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Mandee M. Steele
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Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority
3201 Scherer Drive
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Dear Mandee:

On behalf of St. Petersburg College (SPC), it is my pleasure to offer our support of the efforts by both Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) and the City of St. Petersburg for the Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project.

We strongly believe that the Central Avenue BRT project will align with our efforts to be a driving force for social, environmental, and economic vitality in our community through innovation and partnership. Our county is built in a way that requires that residents rely heavily on driving. However, many residents in our community lack access to a vehicle, and instead rely on public transportation to get to school, work, and social service organizations. Providing greater access to transportation will allow members of our community to achieve upward economic mobility through enhanced educational opportunities.

Since 2014, SPC and PSTA have partnered together to offer transportation at no-cost for SPC faculty, staff, and students. This partnership allows 45,000 students and 3,900 employees to ride PSTA buses at no-cost. As evidenced through our current partnership with PSTA, we are committed to ensuring that students in our community have access to educational opportunities.

We thank you for considering this application and are excited to play a pivotal role in this program to boost transportation options for students in Pinellas County.

Sincerely,


Dr. Jamelle Conner
Vice President, Student Affairs
St. Petersburg College