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June 25, 2013

The Honorable Ed Braddy, Mayor
City of Gainesville
P.O. Box 490, Station 6
Gainesville, FL 32602

RE: Main Street

Dear Mayor Braddy:

On June 11th, the Board of County Commissioners approved a maintenance agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) that finalizes the transfer of ownership between Depot Avenue and Williston Road to Alachua County.

It is our understanding that the City Commission will soon be considering the acceptance of ownership of Main Street from South 16th Avenue to University Avenue at your July 18th meeting. We also understand this will also include a transfer of the maintenance agreement that the City currently has with the FDOT to the County so that the City will continue maintenance of the landscaping between South 16th Avenue and Williston Road.

The County Commission believes that it would be mutually beneficial to the City and the County for the City to accept the entire segment of Main Street into its inventory. One clear benefit is the reduction of confusion regarding ownership and maintenance responsibilities of the roadway. The City would also have the ultimate approval authority on what occurs on this roadway, particularly as it relates to activities proposed by the Community Redevelopment District. The County has recently resurfaced Main Street from NW 8th Avenue to NW 23rd Avenue and the FDOT resurfaced the segment from South 16th to Williston a few years ago. Therefore; there would be no anticipated major maintenance costs for the City in the foreseeable future.

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If the Commission is unwilling to take ownership of the roadway, the Board of County Commissioners would like you to consider a maintenance agreement so that the City would maintain all of the landscaping on Main Street from Williston Road to NW 39th Avenue.

Please feel to contact me if you wish to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

Mike Byerly, Chair
Alachua County Commission
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cc: Board of County Commissioners
Richard Drummond, Acting County Manager
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