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January 14, 2025

Secretary Pete Buttigieg
Office of Infrastructure Finance and Innovation
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Support for Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida’s Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Stability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program, Assistance Listing # 20.933, Number: DTOS59-25-RA-RAISE

Dear Mr. Buttigieg,

As the Executive Director of the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization, I am writing to express my support for the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida's proposal for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant program. The Snake Road Safety Improvement Project (“Project”) is crucial to address the urgent needs of the underserved Miccosukee community. The Project will result in widened lanes, a new shoulder, and road safety improvements. The outcomes of the Project align with the mission and priorities of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) by advancing equity, incorporating climate and sustainability considerations, bolstering economic strength, and positioning the Tribe for global competitiveness. The Project also aligns with the goals of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) because the improvements to Snake Road are safety-driven and will rectify the current operational deficiencies of the facility. Our organization is dedicated to safety in transportation, and we offer our full support for the Miccosukee Tribe's endeavors in realizing these objectives.

Snake Road, also known as BIA Road 1281, is a winding and narrow two-lane road that serves as the primary access to the Miccosukee Tribe’s Alligator Alley Reservation and the Seminole Tribe’s Big Cypress Reservation. Located in the western end of Broward County, Florida, this road is a lifeline between these communities and I-75 and is instrumental in fulfilling Tribal members’ daily needs. It is a key evacuation route in an area frequently swept by hurricanes and wildfires. Due to substandard, deteriorated, and narrow conditions, many accidents have resulted. Urgent intervention is necessary to resolve safety hazards and improve the resilience of the roadway to meet the social, economic, emergency needs of Tribal members and the traveling public. Snake Road is prioritized for safety improvements in the 2016 Tribal Transportation Safety

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Plan (TTSP), the 2016 Snake Road Roadway Safety Audit (RSA), and the Tribe's 2016 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

Beyond enhancing safety, the Project will contribute to economic development by better accommodating the movement of goods and connectivity. The Project will translate to job growth and employment opportunities, as the road improvement will serve new development near Snake Road, including the newly constructed Little Trail Casino and expansion of the Little Trail Community. These developments significantly increase traffic on Snake Road, underscoring the urgency to complete the improvements to the roadway.

On September 24, 2022, the Miccosukee Tribal Transportation Improvement Program (TTIP) for Snake Road was approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs Division of Transportation. This confirms the project's national significance, reflecting alignment with the goals established in the National Roadway Safety Strategy (NRSS) to prevent accidents, injuries, and roadway fatalities through a Safe System Approach. The Project has undergone rigorous review in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). Therefore, this project is ready to begin as soon as funding becomes available, ensuring an immediate positive impact.

The Snake Road Improvement Project exemplifies the type of initiative that the US Department of Transportation aims to support through the RAISE grant program. Grant funding is crucial to implement the improvements needed for the safe, equitable, and viable movement of goods and people along this corridor that is so important to the health and sustainability of the Tribe and all users of the facility.

Thank you very much for considering this request. If you require any additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me at stuartg@browardmpo.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Stuart", is positioned above a horizontal blue line.

Greg Stuart (Jan 15, 2025 11:26 EST)

Greg Stuart
Executive Director
Broward MPO






LOS Raise Program

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January 30, 2025

Johana Narvaez
Environmental Permitting Division
1 North University Drive,
Plantation, FL 33324

FM# 443945-1-52-01- Miramar Phase III

Dear Mrs. Johana Narvaez,

This project FM# 443945-1-52-01 is called the Miramar Complete Streets Phase III project (located on multiple roads in the City of Miramar). This project was ranked priority number 3 in the Broward MPO's 2018 Complete Streets and Other Localized Initiatives Program (CSLIP). On July 11, 2019 the Broward MPO Board approved the funding of this project, which was then programmed into the MPO's Transportation Improvement Program.

Therefore, by direction of the MPO Board, the Broward MPO supports the implementation of this project.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Kerrie MacNeil, Senior Planner at 954-876-0072.

Sincerely,

Gregory Stuart, AICP
Executive Director

Cc: William Cross, Deputy Executive Director

Kerrie MacNeil, Senior Planner

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March 17, 2025

Steve Braun, District Secretary
Florida Department of Transportation District Four
3400 West Commercial Blvd.
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

Subject: Delegation of Authority

Dear Steve Braun,

I will be out of the country beginning March 19, 2025, through April 7, 2025. In my absence, I am delegating my signature authority to Bryan Caletka, Director of Transportation, and Renee Cross, Director of Finance.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Bryan Caletka at caletkab@browardmpo.org or 954-876-0070 or Renee Cross at crossr@browardmpo.org or 954-876-0075.

Regards,

Greg Stuart (Mar 18, 2025 08:21 EDT)

Greg Stuart
Executive Director

Cc: Broward MPO Executive Committee
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