

**Item # 37**

**ADDITIONAL MATERIAL**

**Regular Meeting**

**MARCH 5, 2019**

**SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION**

Please see attached communications between the City of Sunrise and the County regarding Item 37. MOTION TO DISCUSS FDOT's letter dated February 8, 2019, to City of Sunrise Mayor Michael Ryan regarding funding for the Sawgrass Expressway and Pat Salerno Drive interchange.

## Mahoney, Lary

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**From:** Mahoney, Lary  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 5, 2019 8:58 AM  
**To:** 'Salamon, Richard'  
**Cc:** Michael Ryan (mryan@sunrisefl.gov); Henry, Bertha; Mark Lubelski (mlubelski@sunrisefl.gov)  
**Subject:** RE: Turnpike Enterprise's Letter To Mayor Ryan

Good Morning Richard,

This email is to confirm that the County is in receipt of your email to Betha Henry dated March 4, 2019 (5:35 PM).

In responses to your statement, "I will tell you that my Commission, staff and I were all surprised to hear for the first time at our City Commission meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup> that the County no longer felt that improvements to the Pat Salerno interchange were not needed", is incorrect. If you should listen to the audio/video recording of the City's February 26<sup>th</sup> City Commission meeting you will see that it was one of the City's Commissioner who in fact stated this and that I immediately corrected him by stating that what he said was incorrect. I stated that the County nor its staff have never stated such. I did state, the County's outside traffic consultants, Atkins, in their revised traffic study that looked at the current traffic and also looked at the future traffic, with all the future planned development at Westerra, Metropica, The BB&T Center redevelopment and other approved projects, would not justify (financially from tolls or from traffic impact) the construction of a full interchange at the Sawgrass Expressway at Pat Salerno Drive nor would it justify only a north bound ramp from Pat Salerno Drive onto the sawgrass Expressway. Please correct and retract your statement from the records.

Please be advised the is an 11:00 time certain for this item to be discussed at today County Commission meeting.

Thanks,  
Lary Mahoney



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**Subject:** FW: Turnpike Enterprise's Letter To Mayor Ryan  
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Bertha –

In response to the email below, received today from Lary Mahoney, I would like to reiterate the City of Sunrise' support for a full access interchange at the Sawgrass Expressway and Pat Salerno Drive. As you know, Broward County and the City of Sunrise have been advocating both in Tallahassee and locally that a full access interchange is necessary to maintain the significant capital investment in the corridor, protect the thousands of jobs and additional capital investment we all expect will be added in the corridor, alleviate the congestion on interior roads, and provide the best service for patrons of the Arena, customers of Sawgrass Mills, and other businesses. Moreover, the site continues to be a key regional asset for both pre-storm staging and post-storm response.

As was expressed by my City Commission at their meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup>, we believe that the interchange improvements are already warranted and that they are critical for future development of the BB&T center site. The City and Broward County have been advocating directly and through our shared governmental affairs consultant for Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) to incorporate these improvements into the Sawgrass Expressway widening project. We have worked extensively with our local business partners, including Sawgrass Mills, Metropica, American Express, Rick Case, Ikea, and others, to ask the Governor and FDOT Secretary to prioritize this full access interchange. And, as you know, we continue to work with Broward County to gain support from our new Governor to make these improvements happen. In fact, it was due to our collaborative work that we were able to get FTE to extend the deadline for the Local Funding Agreement (LFA) so that we could further address the deal structure, including local contribution.

To date, you and I have only had a brief pre-election conversation about the County's ability to use its surtax dollars toward the local contribution. The City and the County have had no discussions about a portion of the local funding coming from the City. Importantly, it is not possible for the City's residents and businesses to carry any significant burden of funding to support these regional assets through the full access interchange improvements. However, City staff has advised Lary on multiple occasions that the full interchange would be required in order for the City to approve the full extent of potential additional development on the BB&T Center site and that it was therefore important for the County to gain as much funding support as possible from the State. I will tell you that my City Commission, staff and I were all surprised to hear for the first time at our City Commission meeting on February 26th that the County no longer felt that improvements to the Pat Salerno Drive interchange were needed. As you can tell from our reaction, we disagree with those findings and believe that full access to and from the north is absolutely needed.

The City of Sunrise, its residents and its corporate business partners remain fully supportive of efforts to finally complete the Pat Salerno Drive interchange. We will continue to work diligently with your team to achieve that mutual goal.

I will attend the County Commission meeting tomorrow. Please advise whether this item is time certain and the time it will be discussed.

## **Richard Salamon**

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**Subject:** Turnpike Enterprise's Letter To Mayor Ryan

Good Morning Mark,

As you and the City of Sunrise Commissioners are aware, the letter from the Turnpike Enterprise to Mayor Ryan, dated February 8, 2019, is on our agenda for discussion at the County's Board of Commissioners meeting on March 5, 2019.

We have been asked by members of the County Commission the following: What is the official position of the City of Sunrise as it relates to the March 15th deadline for a commitment of local participation? Would you please respond in writing so that it may be communicated to the County's Commissioners by the close of business today.

Representatives from the Turnpike Enterprise, MPO and FDOT District Four are expected to be in attendance.

Does the City expect to have someone from the City at the County's March 5th Board of Commissioners meeting? If so, whom will be attending?

Thanks,

Lary Mahoney

cc: Mayor Michael Ryan

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