



November 20, 2017

Gerry O'Reilly
District Four Secretary
Florida Department of Transportation
3400 W. Commercial Blvd.
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

**SUBJECT: FDOT Project 42684015201 - SR A1A Over Intra-Coastal Waterway
Peter P. Cobb Bridge**

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

The City of Fort Pierce has become aware that, as a result of the Department's rehabilitation project for the Peter P. Cobb Bridge, fishing will no longer be permitted from the piers beneath the bridge. For years this location has provided the public with an opportunity and easy access for fishing; both recreationally as well as the ability to provide food for the table. The City through the acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands as well as strategic planning has strived to provide public access all along the waterfront. The decision to eliminate this community asset without notification or public input has raised great concerns.

The City of Fort Pierce implores the FDOT to reconsider this directive and request the Department to work with the permitting agencies to once again allow fishing from the piers upon the completion of the rehabilitation.

Sincerely,

Linda Hudson, Mayor

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