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Gerry O'Reilly  
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Reference: Request Environmental Studies  
42684015201 - SR A1A Over Intra-Coastal Waterway  
Repair / Rehab of Br # 940094 and Replace of Observation Walks. Peter P Cobb  
Bridge **Fort Pierce**

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

We understand that the referenced project at the Peter P. Cobb Bridge is currently underway. At this time, we respectfully request that the Florida Department of Transportation – initiate the required environmental studies (with respect to fishing and habitat, etc.) with the intent of permitting the proposed observation walks as fishing piers.

Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County have been known as premier fishing locations throughout the State of Florida and throughout North America, for over 100 years. The local fishing community values the ability to easily access fishing from the currently approved locations, including the existing fishing piers at the Peter P. Cobb Bridge. Prohibiting fishing at this location would discount the long history of accessible fishing within the local community, and we believe will negatively impact the economy and tourism in our region.

We have contacted the local Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Four office on Oleander Avenue in Fort Pierce, the project manager, and FDOT is aware that this request is forthcoming. We believe that these studies are a beneficial endeavor and we would like to participate in discussions with you on how to work together through this process. We also believe the City of Fort Pierce is also interested in seeing these studies completed.

We appreciate your assistance and partnership on all of our projects with District Four, and value the continued relationship that we have with the Florida Department of Transportation. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Public Works Director Don West at 772-462-2178 or by email at westd@stlucieco.org.

Sincerely,



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