

EXPLANATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEM E.2.c.(38) – October 28, 2015

ITEM:

Consideration of authorizing staff to ask the Surface Transportation Board Office of Environmental Analysis for a temporary pause in the ongoing environmental review process while staff works with the Renuart/Larkin Group and the U.S. Air Force to study the feasibility of a preferred rail route through the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station.

EXPLANATION:

At the September 23, 2015 Board Meeting, the Board directed staff to work with the Renuart/Larkin Group to study a preferred route through Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. Based on preliminary meetings, staff recommends it is best to request the Surface Transportation Board Office of Environmental Analysis to temporarily pause their ongoing environmental review process while staff continues to work with the Renuart/Larkin Group. This temporary pause in the STB process will give staff and the Renuart/Larkin Group the ability to evaluate the feasibility of a rail route through the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station.

In the future, once a feasible route on the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station is determined and the U.S. Air Force indicates approval of a rail route, staff will request from the commission that the STB process be resumed so all routes can be properly evaluated.

Staff Recommends Approval
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