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Mr. Brad Miller
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Re: Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit Request for a Letter of No Prejudice to Initiate Construction Activities

Dear Mr. Miller:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has completed its review of the letter from the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) dated October 21, requesting a Letter of No Prejudice (LONP) to incur costs in the amount of \$432,000 to initiate construction activities for the Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit Project (the Project). The FTA approves the request.

With this approval, PSTA may incur costs for the Project as described in the LONP request. As with all pre-award authority, all Federal requirements must be met prior to incurring costs in order to retain eligibility of the costs for future FTA grant assistance. The authority to incur costs provided in this letter does not constitute an FTA commitment that future Federal dollars will be approved for the Project. This LONP expires five years from the date of this letter, or upon approval of a construction grant agreement for the Project, whichever occurs first.

Please note that PSTA undertakes the LONP work at its own risk, and that the Project must still complete further steps in the Capital Investment Grants (CIG) program to be eligible for consideration to receive CIG funding.

Please contact Gregory Chilik at (404) 865-5471 or gregory.chilik@dot.gov with any questions you may have about proceeding under the authority to incur costs provided in this letter.

Sincerely,

Yvette G. Taylor, Ph.D.
Regional Administrator