

April 29, 2010

Ms. Beth Day
E45-322
Federal Transit Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Subject: Submission of Sarasota North South Bus Rapid Transit Alternative Analysis-Final Report

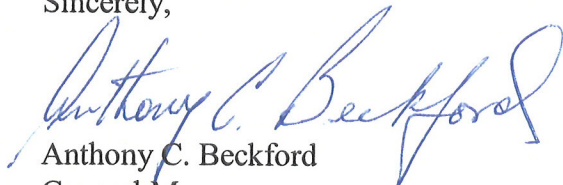
Dear Ms. Day:

On behalf of Sarasota County Transportation Authority, dba, Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT), I respectfully present the following documents; *Sarasota North-South Corridor Alternatives Analysis, Final Report, Appendices, and Addendum Report*, for consideration by the Federal Transit Administration for its recommendation for entry into Project Development. These documents include all the pertinent information required by the FTA along with additional (supplemental) materials. There are two DVDs, one of which provides a full visual description of the LPA as approved by both the City and County Commissions of Sarasota.

Since the summer of 2006, SCAT has been engaged with the FTA, with support from Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the Sarasota-Bradenton MPO in putting a Small Starts application together. In the winter of 2007, and with assistance of the FTA, SCAT received an Alternative Analysis 5339 Grant to assist us to begin our study of the corridor. Working with the help of such professional and expert individuals as Mr. David Ory, Mr. Jim Ryan and several of your planning staff in Headquarters, and with assistance from Ms. Elizabeth Martin, Mr. Christopher White and others from our FTA Region IV office, we have been able to compile a document that is truly representative of what is best for Sarasota and the State of Florida.

We trust that you will find these documents in order, and should you have any question about any area of its content, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at abeckfor@scgov.net or by telephone at (941) 861-1006.

Sincerely,


Anthony C. Beckford
General Manager

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