

Cocoa seeks input on Amtrak station location

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COCOA -- The public is invited to attend a workshop tonight from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. to give input on where they'd like to see an Amtrak station stop located in the city.

The meeting takes place at City Hall, 65 Stone Street.

Several sites have been considered but the strongest two are at Rosa L. Jones Boulevard and Stone Street, said Kim Delaney of Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, one of several agencies involved in a push to bring passenger rail service back to Florida's East Coast.

State officials are working on a stimulus funding application that, if awarded later this year, would help pay for upgrading tracks, building stations, improving railroad crossings and buying land for the project, which includes stations in Titusville, Cocoa and Melbourne.

More than 100 cities, counties and public and private organizations in Florida endorse the rail plan, citing its economic and expanded transportation opportunities.

Public meetings for stops in Melbourne and Titusville will take place later this month.

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