



September 16, 2009

The Honorable Charlie Crist, Governor
State of Florida, The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

Dear Governor Crist:

I am writing to express strong support of the City of Cocoa, regarding the reintroduction of the Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Corridor along Florida's east coast. The Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex (Delaware North Parks and Resorts) enjoys visitation of 1.5 million guests per year and support visitation to the destination in all forms. Four of the top five feeder markets to our destination are located on the east coast of the U.S. Interconnectivity provided by rail transit would allow the community to flourish.

Amtrak passenger service along the coastline is a missing piece of the transportation network in Brevard County. Passenger train service would expand tourist access, expand economic development opportunities, improve interconnectivity and expand quality of life opportunities for our residents. Transit is also a critical component of sustainable transportation network, one that will help promote Florida's green economy and improve energy independence.

The Board of the City of Cocoa resoundingly requests your office prioritize the Amtrak project (termed the Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project); from Jacksonville to Miami, as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida. We appreciate your leadership in helping secure this important investment in Florida's sustainable future.

Respectfully,

William Moore
Chief Operating Officer
Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex

CC: Secretary of the Treasury
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council