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MAYOR

April 20, 2016

The Honorable Welton Cadwell, Chairman Central Florida Expressway Authority 4974 ORL Tower Road Orlando, Florida 32807

Dear Welton,

As the Chairman of the Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission (CFCRC), I have met with senior staff from FDOT, LYNX, CFX and MetroPlan Orlando to discuss a number of topics regarding SunRail. These meetings have been very helpful in preparing for some important conversations that need to take place with the CFCRC board and policy leaders throughout the region in the year ahead.

The CFCRC Commission has been charged with taking over SunRail operations no later than 2021. FDOT has a seven-year responsibility for SunRail operations. At the March 2, 2016 CFCRC meeting, the board agreed to create a stakeholder taskforce, comprised of funding partners and other transportation agencies, to identify and evaluate issues relating to the transfer of operations of SunRail from FDOT to CFCRC after this seven year period.

This taskforce, assisted by FDOT, will work together to develop and identify strategies to ensure the continued successful operation and maintenance of SunRail after the FDOT Funding Period. Such strategies may include placement of the Commission's rights and obligations under the SunRail Agreements, within or merged with the auspices of one of the regional transportation entities.

I am asking for your nomination to represent your agency on the task force.

Thank you for your continued support of transportation projects in Central Florida. Please submit the name and resume of your nominee for the taskforce no later than Friday, May 6, 2016, to Tawny Olore, P.E., SunRail Program Manager, at: Tawny.Olore@dot.state.fl.us.

Sincerely

Buddy Dyer

Mayor

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Ms. Laura Kelley, Executive Director