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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 437155-1-32-01  
Pat Salerno Drive Interchange Coordination Meeting held on October 30, 2018 at the BB&T Center

Dear Mayor Ryan:

On January 11, 2019, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) was advised by Broward County (County) via e-mail of the status of local coordination that has occurred since the Agency Coordination Meeting held on October 30, 2018 at the BB&T Center, as well as the commitment of local stakeholders to future improvements to the Pat Salerno Drive and Sawgrass Expressway Interchange (See Enclosure No. 1). FTE is aware that a "penny tax" was approved in the recent election that will be used to fund public transportation and could be a potential funding source from the County to support the desired interchange improvements.

Per the July 5, 2018 letter (See Enclosure No. 2), documenting the June 1, 2018 meeting between FTE, the City of Sunrise (City), and Greg Stuart, Executive Director of the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the following two construction options continue to be considered:

- 1) Proceeding with the construction of the improvements as outlined in the completed Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study. This option would not require additional local funds.
- 2) Using a phased approach for the construction of a full interchange. This phased strategy would design the interchange including the northbound on-ramp from Pat Salerno Drive with the current Sawgrass widening project (FPID 437155-1) and would not preclude adding a 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. The construction costs for adding the new southbound off-ramp and northbound on-ramp is estimated at \$56 million with \$26 million estimated for the first phase (northbound on-ramp).

During the Design Phase FTE would determine additional right of way (ROW) needs. These ROW requirements would include obtaining property to accommodate the proposed physical improvements as well as properties needed to address stormwater management needs anticipated for the full interchange. The strategy for obtaining the necessary ROW would be within a timeframe determined by FTE, and through a combination of property transferred from the City and/or County which is currently owned or purchased from private adjacent property owners as needed to complete the proposed improvements.

As discussed on October 30, 2018, and as outlined in the letter to the City dated July 5, 2018 (See Enclosure No. 2), design and construction of interchange improvements beyond the scope of the recommended improvements from the completed PD&E Study will require funding partners to execute a Local Funding Agreement (LFA) providing the local contribution to FTE for the additional improvements. As noted in the July 5, 2018 letter to the City, it was originally agreed that the required LFA would be executed by December 31, 2018. FTE maintains its commitment to fund 50% of the cost of the proposed selected interchange construction improvements, provided that a joint City and County LFA is executed by May 31, 2019 to fund the remaining 50%.

FTE requests a written commitment from the City and County to participate at the discussed funding levels by **March 15, 2019**. LFA execution is still required by May 31, 2019. This will allow FTE to proceed with design, assess the ROW needs for the corridor, and begin the lengthy (24 month) ROW acquisition process so that we can meet the production schedule for letting this work in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023. Otherwise, FTE will proceed with the original proposed improvements as recommended in the PD&E Study.

We appreciate your continued support in improving infrastructure needs within Broward County and look forward to continued collaboration to support those needed improvements along the Sawgrass Expressway.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director and  
Chief Executive Officer

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Shannon Ley, Planning Director, City of Sunrise  
Stacy Miller, Director of Transportation Development, District 4, FDOT

Enclosures: 1) January 11, 2019 e-mail from Broward County  
2) July 5, 2018 Letter to the City of Sunrise