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Mr. Dave Navechy
Surface Transportation Board
Attn: Environmental Filing
Docket No. FD 35852
395 East Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Mr. Navechy:

In response to the proposed rail extension by Port Canaveral please accept the following comments:

- The devastation that would result to the ecosystem in the Banana River from any bridge being built over the river would be monumental. The river is in an already delicate state due to everyday pollution and the dwindling regrowth of sea grasses, etc. This would kill the prospect of regrowth and the assured loss of precious delicate marine life.
- This proposed rail line would transverse through the wetlands of Merritt Island and also the Wildlife Sanctuary eliminating the already endangered species which inhabit the refuge.
- The obvious air pollution to the existing communities would be absolutely critical.
- The number of trains currently noted in the proposal will grow exponentially with time and with that growth so will the noise and pollution associated therewith.
- As a member of the community, working tirelessly to preserve our environment, it is devastating to think that the port commissioners are presenting the possibility of ruining the river, the wetlands and the Merritt Island bird sanctuary simply for their gain.

These few comments are but the tip of the iceberg and we implore you to research thoroughly the everlasting impact associated with this unconscionable proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Clarence and Mary Prosser