



CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG

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RICK KRISEMAN, Mayor

Office of the Mayor

January 5, 2017

The Honorable Charlie Justice, Chair
Pinellas County Commission
315 Court Street
Clearwater, FL, 33756

Dear Commissioner Justice:

Thank you for your letter regarding PSTA's request for funds to provide electric charging stations as part of a larger electric vehicle demonstration project, and for the BOCC's willingness to fund 80% of PSTA's request to the County. Having all-electric buses in our community is an attractive proposition. This falls in line well with our efforts towards improved public transportation as well as the Healthy St. Petersburg and Sustainability initiatives. On a conceptual level, I support St. Petersburg funding \$118,000 towards this project as requested by the County. It is my understanding that the funds are not needed until next fiscal year which allows the City time to further understand the proposed project and allocate funds in next year's budget as appropriate.

In order to more fully understand this project and PSTA's needs as it relates to partnering with the City and County the City will be meeting with PSTA soon. As you know, we will need a City Council appropriation before the City can fully commit to funding a portion of the project. However, I did want to respond to your letter in a timely manner and let you know that I support this concept and anticipate that the City will participate in the amount requested as part of the FY 2018 budget.

Sincerely,

Rick Kriseman, Mayor

cc: St. Petersburg City Council
Mark S. Woodard, Pinellas County Administrator
Brad Miller, CEO, Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority