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Sent Via Email Only

Mr. Dat Huynh, P.E. District Planning and Environmental Administrator Florida Department of Transportation 1000 N.W. 111 Ave Miami, FL. 33172

Dear Mr. Huynh:

The following is in response to Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT's) June 7, 2022 transmittal of the Final Fiscal Year (FY) 2022/23 - 2023/24 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 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.

As delegated in the June 14, 2022 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 2022/23 - 2023/24 UPWP submitted by your office.

The FDOT has implemented the Consolidated Planning Program (CPG) comprised of FHWA Planning (PL) funds and 5305d FTA funds with this new UPWP. The FHWA PL funds being requested in the UPWP includes the FTA 5305d funds transferred to FHWA. The two-year UPWP reflects Planning (PL) and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG-SU) as follows:

		FY 22/23	FY 23/24
•	PL	\$6,084,595	\$5,404,654
•	Other-PL	\$52,000	\$0
•	STBG-SU	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
•	Other-STBG-SU	\$948,000	\$0

Please modify the Tables in Appendix D to combine the funds in the Other (deobligated PL and STBG-SU amounts) line with the appropriate funds lines for the funds requested totals. This modified Table should be in your published UPWP. If the TPO needs to identify deobligated funds for some reason, you can do this in a footnote to this fund source table.

The funds for FY 2022/23 may not be expended until an authorization is approved (funds are obligated) and becomes effective July 1, 2022. Expenditure invoicing and progress reports shall be submitted quarterly, with copies furnished to the FHWA. Expenditures incurred without prior authorization will not be reimbursed.

The funds for FY 2023/24 will not be available for use until July 1, 2023, and the programmed funds may need to be adjusted prior to this date to accurately reflect the federal funds available to the MPO 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 Stacie Blizzard by email at <u>Stacie.Blizzard@dot.gov</u> or by telephone at (850) 553-2223.

Sincerely,

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