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Dear Mr. Cohen;

The Lake Worth Community Redevelopment Board voted unanimously requested that I draft this letter to you in regards to Palm Tran providing regular service to our downtown and beach area. The Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and the City of Lake Worth have undertaken substantial projects within the past few years. These include the development of over 150 new housing units built with Neighborhood Stabilization Funds, the completion of the Beach Casino Project, and the rewriting of the Land Development Regulations, just to name a few. In fact, the County provided $5M for the Lake Worth renovated Beach complex including a park, restroom facilities and a picnic area.

Economic development in Lake Worth is a priority for our Board and the City Administration. We all understand the importance of public transit as it provides **economic and social opportunities and benefits** that result in positive multiplying effects such as better accessibility to markets, employment and increased investments. As the Gulfstream Hotel is redeveloped and joins other local hoteliers, strategic community development efforts will be strengthened by having Palm Tran serve our area as economies that possess greater mobility grow faster than those with less.

As it stands, Palm Tran's Route #62 is the East/West feeder to Tri-Rail and Palm Beach State College and points West. It services Lake Worth Beach only on Sundays. Regular scheduled daily stops at the new Lake Worth Beach Complex would serve Palm Beach County's Kruesler Park, the Four Seasons Hotel, the Omphoy Hotel, and many vacationing tourists in oceanfront condos providing transportation to our restaurants, art galleries and entertainment venues in downtown Lake Worth. Currently, the #62 bus makes a U-Turn at Dixie Hwy. and sits for 15 minutes at the CVS store, possibly allowing no change in scheduled stops that now exist on that route.

We ask that Palm Tran consider extending Route 62, providing frequent service to the Beach, shopping centers, downtown, Tri-Rail and City amenities and businesses. We believe that with consistent service and our ability to market our direct beach access from Tri-Rail, ridership will increase and more and more residents and visitors will access public transportation. Thank you for your time and I look forward in hearing a response from your office soon.

Sincerely,

Cary Sabol
CRA Chair

Cc: CRA Commissioners
David Tolces, CRA Attorney
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