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Mr. Gerry O'Reilly, District Secretary  
Florida Department of Transportation - District IV  
3400 W. Commercial Boulevard  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33341

Re: FM# 4368481 (Resurfacing of 45<sup>th</sup> Street, 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue – US 1)

Dear Secretary O'Reilly,

Included in the 2018/19 and 2019/20 FDOT Work Program is funding for the resurfacing of 45<sup>th</sup> Street/Martin Luther King Boulevard from 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue – US 1. That funding was the result of a successful SCOP grant submitted by the County Public Works Department several years ago.

Be advised that in 2014, the County concluded an extensive public outreach process and Gifford Neighborhood Plan update. The primary recommendation from the plan was to construct a Complete Street corridor with landscaping, sidewalk improvements, drainage improvements, and designated bicycle lanes on the long-neglected 45<sup>th</sup> Street/Martin Luther King Boulevard corridor. At those workshops, a pressing need expressed by citizens was for roadway drainage improvements, as the adjacent canal and swale systems present a critical safety hazard to motorists and pedestrians leaving the roadway. The County is committing significant resources to improve the corridor.

Based on our research, and based on our conversations with FDOT Staff, drainage treatments within the project limits (including piping the canal immediately adjacent to roadway, bike lane, and proposed sidewalk improvements) are eligible activities under the SCOP program and FDOT staff is willing to work with County staff to amend the SCOP project for this activity as well as resurfacing. With respect to the adjacent south side canal, the County is inquiring as whether improvements to right-of-way owned by a Section 298 Water Control District, are eligible for SCOP funding. The County will entertain any lease, licensing, or interlocal agreements with said District, as necessary, to qualify the drainage portions of the project for SCOP funding.

Please feel free to contact Phil Matson at (772)226-1455 or me (772)226-1253 if we may provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stan Boling".

Stan Boling, Community Development Director  
Indian River County

Cc. Stacy Miller, FDOT District IV  
Phil Matson, Indian River County - MPO Staff Director  
Richard B. Szpyrka, P.E., Indian River County - Public Works Director