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

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Subject: 2021 Transportation Alternatives Application Cycle

Dear Ms. Bouclé and Mr. Gastesi:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is pleased to announce the 2021 Transportation Alternatives (TA) application cycle. 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 (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 2026/2027. Miami Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) and Monroe County Planning and Environmental Department are responsible for forwarding this announcement to Local Agencies within their respective jurisdictions. New projects are typically programmed in the fifth year of the Department's Tentative Work Program (2027). However, funding is subject to the availability of TA Funds and an 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. Monroe County applications must be submitted to FDOT and Monroe County Planning & Environmental Resources Department. The deadline to submit applications is February 19, 2021.

For more information regarding eligibility and selection criteria, please see the attached "2021 Transportation Alternatives Selection and Prioritization Criteria Cycle FDOT District VI" and the "2021 Transportation Alternatives Application Cycle FDOT District VI". Thank you for your continued partnership with the Department. Please contact Daniel Iglesias, FDOT Director of Transportation Development at (305) 470-5464 or Xiomara Nunez, Local Programs Administrator at (305) 470-5404 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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James Wolfe, P.E. District Secretary

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Attachments: FDOT District VI Transportation Alternatives 2021 Application Cycle

FDOT District VI Transportation Alternatives Program Selection and Prioritization

Criteria 2021 Cycle

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