Galt Link Team Sent By: Robyn Chiarelli On:Jun 06/28/17 5:29 PM To: <u>CIPS LCAM Pio R. Ieraci</u>; <u>galtmile@comcast.net</u>

Good afternoon Pio and Eric,

I hope you are both feeling healthy and well! I am writing to ask for your assistance in turning around the Galt Link ridership and assisting with some funding challenges. Because passengers per hour have fallen below the 7.1 threshold standard prescribed by Broward County Transit, BCT has terminated their funding for this route. For now, we are still planning on operating the service because we have other monies that are going to help fill in the blanks.

That being said, we will have a \$20,000 funding gap for the remainder of this fiscal year. We are (1) seeking other funding opportunities; and (2) figuring out how we could bring ridership back up.

We have assembled a team to address the challenges. The team consists of representatives from the Galleria at Fort Lauderdale, the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, the City of Fort Lauderdale, the Florida Department of Transportation, Broward County Transit, and the Broward MPO. The missing piece of the puzzle is a community representative.

If you would be so kind so as to recommend someone who may be willing to participate in approximately five one-hour long meetings over the course of the next two to three months, we would greatly appreciate it. We must have the community support to ensure this is a success!!

Thank you for your consideration,

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