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The Honorable Michael J. Ryan
Office of the Mayor
City of Sunrise
10770 West Oakland Park Boulevard
Sunrise, Florida 33351

Re: State Road 869/Sawgrass Expressway Widening from south of Sunrise Boulevard to Atlantic Boulevard - Financial Project Identification Number 437155-1
Pat Salerno Drive Interchange Coordination Meeting

Dear Mayor Ryan:

Thank you for meeting with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) and Greg Stuart, Executive Director of the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to discuss the Pat Salerno Drive interchange on June 1, 2018. The meeting was very productive.

In the meeting, we discussed several strategies for moving forward on the widening of the Sawgrass Expressway from south of Sunrise Boulevard to Atlantic Boulevard (FPID # 437155-1-32-01). The three strategies presented by FTE are summarized below.

- 1) FTE proceeds with the design of the **approved Project Development and Environmental Study (PD&E) concept** at Pat Salerno Drive
 - FTE modifies the existing Pat Salerno Drive ramps
 - No Local Funding Agreement (LFA) needed from the City or its partners
- 2) FTE designs a **partial interchange** for the Pat Salerno Drive interchange
 - FTE modifies the existing Pat Salerno Drive ramps
 - FTE would design a new northbound on-ramp from Pat Salerno Drive to SR 869
 - City/County each execute separate LFAs providing a local contribution to FTE
 - The combined contribution would be 50% of cost for the new northbound on-ramp, estimated at \$26 million
 - LFAs will be provided to FTE by December 31, 2018 so that engineer can prepare revised 30% plans

3) FTE designs a **full interchange** for the Pat Salerno Drive interchange

- FTE modified the existing Pat Salerno Drive ramps and reconstructs the ramp bridge
- FTE would design a new southbound off-ramp from SR 869 to Pat Salerno Drive
- FTE would design a new northbound on-ramp from Pat Salerno Drive to SR 869
- City/County each execute separate LFAs providing a local contribution to FTE
- The combined contribution would be 50% of cost for the new southbound off-ramp and northbound on-ramp, estimated at \$56 million
- LFAs will be provided to FTE by December 31, 2018 so that engineer can prepare revised 30% plans

For various reasons, these three strategies were not acceptable to the City of Sunrise. However, the City indicated an interest in a fourth hybrid option described as a **phased full interchange** strategy. This strategy would first implement the partial interchange option outlined in #2 above. This strategy would give the City and its funding partners more time to identify non-federal funding. FTE will proceed with the SR 869/Sawgrass Expressway widening (FPID # 437155-1-32-01) project in Fiscal Year 2023. The phased implementation strategy would design the interchange including the northbound on-ramp from Pat Salerno Drive with the FPID 437155-1 widening and would not preclude adding southbound off-ramp to Pat Salerno Drive in the future. A subsequent project phase would add the southbound off-ramp to be constructed after the widening is complete and potentially in conjunction with future development at the BB&T Center. After conferring with the engineering team, the construction of the southbound off-ramp from SR 869 could not start until after the construction of FPID 437155-1 is complete.

While FTE recognizes the regional significance of access to the BB&T Center, Sawgrass Mills Mall, and surrounding areas, the **phased full interchange strategy** will require the City and funding partners to execute separate LFAs providing a local contribution to FTE for the additional ramp. As requested by the City, FTE has enclosed three sample Local Funding Agreements (LFAs) from our other municipal partners:

1. Becker Road interchange agreement;
2. Pace Road interchange agreement; and
3. Lucy Street interchange commitment letter.

It is our understanding that the City will coordinate a meeting with Broward County staff in the coming weeks to determine their interest in participating as a funding partner in the project. FTE is available to participate and provide project details in these upcoming meetings. A summary of the schedule and sequence of activities to move forward and maintain a FY 2023 letting is shown below:

Needed Agreements - Prior to Design Phase (12/31/2018)

1. City, County, and Broward MPO pass resolutions supporting the FTE widening project
2. City, County, and other funding partners execute LFAs with FTE
3. City, County, and other funding partners to **escrow funds for FTE design**

Design Phase Activities

4. FTE will prepare the Systems Interchange Justification Report (SIJR) Re-evaluation
(*Please note:* FTE cannot submit SIJR without executed agreement)
5. FTE will evaluate right of way needs and prepare needed environmental documentation for interchange design
6. FTE will prepare the preliminary construction cost estimate
7. FTE will hold a **public hearing** on the interchange design
8. Funding partners **escrow construction and related funding contribution**
9. FTE prepares final design plans (30 months)
10. FTE initiates right of way acquisition (24 months – overlapping with final design)

Construction Phase Activities

11. Letting date scheduled in FY 2023 for 437155-1

Please note that any federal funding toward the project will result in significant changes to the schedule, as would delays with submitting the LFAs to FTE.

We value your coordination and look forward to attending future meetings with the City, Broward County and the Broward MPO.

Sincerely,



Paul Wai, P.E.
Executive Director and
Chief Executive Officer

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Cc: Greg Stuart, Executive Director, Broward MPO
Enclosures: Local funding agreement examples