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TO: Maite Azcoitia, Deputy County Attorney

FROM: Gregory Stuart, Director, Planning and Redevelopment Division

RE: Summary of Proposed Changes to the Adopted Amendment to the Transportation Element

The following areas within the Transportation Element will be revised as a result of the Stipulated Settlement Agreement between Broward County and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

1. Level of Service Standards (Policy 3.4.2)

The Level of Service Standards for each concurrency district have been modified to reflect an ongoing commitment to maintain many of transit enhancements of the past four years, and to set a target for ridership growth going forward. In the Port/Airport District, references are included to the ongoing studies of the Intermodal Center and People Mover System, and to the potential for a bypass roadway in the Northport area. The transportation programs which were targeted in the previously adopted amendment are still present in this modified version. The ongoing implementation of the Advanced Transportation Management System (ATMS) is reflected as objectives to reduce traffic signal communications failures by 50% by FY 2013, in the Northeast, Central, and Eastern Core Districts. The commitment to increase ridership in each District reflects two programs: upgrading bus stops, including ADA compliance and adding more shelters; and, purchasing additional vehicles, to maintain the average age of the bus fleet, and enhance reliability of the transit system.

2. Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation (Policies 3.4.24 – 3.4.31)

A series of policies have been added which will lead to adoption of Level of Service Standards for pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure; the identification and prioritization of projects; and the development of a funding strategy to implement bicycle and pedestrian projects.

3. Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Facilities (Policy 3.5.9)

A detailed policy has been crafted to describe how impacts will be addressed on the following types of facilities:

- Strategic Intermodal System connectors
- Strategic Intermodal System corridors
- The I-95 SIS Corridor
- Roadway segments improved with Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) funds.

All of these will involve a high degree of coordination among FDOT, Broward County, municipalities, and other partners. For some impacts, a process will be established to refer proposed development applications to FDOT, for approval of mitigation measures, prior to Broward County's issuance of Transportation

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Concurrency Certificate. FDOT will be meeting with the affected local governments early in 2009, to address these new processes.

In addition, a set of maps has been added to the Data & Analysis section of the Element, to display information about these facilities. Please feel free to contact me or Glenn Amoruso, Senior Planner, Planning and Redevelopment Division at 954-357-6679 should you have any additional questions.

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