



May 10, 2018

Mr. Bryant Paulk, AICP
Florida Department of Transportation
6025 Old Bagdad Highway
Milton, Florida 32583

RE: West Cervantes Street / Mobile Highway – Traffic Feasibility Study

Dear Mr. Paulk,

The Escambia County Board of County Commissioners at its Thursday, May 3, 2018 regular meeting, and the City of Pensacola Council at its Thursday, May 10, 2018 regular meeting approved this letter requesting that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) program a traffic feasibility study for the West Cervantes Street / Mobile Highway corridor from A Street to Dominguez Street in the FDOT 5 Year Work Program. The two agencies also agreed via Interlocal Agreement (attached herein) to locally fund the study in efforts to expedite production of such.

The Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization (FL-AL TPO) approved a Corridor Management Plan (CMP) for SR10A (US90) West Cervantes Street/ Mobile Highway from North A Street to Dominguez Street in December 2016. The CMP details significant traffic and crash data that was collected during the time period of 2010 – 2015. The annual average daily traffic along the corridor was approx. 17,250 in 2015 (approx. 16,400 west of Pace Blvd. and approx. 18,100 east of Pace Blvd.) The corridor experienced 457 crashes during the time period of 2010 – 2015. Of the crashes, 4 were fatalities, 147 resulted in injury, and 306 caused property damage only. The 4 fatalities occurred at the intersections or vicinity of Cervantes / N Street, Cervantes / E Street, Cervantes / F Street, and Mobile Highway / Krasnosky Avenue. 82 of the crashes occurred while it was dark, and 12 crashes occurred during the dawn or dusk periods of the day. However, outside of the CMP collection time period, numerous other crashes have occurred since with 1 being a fatality as recent as January 5, 2018.

The Board and Council's request is that FDOT program a traffic feasibility study along the corridor as soon as possible understanding that FDOT will manage the study, but funded locally.

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We appreciate all the support that the County and City receives from the Department and look forward to the Department's response.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Jeff Bergosh, Chairman
Escambia County Board of County Commissioners

Councilman Gerald Wingate, President
City of Pensacola City Council

c: Jack Brown, Escambia County Administrator
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