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Mr. Ray LaHood
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

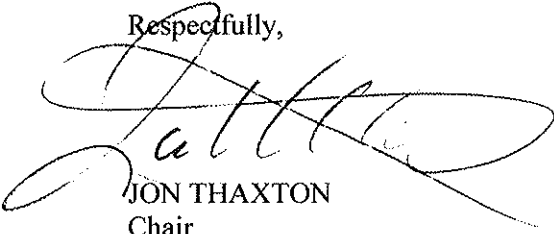
Dear Secretary LaHood:

Pursuant to the Request of Representative Oberstar and Representative DeFazio dated February 27, 2009, to Transit Agencies, and pursuant to Title XV, Subtitle A, Section 1511 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Pub. L. 111-5 (February 17, 2009), (ARRA), I, Jon Thaxton, Chair, Sarasota County Commission, hereby certify that the infrastructure investments, attached to this certification, funded with amounts appropriated by the ARRA under the heading "Transit Capital Assistance" to the Federal Transit Administration, have received the full review and vetting required by law and that I accept responsibility that such investments are appropriate uses of taxpayer dollars.

I further certify that the specific information required by Section 1511 concerning each such investment (a description of the investment, the estimated total cost, and the amount of ARRA funds to be used) is provided on the Sarasota-Bradenton Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Florida State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and is available to the public at <http://www.scgov.net> and linked to Recovery.gov.

I understand that my state or local agency may not receive ARRA infrastructure investment funding unless this certification is made and posted.

Respectfully,



JON THAXTON
Chair

Attachment

C: Sarasota County Commission
James L. Ley, County Administrator
Michael Howe, Executive Director, Sarasota-Manatee MPO
Stanley Cann, District One Secretary, Florida Department of Transportation
Anthony Beckford, General Manager, Sarasota County Area Transit

Sarasota County Transportation Authority		
ARRA Projects on Sarasota-Manatee MPO Transportation Improvement Program		
Project	MPO TIP Amount	ARRA
Capital bus facilities and bus purchases	\$28,000,000	TBD
5309 New/Small Starts - BRT	\$72,000,000	TBD
5307 Capital for fixed route (To be split 50/50 with MCAT)	\$9,566,000	\$9,237,386
New Bus Service	\$452,000	
Park & Ride - North Port	\$100,000	TBD
Park and Ride Facilities - 3 locations	\$1,500,000	TBD
Transfer Station - Cattlemen Road	\$1,200,000	TBD
Bus Stop Improvements - Benches/Shelters	\$1,000,000	TBD
Bus Stop Improvements	\$526,000	TBD
State Block Grant	\$10,637,684	
5311 Rural Operating Assistance	\$622,558	\$300,000
5316 JARC	\$904,000	TBD
New Freedom Program Section 5317	\$604,853	TBD
Downtown Circulator (City of Sarasota)	\$15,000,000	TBD
*Shading indicates Operating Program		