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The Honorable Mayor Lauren Poe
City of Gainesville
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, FL 32627

Dear Mayor Poe:

As you may know, Alachua County is in the process of preparing amendments to its Comprehensive Plan to implement the results of the recent Evaluation and Appraisal of the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan. Those amendments include a revision to our Transportation Mobility Element that will result in an update to our Multi-Modal Transportation Mitigation (MMTM) Program. After the adoption of these amendments it will be necessary for the County to update its Impact Fee and MMTM methodologies and ordinances to incorporate the most up to date data and analysis.

When the County and City Commissions met on July 9, 2018 to discuss the issue of a possible Joint Planning Agreement, each Commission directed their respective Staff to pursue a Joint Mobility Fee Methodology. The County Commission recently discussed this issue again at its October 9th meeting and is considering the option of moving forward with an independent, County-wide study. This is primarily due to the relative complexity of organizing a joint purchasing process and formulating a joint methodology study between the two jurisdictions. Any County-wide study the County would conduct would use the regional transportation model and transportation projects that will be updated and agreed upon by both jurisdictions during the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization's (MTPO) Long Range Transportation Plan update. Additionally, County Staff would of course coordinate throughout the process with City Staff to ensure that any issues that are particularly germane to the City are appropriately dealt with in the study. At the conclusion of the County's mobility fee study, the City of Gainesville would then have the ability to opt-in to the adoption of a mobility fee based on the same study or could choose to undertake its own study if it was not satisfied with the outcome or methodology used in the County study.

The County feels that this course of action may be the most expeditious way to move forward on this issue but is interested in hearing the City's view on this proposal prior to commencement. The County will not commence with a study prior to the adoption of the Evaluation and Appraisal based amendments which should take place before July 2019. Due to the fact that any additional

coordination will need to be well planned please provide any comments on this proposal as soon as this issue can be considered by the City Commission.

Sincerely,



Charles S. Chestnut, IV, Chair
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