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Brad Miller, Chair Executive Officer
Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA)
3201 Scherer Dr.
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Dear Mr. Miller:

On behalf of TBARTA's Governing Board, please consider this letter as a record of support for the continued implementation of PSTA's Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project.

As a direct service providing premium connectivity between central St. Petersburg and the Gulf beaches, TBARTA recognizes the value Central Avenue BRT will bring to both residents and visitors of the area. In addition to providing an affordable commuting option for the many jobs that are located within a half mile of the project corridor, tourists and beach residents will be able to enjoy a convenient, easy, one-seat ride to local businesses, healthcare, education, entertainment, and other attractions along the route. Moreover, the inclusion of Business Access and Transit (BAT) Lanes and transit signal prioritization will provide a speed and travel time reliability previously unknown to transit service in the area.

TBARTA commends PSTA's leadership for advancing this project. This forward-thinking service is not only crucial to alleviating the parking and congestion issues in central St. Petersburg and the beaches but is also a critical first step in developing a regional transit network that will connect travel markets and activity centers across multiple counties in the Tampa Bay region. We look forward to working with you toward that end.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DAG", is written over a white background.

David Green
Executive Director

cc: Janet Long, PSTA Board Chair