



July 19, 2019

VIA E-MAIL

The Honorable Scott Singer
Mayor, City of Boca Raton
Boca Raton City Hall
201 West Palmetto Park Road
Boca Raton, FL 33432

Re: VTUSA Train Station / City of Boca Raton

Dear Mayor Singer,

The City of Boca Raton and its residents have expressed strong interest in getting a Virgin Trains USA (VTUSA) (DBA Brightline) train station since the project was announced in 2012. Now that we have successfully completed and opened phase one of our service from Miami to West Palm, we are evaluating other south Florida cities to expand our service. Boca Raton is one of the cities that VTUSA has carefully studied, and we would like to work with the City of Boca Raton to finalize an agreement in which we would deliver train service to Boca Raton in the immediate future.

We understand that we must go through a formal process with the City in order to come to an agreement, however we are issuing this letter as a first step.

A VTUSA station in Boca Raton will increase the quality of life, revitalize downtown, positively impact the environment, take cars off the road and provide a boost to Boca's economy. VTUSA's service has shown a strong and steady demand from residents and has already made a tremendous impact on the South Florida economy by creating jobs and transporting over one million passengers.

The below points explain what VTUSA is prepared to commit to and what VTUSA would need from the City of Boca Raton.

VTUSA is prepared to provide train service for the City based on the following:

VTUSA will:

- Fund the construction of a VTUSA train station
- Construct the VTUSA train station
- Fund the necessary rail infrastructure improvements
- Construct the necessary rail infrastructure improvements
- Manage the construction of the train station parking garage
- Purchase and supply the necessary rolling stock (trains)
- Operate the VTUSA train station and parking garage
- Offer regularly scheduled train service seven days a week
- Replace parking spaces for the library that are eliminated as a result of the train station
- Work with the City to relocate the library's community garden and study the possibility of providing the City with community meeting space



In exchange for the above, VTUSA seeks the following from the City:

- Contribution of the land identified on the attached site plan ("the Site") to VTUSA
- Fund the construction for the station parking garage
- Agree to fund and construct an elevated pedestrian bridge over Dixie Highway; exact location to be determined by both VTUSA and the City.
- Agreement from the City to provide shuttle service from the station to various locations within Boca Raton to improve connectivity.
- Agreement from the City to work with VTUSA to properly re-zone the site as necessary to accommodate VTUSA's various uses. City will also provide expedited permit processing/review for the project.

VTUSA is excited to work with the City of Boca Raton to make this a reality and bring passenger train service to downtown Boca Raton.

We look forward to attending the City Commission Workshop meeting on Monday and are hopeful Council will give direction to city staff to make this project a priority and dedicate the necessary staff time over the next several months as we work through the necessary processes and procedures.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Goddard".

Patrick Goddard
President

