



December 5, 2023

Mr. Brian Kronberg
Vice President of Development
Brightline Trains LLC
350 NW 1st Ave, Suite 200
Miami, FL 33136

**RE: City of Port St. Lucie Support for a Brightline Station
in Downtown Fort Pierce**

Dear Mr. Kronberg:

The City of Port St. Lucie (City), the 6th largest city in Florida with more than 240,000 residents and the most populous municipality between Miami and Orlando, is excited to be an active partner in the City of Fort Pierce's proposal to bring Brightline to Downtown Fort Pierce. Downtown Fort Pierce is an ideal location for a Brightline station to serve Port St. Lucie residents, and the City has supported such a station since at least October 2018 as demonstrated by the attached previous support letter from the City.

Intercity passenger rail service would be a major economic benefit and amenity for the City's residents and businesses. Such a service operated by Brightline would provide a safe, comfortable, and convenient option for the City's residents and businesses to travel among the attractions and destinations from Miami to Orlando.

Likewise, the City benefits Brightline by increasing ridership as the City continues to be one of the fastest-growing cities in the State with continued substantial increases in both new residents and businesses. In addition, the City is the home to the New York Mets Spring Training which every year draws approximately 175,000 baseball fans every year who travel to Port St. Lucie from the New York region or are visiting South Florida and the Orlando areas, many of which become future permanent residents of the City.

Shannon Martin
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Stephanie Morgan
Councilmember
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Councilmember
District 2

Anthony Bonna
Councilmember
District 3

As an active partner in the City of Fort Pierce's proposal, the City will work with the St. Lucie County Transportation Planning Organization, St. Lucie County, and the City of Fort Pierce to provide shuttle service between the future Fort Pierce Brightline Station and major activity centers in the City.

We greatly appreciate Brightline considering Downtown Fort Pierce as the location for the next Brightline station and look forward to working with you and the other stakeholders to best connect Port St. Lucie residents, businesses, and visitors over the long term to the Fort Pierce Brightline Station.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shannon M. Martin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot at the end of the last name.

Shannon M. Martin
Mayor



City of Port St. Lucie

"A City for All Ages"

October 15, 2018

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Russell L. Roberts
Vice President, Government Affairs
Brightline Trains, LLC
161 NW 6th Street, Suite 900
Miami, FL 33136

Re: Letter of Support for Passenger Rail Station in Fort Pierce

Dear Mr. Roberts,

On behalf of the City Council and City of Port St. Lucie, I am writing you to share our support for the City of Fort Pierce and their proposal to Brightline Trains, LLC, for a passenger rail station. We recognize the importance of exploring regional transportation improvements, which serve to enhance connectivity to and from the Treasure Coast, and that the benefits of a passenger train station in Fort Pierce would extend beyond the boundaries of Fort Pierce to the residents of City of Port St. Lucie and our entire metropolitan area.

The City of Port St. Lucie supports the proposal and encourages your team to continue working with local officials to mitigate any of Brightline's potential negative impacts on our community, which include but may not be limited to noise, traffic congestion, and pedestrian and vehicular dangers.

If you would like to discuss this matter further or I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Gregory J. Oravec
Mayor

c: Vice Mayor & City Council
Linda Hudson, Mayor, City of Fort Pierce
Peter Buchwald, AICP, Executive Director, St. Lucie TPO