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Via USPS and Electronic Mail (Vicki.Rutson@stb.gov)

Ms. Victoria Rutson,
Director
Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Docket No. FD 35852, Canaveral Port Authority -- Construction and Operation
Exemption -- Rail Line Extension to Port Canaveral, FL

Dear Ms. Rutson:

I am writing in response to your request for clarification of the proposed construction timing of the above referenced rail proposal.

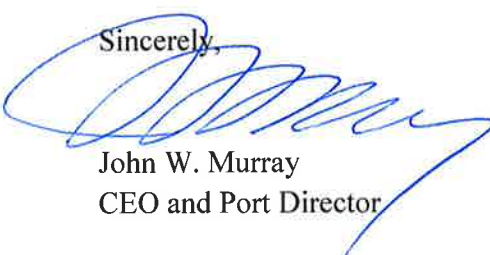
The Canaveral Port Authority (CPA) Strategic Master Plan is required by Florida statute to provide long-term strategic guidance for the Port. This plan, although still in draft stage and not yet adopted by the CPA Board of Commissioners, includes a comprehensive analysis of market data and volume projections for the Port's business lines.

The Strategic Master Plan identifies no current or projected near term economic data that presents a compelling case for the Port to pursue rail.

Therefore, at the December 6, 2017 meeting, the CPA Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the withdrawal of the Canaveral Port Authority's proposal to construct a rail line pending in Docket No. FD 35852 of the Surface Transportation Board (STB), and authorized the submission of this letter to notify the STB of this action.

The Board of Commissioners wishes to thank the STB for its consideration of the Port's proposal and for the efforts of the Section of Environmental Analysis staff assigned to its review.

Sincerely,



John W. Murray
CEO and Port Director

cc: David Navecky, Environmental Protection Specialist
(via Electronic Mail at David.Navecky@stb.gov)