

Mr. Michael J. Busha
Executive Director
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
421 SW Flagler Avenue
Stuart, FL 34994

March 2, 2017

RE: South Florida Transit Oriented Development Grant Program

Dear Mr. Busha,

On March 1, 2017, the Delray Beach City Commission voted unanimously to authorize the application submittal for the South Florida Transit Oriented Development (SFTOD) Grant program being offered by the South Florida Regional Transit Authority (SFRTA), the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC), and the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC). The Commission also committed to funding the required match if awarded this grant.

The purpose of this grant is to partner with TCRPC to develop a Station Area Master Plan. The City began this process with the recent update to the Central Business District (CBD) land development regulations where a potential station location was identified. The station location is important to Delray Beach, along with other coastal Cities, being impacted by the addition of the high-speed trains (Brightline) and anticipated increase in freight traffic on this line. As one way to offset this impact, the City recognized the potential benefit of the Tri-Rail Coastal Link and development of a transit station in the heart of our downtown.

The timing of this grant works well as the City is currently in the process of developing a new city-wide comprehensive plan. The anticipated date of completion of this new comprehensive plan is the spring of 2018.

Sincerely,

Cary Glickstein
Mayor