



Interoffice Memorandum

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TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
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County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: February 23, 2021– BCC Work Session – Brightline Update

Brightline is a privately funded intercity passenger rail system initially planned to connect Miami to Orlando. Phase I (Miami to West Palm Beach) began service in 2018. Phase II (West Palm Beach to Orlando International Airport (OIA)) is currently under construction and scheduled to be complete in 2022. Brightline is pursuing plans to further expand their intercity passenger rail system by providing a connection between Orlando and Tampa. They have initiated discussions with the Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission (CFCRC) about the potential for both SunRail and Brightline to use shared rail infrastructure (along the OUC rail corridor and existing SunRail corridor) between OIA and the Meadow Woods SunRail station as a strategy for supporting a SunRail connection to OIA. The CFCRC recently approved a Resolution of Support for *studying* this concept.

Brightline representatives will participate in a work session on February 23, 2021, to update the Board on the current status and future plans for their intercity passenger rail system.

This work session is for informational purposes only and no action is requested of the Board at this time.

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