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May 02, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590
United States
Via email: PIDPGrants@dot.gov

RE: U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration (MARAD) Port Infrastructure Development Program 2022 Grant Application Support Letter for Port Everglades' Berths Modernization Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization is pleased to submit this letter of support on behalf of Broward County's Port Everglades (PEV) Berths Modernization Project (Berths 16, 17, 18) in response to the U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) 2022 grant application.

Last replaced in the 1960s, the PEV Berths Improvement and Modernization Project will provide bulkhead replacements that will allow the berths to operate safely and more efficiently for the next 75 years of service. Currently, Berths 16, 17, and 18, along with the adjacent Cruise Terminal 18, are the only berths that can accommodate Royal Caribbean's Oasis and Quantum classes of ships, the largest and most innovative cruise ships in the world. Additionally, these berths also handle containerized and bulk cargo ships when the berths are available.

This project will ensure that PEV provides modern state-of-the-industry infrastructure to handle the larger cruise, container, break bulk, and Roll-on/Roll-off (Ro-Ro) vessels in service today and in the future. Ultimately, the goal of PEV is to effectively manage the diverse cargoes needed throughout the region and to address the assumed elevation increases due to projected sea level rise.

In addition to the national, state and regional economic and environmental benefits that will be realized by the project, port tenants and stakeholders will directly benefit from the upgraded bulkheads.

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

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Additionally, the seaport industry 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 globally. 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 the nation's surface transportation system is used most efficiently.

The Port is also an economic powerhouse for Broward County. At PEV, the cruise and cargo industries supported over 13,000 direct jobs and generated over \$32 billion in business activity annually (FY 2019). While the economic impacts of the Port were reduced over the last two years due to COVID-19 affecting international trade and shutting down the cruise industry, cargo activity at the Port has fully recovered and the cruise industry is well on its way to a full recovery.

Furthermore, PEV has identified \$3 billion in capital investments that are needed over the next 20 years to maintain and expand its infrastructure. However, it will require additional federal investments to meet PEV's current and future needs. The Berths Improvement and Modernization Project is a critical element of this capital investment program necessary to serve the burgeoning cruise and cargo needs of South Florida's residents, visitors, and business community as the state continues to gain nearly one 1,000 new residents daily.

We look forward to the successful completion of the Broward County Port Everglades Berths Improvement and Modernization Project and to continuing our relationship with Broward County's Port Everglades.

Sincerely,

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Gregory Stuart,
Executive Director

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



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RE: U.S. Department of Transportation Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Program 2022 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 (PEV) Slip 1 Expansion Project in response to the U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Program 2022 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 in South Florida, 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 land side infrastructure component. Further, the widening of Slip 1 will be 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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Gregory Stuart, AICP
Executive Director

Cc: Jonathan Daniels, Port Everglades Chief Executive and Port Director

May 12, 2022

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

**Subject: Broward County Transportation Department's Submission to
Federal Transit Administration Fiscal Year 2022 Low or No
Emissions Grant Program – 5339(c)**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization is pleased to submit this letter of support for the Broward County Transportation Department's application to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for funding for the 5339(c) Grants for the Low or No Emissions Grant Program for \$16,450,000 in federal funding to expand Broward County Transit's (BCT) electric bus program with the addition of fifteen (15) electric buses and installation of associated charging infrastructure. The proposed project will include expanding the existing canopy structures at the Ravenswood Road Maintenance Facility to generate power and offset electric loads added by new electric bus chargers. These new electric buses will replace diesel buses that operate on BCT's Route 9 which provides service and connections to downtown Fort Lauderdale, the South Florida Education Complex in the Town of Davie, Miramar Regional Hospital, and Young Circle in the City of Hollywood.

BCT currently operates 12 electric buses. This project will enable BCT to increase its electric bus program and continue to reduce its carbon imprint. It will also provide additional cleaner and healthier transportation options to disadvantaged communities thus further contributing to President Biden's Justice40 initiative.

Southeast Florida is one of the most vulnerable regions in the US to the impacts of climate change. Broward County has been active in prioritizing efforts to investigate vulnerabilities, improve climate readiness and

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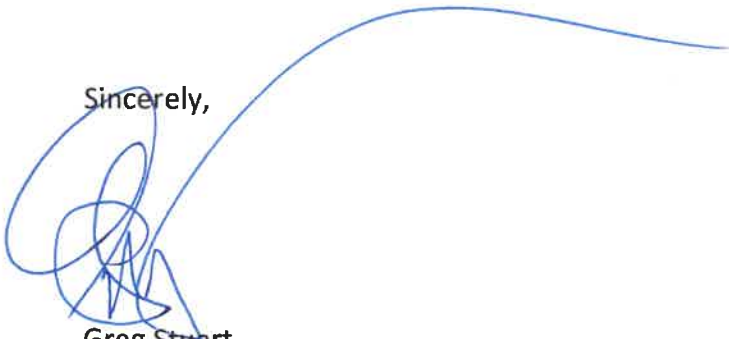
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identifying strategies to increase resilience to extreme weather since 2009 when a partnership between Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach Counties resulted in the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Compact.

We urge you to join us in supporting this project.

Sincerely,



Greg Stuart
Executive Director



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May 31, 2022

Mr. Jonathan T. Daniels
Chief Executive/Port Director, Port Everglades
1850 Eller Drive
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316-4201

Subject: Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development (FSTED)
Program Grant(s)

Mr. Jonathan Daniels,

The Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) recognizes the positive economic benefits that Port Everglades brings to Southeast Florida. We support efforts that help keep Port Everglades at the forefront of the globally competitive trade and tourism markets. The following projects at Port Everglades will keep Florida ports globally competitive well into the next decade:

- Slip 1 New Bulkheads and Reconfiguration-Phase I (Berths 9 & 10)
- Slip 1 New Bulkheads and Reconfiguration-Phase II (Berths 7 & 8)
- ACOE Deepening and Widening
- Entrance Channel North Wall
- New Bulkheads at Berths 1,2,3
- Port Cranes Improvement/Upgrades
- Cruise Terminal 21 Improvements/Expansion
- New Public Works Facility Building
- New Bulkheads at 16,17, and 18
- New Bulkheads at Berths 21,22
- New Bulkheads at Berths 14 & 15
- I-595 Flyover
- Ro-Ro Yard Relocation/Expansion
- Cruise Terminal 29 Improvements/Expansion
- Neo-Bulk Storage Yard

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We look forward to continued success at Port Everglades and all Florida ports into the future. The MPO and our transportation partners at the Florida Department of Transportation District IV, as always, stand ready to assist Port Everglades in providing efficient transportation links to ensure continued success.

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