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U.S. Department
Of Transportation

Federal Railroad
Administration

Mr. Bryan Hammond
HTSI Safety Manager
9400 NW 37th Ave.
Miami, FL 33147

November 4, 2022

Dear Mr. Hammond:

This letter responds to the HTSI and South Florida Regional Transit Authority (SFRTA) submission dated July 21, 2022, to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval of its material modifications to the SFRTA Conductor Certification Program received by FRA on July 12, 2022. (SFRTA) has complied with FRA's procedures for submission and approval of programs described in Appendix B to 49 CFR part 242. FRA reviewed the railroad's program modifications and determined that the railroad's program modifications conform with the requirements of 49 CFR part 242 for the reasons discussed below.

The program modifications are consistent with the model previously approved commuter railroad programs. FRA understands that the modifications are intended to provide more detail to the conductor certification process and update contact information. Additional modifications to the submission also addressed deficiencies with the standard requirements of 49 CFR part 242, appendix B.

Your submission states that on July 12, 2022, the railroad provided a copy of its program modification to Mr. Jeremy Ferguson, President of SMART-TD labor organization representing the railroad's employees. FRA received no comments on the program or program modification by the labor organizations.

Please continue in your efforts to improve railroad safety on your system.

Please contact me with any questions regarding this submission at (918) 557-0651 or FRAOPCERTPROG@dot.gov or Kevin.Lewis@dot.gov

Sincerely,

Kevin Lewis
FRA Program Manager Certification