

## CITY OF GAINESVILLE

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Mr. Dean Stringer Federal Aviation Administration 5950 Hazeltine Drive, Suite 400 Orlando, FL 32822-5024

Project Number: 3-12-0028-027-2008

Recipient:

Gainesville-Alachua County Airport Authority and

The City of Gainesville Gainesville Regional Airport

Dear Mr. Stringer:

This letter is being furnished to you in connection with the Grant Agreement offered by the U.S. D.O.T., Federal Aviation Administration, under the above-referenced project number.

I am the City Attorney for the Sponsor, City of Gainesville, Florida. In this connection, I have examined the foregoing Grant Agreement and have concluded that the ALP incorrectly includes parcel K (the Gumroot swamp) on the ALP because there were no federal funds involved in the acquisition of the property, and the note to parcel K incorrectly refers to it being acquired under FDOT grant W.P.I. #2820773. According to the FDOT, there is no evidence of an executed Joint Participation Agreement (JPA) for W.P.I. #2820773. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in a letter dated November 22, 2002, copy attached, has acknowledged that there is no executed JPA on record with the FDOT.

I can represent to you that Mr. Allan J. Penksa, Airport Director, Gainesville Regional Airport and the Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority support the City's efforts to remove the property from the ALP. The Airport Authority will work with the City to ensure appropriate measures for airspace protection and airport compatible land use.

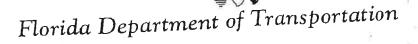
The City looks forward to meeting with you in the near future about removing the inaccurate reference to the Gumroot Swamp Park property from the F.A.A. approved Airport Layout Map. The City requests to meet with you or the appropriate representative of the F.A.A. within the next 30 days to discuss and resolve this long outstanding matter. Thank you.

Sincere

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cc: Mayor and City Commissioners Allan Penksa, Airport Director Russ Blackburn, City Manager

Attachment



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November 22, 2002

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RE: Land Acquisition, F.P. # 21675814401 or W.P.I # 2820773 At the Gainesville Regional Airport

Dear Mr. Crider:

Through all of our research we have discovered that there is no evidence of an executed Joint Participation Agreement (JPA) for the above referenced project. Since this is the case the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has removed this project from our aviation accounts receivable spreadsheet. FDOT has cancelled any payback requirement for the Gainesville Regional Airport under the above referenced project.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Roland C. Luster

Aviation and Ports Administrator