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June 1, 2021

Christopher & Connie Neilson
3242 McKinley Street
Hollywood, Florida 33021

Mr. & Mrs. Nielsen:

RE: Closure of I-95 Northbound Exit to SR 84

Your email to Representative Gotlieb was forwarded to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Four in regard to the closure of the I-95 northbound exit to SR 84. The Department appreciates you sharing your concerns regarding the I-95 northbound exit ramp to SR 84 closure. The current temporary traffic configuration along SR 84 was implemented as part of the 95 Express Phase 3C project which began construction in 2019. This segment is part of FDOT's \$1 billion 95 Express initiative that will extend the existing Express Lanes from Miami-Dade County into Broward County as well as provide direct connectors to and from I-595.

As part of the scope of work for this project, the SR 84 westbound bridge over I-95 must be replaced to accommodate the future express lanes along I-95 and ramps from I-595. FDOT studied several options regarding phasing of this activity and determined that, due to the complexity of this work, a full closure of the SR 84 westbound bridge is the safest alternative, while also reducing the overall construction time along the interchange to 10-11 months as opposed to over 18 months without the full closure.

As you may be aware, crews fully removed the SR 84 westbound bridge on Saturday night, May 22nd, in record time. This structure was removed in its entirety through the use of an innovative technique that lifted the bridge in one piece and transported it off-site. This method accelerated construction and minimized the need for multiple full closures along the interstate. Similar to this operation, the Department and the contractor are committed to continuously evaluating unique methods and techniques to expedite construction and restore the interchange to its original configuration with enhanced safety improvements.

FDOT understands the inconvenience that detours may cause during the construction of any project; with that in mind, the Department developed a concept that maintains most movements within the corridor while expediting the construction duration. All SR 84 traffic is maintained on the SR 84 eastbound bridge and ramp traffic is currently diverted to U-turn movements at signalized intersections (SW 26th Terrace and SW 15th Avenue). The I-95 northbound to SR 84 exit ramp is the only movement which required a detour (via I-595) as it could not be safely maintained. Traffic can detour via I-595 eastbound to US 1 northbound and back to SR 84.

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Westbound SR 84 traffic was diverted to the east side bridge on May 8. Since this shift was implemented, FDOT's Traffic Operations team has worked closely with the construction project team and Broward County to monitor SR 84 and the interstate to ensure traffic signals are operating efficiently. Signal timing has been adjusted accordingly and the flow of traffic has improved significantly. The project team will continue to observe and adjust the signals as needed to ensure a smooth and safe commute for travelers in this area.

Extensive community outreach was conducted throughout the corridor in advance of the May 8th traffic shift, including providing 2000 mailed notices to adjacent property owners, tenants, public officials, regulatory agencies, organizations, and individuals who expressed interest in the project. The project team also conducted door-to-door outreach to properties directly affected by this phase of construction and have met in person and virtually with any individual, agency or business who requested additional information, including the affected municipality of Fort Lauderdale, adjacent municipalities, Broward MPO, Tri-Rail and Broward County. The project team is working to minimize impact to residents, businesses, and the traveling public by regularly monitoring the new configuration and making necessary adjustments to signal timing along the corridor to ensure acceptable flow and efficiency. All properties remain accessible along SR 84.

Please be advised the accidents that took place on the SR 84 eastbound to I-95 southbound ramp were not construction-related. No modifications have been made to this ramp and currently FHP and FDOT are investigating the cause of the incidents. As of last week, additional enhancements were implemented along the ramp and the damaged barrier wall was repaired. This ramp remains open and in use along the interchange.

The Department has received your request for the project plans and will send those on a separate email. Attached you will find the activity flyer, diversion map, and associated collateral about the project. A virtual video overview of this project is available on the project web page:

https://www.d4fdot.com/bcfdot/95_express_phase_3c.asp

For additional information relating to the work in this area, please contact FDOT's Project Manager, Mark Moshier, at (954) 958-7628 or via email at mark.moshier@dot.state.fl.us. The project team can also accommodate a meeting to provide project-specific information upon request.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:



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Gerry O'Reilly, P.E.

For
District Four Secretary

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cc: Paul Calvaresi, Local Government Services Manager – Broward MPO
Matt Carlock, District Construction Engineer – FDOT
Mark Moshier, Project Manager – FDOT



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June 4, 2021

Ms. Bertha Henry
115 S. Andrews Avenue, #421
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Re: Local Contribution from Broward County

Dear Mrs. Henry,

At the June 3, 2021 Executive Committee, the Executive Committee took unanimous formal action to send this correspondence. Since the inception of the Local Contribution, the contribution has changed in amount for one of two reasons. The first reason is that the Board of Directors has authorized an increase in the Local Contribution rate. The second reason is due to a change (increase or decrease) in municipal population, as the rate is linked to the population. **The new rate is \$31,239.73.** As a point of reference, the previous rate was \$17,317.00

All municipal partners have changed their contribution as invoiced by the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization and the majority of municipal partners have paid their local contribution in a timely manner. Conversations with your staff have revealed that Broward County cannot increase their contribution without formal action of the Board of County Commissioners.

