

Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: March 3, 2009

Date Submitted: February 13, 2009

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Commissioner Kessler

Subject: Request Board Consideration of Letter in Support of a Feasibility Study on Restoring Sunset Limited Service Between New Orleans and Sanford

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item requests Board consideration for sending a letter in support of a feasibility study on restoring Sunset Limited service between New Orleans and Sanford (Attachment #1).

Background:

Not too long ago commuter rail service existed between New Orleans and Sanford. This service included commuter rail between Tallahassee and New Orleans and Jacksonville. This Amtrak service was discontinued.

Analysis:

The 2008 Amtrak Reauthorization Bill contains a provision allowing for a feasibility study on restoring Sunset Limited service between New Orleans and Sanford. The re-establishing of this service would benefit Wakulla County.

Options:

1. Board votes to support the provision of the feasibility study on restoring Sunset Limited service between New Orleans and Sanford and directs the sending of letter expressing such support.
2. Board votes not to support and not to send letter.
3. Board Direction.

Recommendation:

Option #1

Attachment:

1. Letter of Support