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Office of the
**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY
ADMINISTRATOR**

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Brian Sullivan
Legislative Affairs & Communications Manager

DATE: November 25, 2019

SUBJECT: Letter from the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners thanking Governor Ron DeSantis for his attention to high speed passenger rail safety

BACKGROUND

In response to fatal accidents along the Florida East Coast Rail Corridor, Governor Ron DeSantis recently asked the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to look into the issue of high speed passenger rail safety.

The Governor's directive follows a letter from the Florida Transportation Commission to FDOT which brought forward concerns regarding high speed passenger rail safety from citizen advocacy groups in the state.

Senator Debbie Mayfield and Representative Tyler Sirois have filed legislation which would clarify the authority and duties of FDOT with respect to high speed passenger rail systems throughout the state of Florida and which would also implement certain safety standards to be followed in the construction and maintenance of those rail systems.

FUNDING

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

The safety of Indian River County residents and visitors is paramount and the County is committed to ensuring any high speed passenger rail system traveling through the County is equipped with adequate and efficient safety measures to prevent injuries or fatalities. In order to achieve this goal and ensure these safety measures are implemented, coordination between local stakeholders, the Legislature, the Governor's office, and FDOT is vital.

Accordingly, County staff recommends that the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners prepare a letter to Governor DeSantis raising the importance of high speed passenger rail safety and thanking him for his attention to the issue.

ATTACHMENT

N/A