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To: Sniezek, Henry ; 'Michael Ronskavitz'
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Subject: RE: MPO - Broward County Permit Meeting

Henry,

The Department of Transportation, in partnership with the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization, is working to enhance the safe mobility of cyclist and pedestrians along roads that are both on and off the State Highway System. We are actively planning projects to add improved bike lanes and sidewalks to transportation corridors throughout Broward County.

The Department of Transportation and my design unit (in particular) have environmental protection incorporated into our Mission statements. We understand that the state environmental regulators have granted us permitting exemptions for bike lane and sidewalk projects because this type of work is viewed as a benefit to the environment. These exemptions save time and money for the Department and the regulatory agencies alike.

Currently, Broward County's Surface Water Licensing program does not afford us the same exemptions we are accustomed to having for our mobility projects on the State Highway System. As we started to coordinate several "off system" bike lane and sidewalk improvement projects, it became apparent that Broward County's code would need to be amended for us to maintain our normal production schedules.

Several meetings have occurred to discuss this issue and this email is meant to serve as a formal request to have the county's code amended to grant a Surface Water Licensing exemption to the Florida Department of Transportation for MPO sponsored mobility projects.

The Department's project designs compensate for added impervious areas by making provisions for runoff attenuation and water quality with swale re-grading and other infrastructure improvements. All of our projects are thoroughly reviewed by qualified drainage engineers throughout the design process. Our request for an exemption is not to avoid having to meet the Broward County's surface water management standards. Rather, the Department is requesting an exemption to maintain the efficiency of our normal project coordination.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks,

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