

June 16, 2016

The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington DC, 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx,

RE: **LETTER OF SUPPORT**

Please accept this letter of support for the 2016 Advanced Transportation Congestion Management Technology Deployment (ATCMTD) grant application submitted by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the I-75 Florida's Regional Advanced Mobility Elements (FRAME) project to operate and manage multimodal integrated corridor management.

The City of Gainesville is directly impacted by both daily congestion and incident-related congestion on I-75. When incidents occur on I-75 blocking lanes or closing one direction of travel, city arterials are flooded with cars and trucks trying to find a way around the delay. This by-passing traffic causes congestion, delay, safety and environmental problems within the City. Traffic diverting from I-75 severely impacts surface street circulation and reduces the ability of Gainesville Traffic Management System (TMS) to use surface streets to move traffic safely and efficiently, while the Gainesville Regional Transit System's (RTS) ability to maintain on-time and reliable service to core areas of City business, educational, government, and medical districts is hindered.

The City of Gainesville endorses the goals and technology applications envisioned for the I-75 FRAME project. We are prepared to cooperate with FDOT in development and implementation of this project for the mutual benefit of travelers on City arterials and on I-75. The Gainesville Public Works Department, Traffic Management System (TMS) and Gainesville Regional Transit System (RTS) is prepared to collaborate with the FDOT District 2 Regional Traffic Management Center (RTMC) to manage and operate the arterial components of the project once they are implemented

Thank you for your consideration of this ATCMTD grant request from FDOT.

Sincerely,

Honorable Lauren Poe
Mayor, City of Gainesville