PROJECT! I UNDERSTAND
THERE IS NOT PLAN TO HAVE A
STATION IN COCOA. I'D LIKE TO
SUGGEST A STOP (STATION) BEFORE
LEAVING THE COAST LINE TO
GO TOWARD THE ORLANDO AIRPORT
IN ORDER TO HELP OUT WITH THE
TRAFFIC ON I-4 AND ALLEVIATE
SOME OF CONGESTION ON THAT
AXIS.

②

OUR COMPANY, FEAWEL, A U.S.A
AND FDA FOOD PROCESSING CO. WOULD
LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ANY
FOOD, COMMISSARY, RELATED PLAN IN THE
PROJECT. WE HAVE THE EXPERIENCE,
THE KNOW HOW TO PROVIDE THE BEST
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Comments:

This particular corridor is currently under utilized, especially for passenger rail. The Amtrak service is inadequate, and does not appear to be intended for use between cities within Florida.

This project will provide needed service in this corridor with minimal environmental impact, and minimal or even no impact on the tax payers. The subsidiary economic benefits of this project within this corridor may be enormous.

However - there should be better connections with Sun Rail.

We urge the FRA to approve this project.

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Comments:

Excited to see this project happen
a great alternative to auto travel.
I am ALL ABOARD!

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Comments:

The proposed "All Aboard Florida" project is an essential endeavor to make ~~available~~ the state of Florida more accessible to its residents. This is especially true given the number of people who are recent additions to the state - given our high rate of people who move here annually. Alternative methods of transportation such as the proposed project are severely lacking. This is a worthy project that will greatly benefit our state, and it is more than worthy of taxpayer and other funding. Overall, I can show nothing but absolute support of this project. I fully back the addition of this new passenger railway.

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I support this project. Long term it will have a positive impact on the environment. We need to have alternative forms of transportation to preserve our limited resources. This project is the first step of a larger system.

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Comments:

~~As~~ To compete with other states and other metropolitan areas, Florida needs to invest in their infrastructure and particularly our transit options. ~~The~~ Tampa Bay Partnership supports All Aboard Florida's efforts to bring Florida in to the modern times by connecting our regions. We support the first leg from Miami to Orlando and see this effort as a way to eventually connect Tampa Bay to Central Florida, Miami / Dade and beyond.

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We support All Aboard Florida!
This project is important for Florida's future. Connecting Orlando & Miami, and eventually other cities in Florida, is important to our economy, tourism and citizens who look for alternatives to the automobile to travel from home to work to attractions and elsewhere.

The Tampa Bay Partnership supports a statewide system and is working to provide regional local transit connections to feed into a future ~~state~~ statewide system.

All Aboard Florida will help connect and build Florida's Super Region from Tampa Bay to Orlando to South Florida!

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Comments:

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RADIUS. OF COURSE COORDINATE
WITH TRANSIT PROVIDERS.

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Comments:

IT IS GOOD THAT THERE WILL BE
A WAY TO COME FROM ORLANDO TO
MIAMI. I IMAGINE IN THE FUTURE THAT
THE TRAIN WILL GO AT A SAFE AND
FAST SPEED.

NOW A PERSON CAN GO TO MIAMI AND
RENT A CAR AND DRIVE TO THE FLORIDA
KEYS. LET'S FACE IT, DRIVING IN MIAMI
IS NOT VERY NICE.

LET'S BUILD THIS 'ALL ABOARD'
AND GO FORTH WITH THE FUTURE
GROWTH OF FLORIDA !!

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Comments:

Personally I am very excited about this!

I believe it will be great for business, great for tourism, great for the residents! Great environmental due diligence - THANK YOU!

It looks as if a lot of great thinking and consideration has gone into this - I welcome it!

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I am excited about the possibilities of high speed rail, I see positive economic impacts for Florida while maintaining concern for the environment. The primary alternative of using existing rail infrastructure makes an enormous amount of sense. High speed rail will enhance business through the corridor while limiting vehicle traffic on the Turnpike and I-95,

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From an environmental standpoint, this project makes sense. ~~to~~ Reducing automobile emissions is a ~~great~~ top goal for Central Florida in helping or avoid the smog of Southern California. Provided that adding a faster train and extra tracks in some areas does ~~not outweigh the reduction in~~ not cause ~~any~~ pollution and impact sufficient to outweigh the reduction in auto emissions, this project makes environmental sense. ~~Travel~~

Additionally, travelling to and from South Florida can be a nightmare depending on the time of day, and with Florida's growing population will only get worse - more smog and gridlock. ~~Reducing smog and~~ ~~traffic~~ Projects that reduce smog and/or gridlock, or slow their growth rate, should be given a green light provided other criteria and goals are satisfied.

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This project will be great for Florida and the entire country to show that passenger rail can be a viable option for transportation.

There is also a large economic impact to all areas served by the project.

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I am looking forward to having an option of train service in the state of Florida. Plane travel has become such a pain with the wait and security and then be piled into our seats. I have used train service in Europe and the experience is much more pleasurable. I can't wait to get this first complete and look forward to future phases throughout Florida. Thank you to All Aboard for their vision.

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