I-75 FRAME
Stakeholder Letters of Support

I-75 FRAME enjoys a high level of stakeholder support and active participation. The following stakeholders submitted letters of support that are included in this document:

1. Florida Trucking Association
2. North Central Regional Planning Council (Metropolitan Transportation
3. Planning Council for the Gainesville Urbanized Area)
4. Alachua County Board of County Commissioners
5. Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization
6. City of Ocala
7. TPO Ocala-Marion County
8. Sumter County Board of County Commissioners
9. City of Wildwood
10. Marion County Board of County Commissioners
11. City of Gainesville
12. FDOT District Five

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June 14, 2016

The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
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Dear Secretary Foxx,

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. I-75 is a vital freight corridor in Florida and nationally. In fact, 20 to 25% of the average daily traffic are heavy commercial vehicles within the project area.

Members of the Florida Trucking Association range from companies operating large fleets to individual owner-operators. Our members are directly impacted by both daily congestion and incident-related congestion on I-75 through the FRAME project area.

FTA endorses the goals and technology applications envisioned for the I-75 FRAME to efficiently manage and operate traffic along I-75 and the detour routes using emerging technologies. Options to avoiding the congestion include waiting at rest areas, commercial truck stops, and weigh stations or taking alternative routes. We are hopeful that better road-condition information anticipated through I-75 FRAME will allow our member companies to make more informed decisions on which option makes the most sense for their safety and economic productivity. We are prepared to cooperate with FDOT in development and implementation of this project for the mutual benefit of travelers on I-75 and arterials.

Thank you for your consideration of this ATCMTD grant request from FDOT. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me at (850) 222-9900.

Sincerely,

Kenneth S. Armstrong, Ph.D.
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June 13, 2016

The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx, Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
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RE: Advanced Transportation Congestion Management Technology Deployment Grant Program
Florida Department of Transportation Interstate 75 Application - Letter of Support

Dear Secretary Foxx:

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

The Gainesville Metropolitan Area is directly impacted by both daily congestion and incident-related congestion on Interstate 75. When incidents occur on Interstate 75 blocking lanes or closing one direction of travel, arterials within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area are saturated with cars and trucks trying to find a way around the delay. This detoured traffic causes additional congestion, delay, safety and environmental problems within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area.

The Interstate 75 Florida's Regional Advanced Mobility Elements project directly supports implementation of multimodal mobility, safety and traffic management strategies described in the Year 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area acknowledges the goals and technology applications envisioned for the Interstate 75 Florida's Regional Advanced Mobility Elements project are consistent with the Year 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan principles and strategies. This project will also supplement intelligent transportation system technology already deployed within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area.

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area is prepared to cooperate with the Florida Department of Transportation in the development and implementation of this project for the mutual benefit of travelers on Gainesville Metropolitan Area arterials and on Interstate 75. The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area is also prepared to amend its Transportation Improvement Program as needed to implement this project.

Thank you for your consideration of the Advanced Transportation Congestion Management Technology Deployment grant application from Florida Department of Transportation. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Scott Koons, Executive Director, at 352.955.2200, extension 101.

Sincerely,

Helen K Warren

Helen K. Warren, Chair
Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization
for the Gainesville Urbanized Area

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Alachua County
Board of County Commissioners

James K. Harriott, Jr., P.E.,
Deputy County Manager

June 17, 2016

The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
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Dear Secretary Foxx,

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 Integrated Corridor Congestion Relief Technology Deployment project.

Alachua County 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, Alachua County's 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 Alachua County. Due to the University of Florida, Alachua County has high pedestrian and bicycle usage of the major arterials and a high incidence of pedestrian and bicycle accidents. These safety issues are exacerbated by large volumes of cars and trucks diverting from I-75 because of traffic incidents.

Alachua County endorses the goals and technology applications envisioned for the I-75 Integrated Corridor Congestion Relief Technology Deployment project. We are prepared to cooperate with FDOT in development and implementation of this project for the mutual benefit of travelers on Alachua County arterials and on I-75. Alachua County is prepared to collaborate with the FDOT District Two Regional Traffic Management Center (RTMC) to actively manage and operate the arterial components of the project once they are implemented. Finally, Alachua County is prepared to collaborate with FDOT in the preventive and response maintenance of technologies installed along arterials. We understand that FDOT will consider an amendment to the Traffic Signal Maintenance Compensation Agreement (TSMCA) to provide financial assistance once the full costs of operations and maintenance are known.

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Thank you for your consideration of this ATCMTD grant request from FDOT. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact our staff at 352-264-6971.

Sincerely,

James K. Harriott, Jr., P.E.
Deputy County Manager

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cc: Board of County Commissioners
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Lake-Sumter MPO
Metropolitan Planning Organization

June 13, 2016

LETTER OF SUPPORT

The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx
United States Department of Transportation
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Dear Secretary Foxx,

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 Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) which includes areas in and around Lake and Sumter counties 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, Lake and Sumter County and City arterials are flooded with cars and trucks trying to find a way around the delay. This by-passing traffic causes congestion, delay, safety, mobility, and environmental problems within the region.

