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**From:** <Jamie.Pfister@dot.gov>

**Date:** Thu, 4 Sep 2008 15:11:03 -0400

**Subject:** RE: CFCR Funding

Thank you for inquiries both to Headquarters and the Region regarding the Central Florida Commuter Rail Transit (CFCRT) Project. The CFCRT rail project was not included in the Fiscal Year 2009 President's Budget, which was released in February 2008. The only New Starts projects that were included in the President's Budget were projects that were already in final design. At that time, the CFCRT Project was in Preliminary Engineering. The project was approved into Final Design on August 11; the approval letter is attached.

Should you have any more questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Jamie Pfister

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**Sent:** Thursday, September 04, 2008 2:42 PM

**To:** Pfister, Jamie <FTA>

**Subject:** CFCR Funding

**Importance:** High

Dear Jamie:

I need verification of the following:

*Was the Central Florida Commuter Rail Project awarded / approved \$208,000,000 in funding from FTA in February of 2008 with funding included in the President's Budget for July 31, 2008?*

If you do not have this information, perhaps you can forward my request to Elizabeth Day, Assistant to James Simpson, in Washington.

Thanks for your help.