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**Federal Railroad  
Administration**

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Richard H. Finley  
President  
Finley Group, Inc.  
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Birmingham, AL 35261

Dear Mr. Finley:

Thank you for your July 6, 2021 email to Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Deputy Administrator Amit Bose regarding the proposed Interstate-20 eXpress High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Project (Project), which included a copy of the Finley Group, Inc.'s PowerPoint about the Project. Your letter has been referred to me for reply.

FRA is encouraged by the Finley Group, Inc.'s continued planning efforts, and the proposed Project's consideration for economic growth, enhancement of mobility, and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. You are welcome to keep FRA apprised of the Finley Group, Inc.'s progress, including garnering regional and local support and the potential for creating interstate rail compacts.

Through previous communications with FRA, I know that you are generally aware of the U.S. Department of Transportation's and FRA's competitive discretionary grant programs. To stay apprised of available Notices of Funding Opportunity and associated eligibility requirements, visit this FRA website: <https://railroads.dot.gov/grants-loans/competitive-discretionary-grant-programs/competitive-discretionary-grant-programs> .

Again, thank you for your email and interest in expanding intercity passenger rail service in the southern region of the United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul Nissenbaum".

Paul Nissenbaum  
Associate Administrator  
Office of Railroad Policy and Development