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TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY LAHOOD ANNOUNCES

\$5.7 MILLION GRANT FOR SFRTA

U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood today announced that the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) will receive \$5.7 million through the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) TIGGER III (Transit Investment in Greenhouse Gas and Energy Reduction) Grant Program. The funds will be used to construct Tri-Rail's first green, LEED certified, sustainable station at Pompano Beach. The SFRTA project was one of 46 nationwide selected to receive grants.

"These grants will put thousands of Americans back to work building sustainable, energy efficient transit vehicles and facilities across the country," said Secretary LaHood. "The Obama Administration is committed to investing in the cutting-edge transportation projects that will keep our economy moving forward." The FTA reviewed 266 project applications representing more than \$1 billion in funding requests from transit providers across the country. The awards to the projects selected totaled over \$100 million.

"We are grateful to the FTA for providing the funds to go forward with this very important project. It is a win-win for South Florida. A win for the environment and a win for the economy due to the construction jobs it will create," said SFRTA Chair, Commissioner Kristin Jacobs.

The rebuilt Pompano Beach Station will generate more than 100 percent of the station's energy demand through solar panels. The project will send the excess energy to the power grid and store daytime energy for nighttime lighting of the station, parking area, and other parts of the facility.

Implementation of this demonstration project will result in a significant reduction in energy consumption, which is consistent with the FTA's livability and environmental sustainability goals to support green building. Tri-Rail's Pompano Beach Station will be the first transit station in the State of Florida and may be one of the first nationally to be 100 percent supported by solar energy, and will become SFRTA's green station prototype for future improvements at all Tri-Rail stations.

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