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Ms. Aileen Bouclé, Executive Director Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization 111 NW 1 Street, Suite 920 Miami, FL 33128

Mr. Roman Gastesi, Jr., County Administrator Monroe County 1100 Simonton Street, Suite 205 Key West, FL 33040

Subject: Transportation Alternatives Application Cycle - 2018

Dear Ms. Bouclé and Mr. Gastesi:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is pleased to announce the Transportation Alternatives application cycle for 2018. The FAST Act (§ 1109; 23 U.S.C. 133(h)), which was enacted on December 2015, eliminated the MAP-21 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and replaced it with the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) under the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program. The TA grant program provides funding for all projects and activities that were previously eligible under TAP. It allows for a variety of smaller-scale transportation projects, including: pedestrian and bicycle facilities, recreational trails, safe routes to school projects, community improvements such as historic preservation and vegetation management, and environmental mitigation related to stormwater and habitat connectivity.

Agencies are invited to submit applications for projects that can be developed for Fiscal Year 2023/2024. Miami Dade County Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) and Monroe County Planning and Environmental Department are responsible for forwarding this announcement to municipalities within their respective jurisdictions. New projects are typically programmed in the fifth year of the Department's Tentative Work Program (2024). However, funding is subject to the availability of TA funds and annual spending authority approved by the Florida Legislature.

The TA is administered through the FDOT District Six Program Management Office. Miami Dade applications must be submitted to the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) and FDOT by *February 23, 2018*. Monroe County Applications must be submitted to FDOT and Monroe County Planning & Environmental Resources Department by *February 23, 2018*.

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Thank you for your continued partnership with the Department. Please contact Harold Desdunes at (305) 470-5464 or Xiomara Nunez at (305) 470-5404 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Attachments: Transportation Alternative Evaluation Guidelines- Selection Criteria Transportation Alternatives Application

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