

**Subject:** Support for Transit in South Florida

**Dear Governor DeSantis,**

I am writing to express my strong support for continued funding for Tri-Rail, South Florida's regional commuter rail service. As a [elected official] of [City/County], I have seen firsthand how essential transit and Tri-Rail are to the mobility, economy, and sustainability of our region.

The combination of the federal COVID relief funds soon expiring and the impacts of HB7031 have resulted in a potential budget shortfall for both Tri-Rail and transit in general. Without immediate and collaborative funding solutions the future of these vital services are in jeopardy.

Transit provides more than just transportation, it connects communities to jobs, healthcare, education, and regional attractions. It helps reduce congestion on I-95, spurs economic growth, and provides an affordable transit option for thousands of riders each day. The new express service has already shown how effective and popular Tri-Rail can be with strategic investment. Tri-Rail asserts that \$4 is generated in economic returns for every \$1 invested in public transit.

Now is not the time to walk away from public transit. I urge our state leaders to work together to ensure stable, long-term funding for transit and Tri-Rail.

Let's not allow decades of progress to be undone.

Sincerely,

**[Your Full Name]**

[Your Address (optional)]

[Your Email or Phone Number (optional)]

[Your County – Miami-Dade / Broward / Palm Beach]

[Tri-Rail Rider / Supporter / Commuter / Local Business Owner – as applicable]