



STATE OF FLORIDA

BILL McCOLLUM
ATTORNEY GENERAL

November 2, 2009

The Honorable Stephanie Kopelousos
Florida Department of Transportation
605 Suwannee Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0450

Dear Secretary Kopelousos:

As you know, the SunRail commuter train project has the ability to have a tremendous positive impact to the economy of Central Florida, like other commuter rail projects throughout the State. I strongly support legislation to implement a SunRail agreement.

As Attorney General, the legal provisions, particularly the liability language of the potential agreement, have been a source of contention. As you are aware, other states have grappled with this same issue. Specifically, Massachusetts has been working on an agreement and I am hopeful this agreement will serve as a model for Florida in an effort to strike a balance in the apportionment of liability between CSX and the State. Please know that my staff and I are available for any legal review needed on liability agreement language.

As a result of the recent progress and because of the statewide interest in the SunRail project, I am requesting that you come before the November 17th Cabinet meeting to update us on the liability provisions and other key aspects in moving an agreement forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill McCollum".

Bill McCollum

cc: The Honorable Charlie Crist, Governor
The Honorable Alex Sink, Chief Financial Officer
The honorable Charlie Bronson, Commissioner of Agriculture