

GRAND CENTRAL DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

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Brad Miller Chief Executive Officer Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) 3201 Sherer Drive St. Petersburg, FL 33716 June 6th, 2019

Dear Brad,

Following multiple meetings on the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project with the Pinellas County Transit Authority (PSTA) and City of St. Petersburg respective staff members over the last six years, the Grand Central District Association Board (GCDA) is in support of the BRT in the Grand Central District.

Please note that reducing excessive speeding on 1st N and 1st S, improved sidewalk lighting to and from Central Avenue as well as ajoined neighborhoods, tree trimming for better turning visiblity, additional trash recepticals, and dedicated crosswalks will need to be part of the project's implementation.

While admittedly, losing some parking in those corridors isn't optimal for the growing residential population and businesses, the potential gain in allowing citizens and visitors to move through the city and to our district will have an enormous impact on the GCD.

Grand Central would like to thank Evan Mory, Abhishek Dayal, Cheryl Stacks and Tom Whalen and associated staff members for involving us in the discussion about the future of transportation in the city and greater Bay Area region.

David Foote

Executive Director