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The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:


I am pleased to support the Jacksonville Transportation Agency (JTA) in its efforts to become one of Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT's) priority projects for the U.S. Department of Transportation's Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies (FASTLANE II) grant. The *Northeast Florida Freight Rail Enhancement Program* represents job growth, opportunity and increased freight capacity to accommodate current and future projected growth for the Jacksonville Port Authority and all the ports along the east coast of Florida.

The *Northeast Florida Freight Rail Enhancement Program* project expands and upgrades the transportation network for the movement of freight. The project works to alleviate a single point of congestion for freight movement throughout the southeastern United States, thus allowing for increased productivity and modern controls to improve safety. It also helps the flow of freight today and prepares northeast Florida for the post Panamax expansion of port activity and the infrastructure for the future North Rail Corridor Project.

On behalf of the City of Jacksonville, I am in full support of CSX Railroad, Norfolk Southern, FEC Railroad, FDOT, Freight Rail and the JTA in their collaboration on this project. With the award of this FASTLANE II grant, we will strengthen our safety, accessibility and productivity goals for citizens and businesses throughout the city and southeastern United States.

Again, I am in full support of this project.

Sincerely,


Lenny Curry
Mayor

cc: Nathaniel Ford, CEO, JTA