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Sent Via Email Only

Mr. Ken Jeffries Planning Manager Florida Department of Transportation Adam Leigh Cann Building 1000 NW 111th Avenue, Room 6111A Miami, Florida 33172

Dear Mr. Jeffries:

The following is in response to Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) June 17, 2020 transmittal of the Final Fiscal Year (FY) 2020/21- 2021/22 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for our review that was developed and adopted by the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) in coordination with the FDOT, the local transit service provider, and other area planning process participants.

Upon our review of the Final UPWP, we have determined that our critical comments on the draft UPWP have been addressed and the document satisfies the requirements of 23 United States Code (U.S.C.) 134, 49 U.S.C. 5303, 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 420, 49 CFR Part 18 and other pertinent legislation, regulations and policies.

The TPO will need to process a modification to the UPWP to better reflect the information for the shared regional tasks identified in the Cooperative South-East Florida Regional Task letter signed by the Miami-Dade TPO, the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency (TPA) on June 17, 2020. This modification can be made after July 1, 2020 but must be completed before October 1, 2020. For assistance on this modification, please contact your district liaison and they will coordinate with you and FHWA.

As delegated in the November 2019 Memorandum of Agreement between the FHWA, Florida Division and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Region IV for Administration of Transportation Planning and Programming, the FHWA approves the TPO's FY 2020/21 - 2021/22 UPWP submitted by your office.

The FY 2020/21 – 2021/22 UPWP reflects \$3,052,004 of Metropolitan Planning funds (PL) and \$2,740,581 of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG-SU) funds for 2020/21, and \$2,195,259 of PL funds and \$3,105,999 of STBG-SU funds for 2021/22. These funds include the following transfers (totaled for both FY years) for the Southeast Florida Regional Planning Activities:

A. SERPM8 Modal Maintenance transfer to District 4:

\$8,000 PL funds

\$ 2,000 LF funds

B. SERPM 9 Development transfer to Miami TPO from:

Broward MPO \$170,000 SU funds

Palm Beach TPA \$130,000 SU funds

C. Big Data transfer to Broward MPO:

\$24,000 PL funds

\$30,000 SU funds

\$ 6,000 LF

The funds for FY 2020/21 are available upon an approved authorization after July 1, 2020. Expenditure invoicing and progress reports should be submitted quarterly, with copies to the FHWA. Expenditures incurred without prior authorization will not be reimbursed.

The funds for FY 2021/22 will not be available for use until July 1, 2021, and may need to be adjusted prior to this date to accurately reflect the federal funds available to the TPO at that time. Close-out of the UPWP's federal funds shall occur 90 days after the end of FY 2021/22 state fiscal year (by September 30, 2022). Any exception to this timeframe must have prior approval by the FHWA.

We appreciate your staff's efforts in the development and review of this TPO's UPWP. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Stacie Blizzard via email <a href="mailto:Stacie.Blizzard@dot.gov">Stacie.Blizzard@dot.gov</a> or via telephone (850) 553-2223 or mobile (850) 491-0327.

Sincerely,

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