

DRAFTER'S NOTE
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ATTN: Cindy McGinnis

Please review the attached draft carefully to ensure that it is consistent with your intent.

I note that the draft does not provide any additional funding to DOT to cover the costs of preparing the state rail plan. In contrast, funding might be available to DOT (although no funding seems to be presently allocated) for its multimodal studies and high-speed rail studies under s. 85.022. Do you want to provide any funding in this draft to cover DOT's costs in preparing the state rail plan?

Under current law, DOT administers a rail passenger service assistance and promotion program under s. 85.06 and a rail passenger route development program under s. 85.061. Do you want to add any changes to these programs in this draft? In particular, do you want to add any routes to s. 85.061 (3) (a) 1. or change any limitation in s. 85.061 (3) (b)? I should note that the route development program under s. 85.061 is funded only from bond proceeds and I am uncertain how much funding is presently available for the program.

Please let me know if you would like any changes made to the attached draft or if you have any questions. If the attached draft meets with your approval, let me know and I will convert it to an introducible "/1" draft.

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