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Mr. Karl Guenther
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Dear Mr. Guenther,

The Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) was established by the Florida Legislature, the Florida Board of Regents, and the University of South Florida (USF) in 1988, and serves as an important resource for policy makers, transportation professionals such as Sky Train Corp., the education system, and the public.

Over the years, Sky Train has demonstrated its willingness to seek innovative solutions to solving transit problems. You are to be commended for your commitment to striving for new transportation solutions and for your commitment to the local community. Organizations like Sky Train are an important local resource for the Tampa Bay area and for the transportation community.

We believe that Sky Train rail concepts include a number of features that will be very attractive elements in solutions to our transportation problems. The exclusive guideway/right-of-way can help provide competitive service. The prospect of light weight vehicles offers cost and resource savings. The aesthetics can be attractive and use of industry standard components for some elements of the system offers economies of scale and the prospect of shortened technology development cycles.

CUTR stands ready to work with Sky Train to assist in future initiatives. We have a range of capabilities that can help in technology refinement and context application design. We have strengths in transit service development and can offer a number of services associated with evaluating the impacts of the technology. Beyond our expertise in planning, evaluation and system design, we may be able to assist you in securing other university and non-university talent necessary to develop the technology. We offer these services on a non-exclusive basis.

Should there be an opportunity to proceed with further evaluation or planning of the technology or its application, we stand ready to participate in a manner that complements your effort. As you know, we have a multidisciplinary research staff, which includes experts in economics, engineering, planning, public policy, anthropology, business, and geography who would be eager to help a local business address transportation problems.

Sincerely,


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