



THE FLORIDA SENATE
SENATOR MIKE HARIDOPOLOS
President

June 23, 2011

The Honorable Rick Scott
PL 05 The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Dear Governor Scott,

With regard to the U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) recently announced intention to execute a Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA, or agreement) with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the purpose of developing the Central Florida Commuter Rail Transit Project (SunRail), I understand you are contemplating whether to continue the State's support of the project as currently envisioned. Over the past few weeks a number of issues have been raised that have indicated that the conditions of the arrangement with the federal government may be different from the understanding that was originally reached in 2009. As you move toward this deadline, there are several questions that I believe are critical in reaching an appropriate decision on behalf of Florida's taxpayers.

- With the knowledge that the agreement anticipates a funding scenario in which the Federal government is responsible for 50% of the project costs, the State is responsible for 25%, and the affected local governments are responsible for the remaining 25%, I inquire as to the consequences whereby one of the responsible parties fails to maintain their respective obligations. Specifically:
 - Should the affected local governments fail to provide funds sufficient to meet its obligations to the project, what effect would this have on the financial obligations of the remaining FFGA signees? Would the funding necessary to complete the project become the responsibility of the State, the Federal government, or both? Would such responsibility be shared equally?

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- Similarly, if the Federal Government should fail to transfer funds for the project in a timely manner, what effect would this have on the State and local governments' responsibilities?
- It is my understanding that approximately \$61 million in federal funding has already been allocated to the development of this project. If the State were to withdraw any further support of the SunRail project, would the State be required to repay these funds?

Further, I am requesting the opportunity to review the Summary Evaluation of Alternatives Analysis which has not yet been made available to my office.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Haridopoulos" with a stylized flourish and the letters "SUN" written to the right.

Mike Haridopoulos
President of the Senate