The purpose of this correspondence is to request that you present to the Board of County Commissioners a proposal to allow Broward County to pay their share of the Local Contribution as requested by the full Board of Directors for the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization. Only amounts authorized by the Full Board of Directors will be invoiced.

If you need any further clarification of our request, you may call me at (954) 876-0035.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Stuart
Executive Director

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June 22, 2021

Ms. Karen Brooks, City Manager
City of Coconut Creek
4800 West Copans Road
Coconut Creek, FL 33063

Dear Ms. Brooks:

RE: Public Information Notification

SW 10th Street Connector
State Road (SR) 869/SW 10th Street from Florida's Turnpike/Sawgrass Expressway to
SR 9/I-95
Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study
Financial Project ID (FPID) Number: 439891-1-22-02

We received your letter dated May 19, 2021, regarding the selection of the SW 10th Street Connector Preferred Alternative. The SW 10th Street Connector PD&E Study evaluated alternatives to provide a limited access connection between the Sawgrass Expressway and I-95. The SW 10th Street Connector PD&E Study limits end at the Turnpike and would only show transitions for the future design. The connections you are referring to in your letter are being evaluated under a separate PD&E Study led by the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) under the PD&E Study referred to as the Sawgrass Expressway Widening project from South of US 441 to Powerline Road (Financial Project Identification Number: 437153-1-22-01) which includes improvements to the Turnpike/Sawgrass Expressway interchange. The Florida's Turnpike and Sawgrass Interchange ramp connections are under development and refinement. The SW 10th Street Connector Study project team has coordinated closely with the FTE's project team and has considered potential future connections in all the alternatives that were evaluated, including the Preferred Alternative. The projects have been developed so that each can move forward independently, and at different times, and the objective is to have each project complement each other as they move to design and construction phases.

The FTE's PD&E Study continues to evaluate various connections for the Sawgrass Expressway / Florida's Turnpike interchange and will be scheduling an update with the City, as well as an Alternatives Public Workshop in the near future. The project manager for the Sawgrass Expressway Widening PD&E Study is Mr. Brian Ribaric, P.E., and he can be reached at (407) 264-3095, or via email at brian.ribaric@dot.state.fl.us. Additional information on the Turnpike Study can also be found on <http://www.floridasturnpike.com/sawgrass.html>.

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The project manager for the District Four SW 10th St PD&E Study is Robert Bostian and he can be reached at (954) 777-4427 or via email at robert.bostian@dot.state.fl.us. Additional information for the SW 10th St Connector PD&E can be found on <https://www.fdot.gov/projects/sw10st/index.shtm>.

The project team for both studies will be reaching out to you to further discuss this project with you and your staff. We appreciate the City's participation in the SW 10th Street Connector PD&E Study as well as the FTE's Sawgrass Expressway Widening PD&E Study.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:
Gerry O'Reilly
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Gerry O'Reilly, P.E.
District Four Secretary

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cc: Robert Bostian, P.E., Consultant Project Management Engineer – FDOT
Steven C. Braun, P.E., Director of Transportation Development – FDOT
Brian Ribaric, P.E., The Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Project Manager – Atkins
Terrill C. Pyburn, City Attorney – City of Coconut Creek
Sheila N. Rose, Deputy City Manager – City of Coconut Creek
Phil Schwab, P.E., District Four Consultant Project Manager – RS&H
Greg Stuart, Executive Director – Broward County MPO
City of Coconut Creek Commission
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June 22, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: U.S. Department of Transportation: Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program 2021 Grant Application Support Letter for Port Everglades' Slip 1 Expansion Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization is pleased to submit this letter of support for Broward County's Port Everglades Slip 1 Expansion Project in response to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program 2021 Grant Application.

The Slip 1 Expansion Project will ensure that Port Everglades is able to provide modern state-of-the-industry petroleum infrastructure and increased capacity necessary to fulfill its roles as a nationally significant global gateway. Port Everglades serves as the primary storage and distribution seaport for petroleum products, distributing fuel to 12 Florida counties and supplying jet fuel to four international airports. The wider berth configuration of Slip 1 will be able to accommodate larger petroleum tankers and ocean-going barges, resulting in increased safety and efficiency by providing additional petroleum off-loading capacity.

