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Subject: FY2013 TIGER Discretionary Grant Submittal "UniversityCity Prosperity Project" by Florida International University

Dear Dr. Jessell:

The purpose of this letter is to inform Florida International University (University) that the Florida Department of Transportation (Department) has programmed improvements in the immediate vicinity of the University’s Fiscal Year 2013 TIGER Discretionary Grant submittal entitled "UniversityCity Prosperity Project". There are two projects programmed along SW 107th Avenue from SW 12 Street to Flagler Street in Miami-Dade County.

Project 412479-3-52-01 runs along SW 107th Avenue from SW 12 Street to SW 4th Street. As part of the project, SW 107 Avenue from SW 8 Street to SW 12 Street will be widened to accommodate dual left turn lanes for the northbound traffic of SW 107th Avenue tuning east to SW 8th Street. In addition, a new bridge over the C-4 canal will be constructed. SW 107 Avenue will be widened from four lanes to six lanes, from SW 8 Avenue to Flagler Street. Part of the widening, from SW 8 Street to SW 4 Street, is covered under project 412479-3-52-01, and is scheduled for construction in 2016. The other part of the corridor widening, from SW 4th Street to Flagler Street, will be constructed under project 412479-2-52-01 and is tentatively scheduled for construction in FY 2017.

With respect to US-41/Tamiami Trail at SW 109 Avenue, Department staff will continue to evaluate this intersection to determine if there is any safety or operational deficiencies at this location. The Department will collaborate with the University and City of Sweetwater to continue to evaluate this location as future growth occurs.

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Thank you for your ongoing cooperation in this partnership to improve transportation linkages within the City of Sweetwater. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 305-470-5197 or gus.pego@dot.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

Gus Pego, P.E.
District Secretary

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