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Re: Letter of Support for the Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Application

To Whom It May Concern:

As a non-profit, non-partisan social welfare membership organization, AARP enhances the quality of life for all as we age. One way that AARP is driving social change is by encouraging communities to adopt an "age-friendly" mindset to make their city and or county a great place for people of all ages.

Pinellas County and the City of St. Petersburg, along with 27 other communities in Florida and the State of Florida, has made a commitment to make their community a better place for all ages by joining the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities. This work is structured around the 8 domains of livability: outdoor spaces and buildings, transportation, housing, social participation, respect and social inclusion, civic participation and employment, communication and information, and community support and health services.

Transportation and mobility choices is a major component of the work to create age-friendly communities. The Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority's (PSTA) Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project is an example of a project that will create more transportation choices for residents of all ages to get out in their community to go to work, volunteer, shop, and connect with one another. Transportation choices are vital to a livable community for people of all ages.

AARP supports the Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Application. As AARP's Florida state office, we welcome every effort by any of Florida's cities/counties to become more age-friendly.

Sincerely,



Jeff Johnson  
State Director  
AARP Florida