In addition to the national, state and regional economic and environmental benefits that will be realized by the Slip 1 Expansion Project, port tenants and stakeholders will directly benefit from this added capacity. The Port's petroleum facilities are partners in this project, and have joined together to design, construct and finance the infrastructure component. Further, the widening of Slip 1 will be in part designed in part by qualified subcontractors who are part of Broward County's incentive program to grow small and disadvantaged business enterprises.

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As the third largest state in the U.S., Florida is home to nearly 22 million people and the South Florida region is the eighth largest metropolitan area with more than seven million residents. Port Everglades is situated in the heart of this region and serves over 4 million visitors annually that account for over \$2 billion in economic activity.

The port business is one of the most competitive economic environments in the world, with Florida seaports competing for maritime business with seaports in the U.S., Caribbean, Latin America and around the world. It is critical that Florida's seaports are positioned and equipped to handle a growing volume of trade to meet consumer needs and to ensure our nation's surface transportation system is used most efficiently.

Port Everglades is an economic powerhouse for Broward County. The cruise and cargo industries provide over 13,000 direct jobs and generate \$32 billion in business activity annually. The Port has identified \$3 billion in capital investments that are needed over the next twenty years to maintain this self-supporting enterprise fund, however, it will require additional federal investments to meet Port Everglades' current and future needs, an investment of hundreds of millions of dollars must be expended on construction and acquisition activities over the next several years. The Slip 1 Expansion Project is a critical element of this capital investment program necessary to serve the energy needs of South Florida's residents, visitors, and business community as the state continues to gain nearly one 1,000 new residents daily.

The Miami Urbanized Area is large and has multiple needs in the area. Because of the number and diversity of our needs in the Urbanized Area, the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization is supporting more than one grant initiative in this cycle.

We look forward to continuing our relationship with Broward County's Port Everglades with the successful completion of this project.

Sincerely,

A blue ink handwritten signature, appearing to read "Gregory Stuart", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Gregory Stuart, AICP
Executive Director

Cc: Jonathan Daniels, Port Everglades Chief Executive and Port Director
Dr. Natacha Yacinthe, Port Everglades Seaport Planning Manager

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June 29, 2021

The Honorable Frank C. Ortis, Chair
Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization
Trade Centre South
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Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309-2181

Dear Chair Ortis:

Thank you for submitting the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for fiscal years 2020/2021 through 2024/2025. In accordance with Section 339.175(8)(g), Florida Statutes, the Department of Economic Opportunity reviews each MPO's annual TIP for consistency with the comprehensive plans of affected local governments for the purpose of identifying projects that are inconsistent with those plans.

Consistency of the TIP with local government comprehensive plans is important: transportation projects developed with federal aid require consistency with local plans to the extent feasible; and, inclusion of TIP projects in local government comprehensive plans serves as an acknowledgement of those local governments' support for the projects.

Our review of the Broward MPO TIP indicates that it is consistent with the comprehensive plans for each of the MPO's member local governments.

We appreciate your ongoing efforts to coordinate with your member local governments to ensure that the transportation projects in your TIP are consistent with local government comprehensive plans. Should you have any questions concerning this determination or the review process, please contact Matt Preston at (850) 717-8490, or matt.preston@deo.myflorida.com.

Sincerely,

James D. Stansbury, Chief
Bureau of Community Planning and Growth

JDS/mp

cc: Gregory Stuart, Executive Director, Broward MPO
Erika Thompson, Statewide Metropolitan Planning Coordinator, FDOT

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07/01/21
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Re: Letter of Authorization

Contract Number	Federal Aid Project Number	State Project Number	Effective Date of Authorization
G1057	0058-058-M	439324-3-14-01/02	06/16/21

The Broward MPO has received approval for the funds authorization for State fiscal year 2021/2022 . These funds are for use on tasks included in the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for the term of the contract. **The funds are available for use as of 07/01/21 .**

Fund Type	Total Allocation (UPWP Amount)	Prior Authorizations <small>(not applicable for UPWP Year 1 first authorization)</small>	Current Authorization	Total Authorization	Unauthorized Balance
PL	\$ 3,913,860.00	\$ 1,886,577.00	\$ 506,821.00	\$ 2,393,398.00	\$ 1,520,462.00
SU	\$ 8,981,533.00	\$ 4,323,975.00	\$ 4,657,558.00	\$ 8,981,533.00	\$ 0.00
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The authorization of these funds is subject to the compliance with any conditions that have been placed upon any individual UPWP tasks and all other applicable Federal and State requirements as stated in the Metropolitan Planning Organization Agreement that was executed on 06/24/20 . Any expenditures incurred prior to the Effective Date of Authorization, or that exceed the Total Authorization or Total Allocation amount, cannot be reimbursed by the FDOT. The FDOT Funds Approval is attached for your records.

Sincerely,

John Podczerwinsky, AICP CTP
Planning Supervisor