The project directly supports progress toward accomplishment of multiple mobility, traffic management and safety goals and is defined in the "Lake-Sumter MPO 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan" (LRTP), (December 2015). The MPO acknowledges the goals and technology applications envisioned for the I-75 FRAME project are consistent with the LRTP goals and strategies.

We are prepared to cooperate with FDOT in the development and implementation of this project for the mutual benefit of travelers on area arterials and on I-75. The Lake-Sumter MPO is prepared to facilitate adding project features to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) during stakeholder coordination in concept of operations and systems engineering development phase.

Thank you for your consideration of this ATCMTD grant request from FDOT. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me at 352-351-6761.

Sincerely,

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June 13, 2016

LETTER OF SUPPORT

The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx
United States Department of Transportation
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Dear Secretary Foxx,

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 multi-modal integrated corridor management.

The City of Ocala 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, arterials are flooded with cars and trucks trying to find a way around the delay. This detoured traffic causes congestion, delays, safety and environmental problems within the City. These safety issues are exacerbated by large volumes of cars and trucks diverting from I-75 because of traffic incidents.

The City 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 City is prepared to collaborate with the FDOT District Five Regional Traffic Management Center (RTMC) to actively manage and operate the arterial components of the project once they are implemented. Finally, the City is prepared to collaborate with FDOT in the preventive and response maintenance of technologies installed along arterials, and support the mechanisms developed by them to support the long term operations and maintenance of the systems deployed.

Thank you for your consideration of this ATCMTD grant request from FDOT. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me at 352-351-6761.

Sincerely,

Sean Lanier, PE, CFM
City Engineer, Director
Public Works Department

June 13, 2016

The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx
United States Department of Transportation
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Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf the of the Ocala/Marion County Transportation Planning Transportation (TPO), 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 Ocala/Marion County Transportation Organization (TPO) 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, our area roadways are flooded with cars and trucks trying to find a way around the delay. This additional traffic causes both mobility and safety issues due to increased congestion and secondary crashes associated with the detours. The project directly supports multiple mobility, traffic management and safety strategies defined in our 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The TPO acknowledges the goals and technology applications envisioned for the I-75 FRAME project are consistent with the LRTP goals and strategies. Our 2040 LRTP can be reviewed at http://planocalamarion.com/documents/.

We are prepared to cooperate with FDOT in development and implementation of this project for the mutual benefit of travelers on area arterials and on I-75. The TPO will revise our Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as necessary to facilitate implementation of the project.

We appreciate your time and consideration of this ATCMTD grant request from FDOT. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me at 352-629-8297.

Sincerely,

Greg Slay, AICP
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June 15, 2016

The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx
The United States Department of Transportation
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Dear Secretary Foxx,

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.

Daily and incident-related congestion on I-75 directly impacts the road network of Sumter County. When incidents occur on I-75 blocking lanes or closing one direction of travel, Sumter County arterials lose capacity from cars and trucks re-routing from the I-75 congestion. An increase in safety issues correlates with these diverted cars and trucks.

Sumter County endorses the goals and technology applications envisioned for the I-75 FRAME and commits to collaborate with the FDOT District Five Regional Traffic Management Center (RTMC).

Thank you for your consideration of this ATCMTD grant application submitted by the Florida Department of Transportation. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me at (352) 689-4400.

Sincerely,

Bradley Arnold
County Administrator

cc: Honorable Sumter County Board of County Commissioners
Mr. Richard Baier, P.E., Assistant County Administrator and Public Works Director

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LETTER OF SUPPORT

June 15, 2016

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Dear Secretary Foxx,

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 Wildwood 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 detoured traffic causes congestion, delay, safety and environmental problems within the City.

The City endorses the goals and technology applications envisioned for the I-75 FRAME. 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 City is prepared to collaborate with the FDOT District Five Regional Traffic Management Center (RTMC) to actively 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. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me at 352-330-1330.

Sincerely,

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City Manager

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June 20, 2016

The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx
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RE: Letter of Support – Florida Regional Advanced Mobility Elements (FRAME) Project

Dear Secretary Foxx,

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.

Marion County 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 our arterials can become flooded with cars and trucks trying to find a way around the delay. This diverted traffic can:

- Cause congestion, delay, safety, and environmental problems within the County.
- Exacerbate existing issues by large volumes of rerouted cars and trucks.

The County 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 County arterials and on I-75. The County will collaborate with the FDOT District Five Regional Traffic Management Center (RTMC) to manage our arterial components of the project once they are implemented.

Thank you for your consideration of this ATCMTD grant request from the FDOT. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me at (352) 671-8686.

Sincerely,

Tracy Straub, P.E.
County Engineer

cc: Don Atwell, Deputy County Engineer
Masood Mirza, Traffic Engineer

CITY OF GAINESVILLE

Office of the City Commission

June 29, 2016

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

Dear Secretary Foxx,

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 the 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 and Gainesville Regional Transit System are 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,

Helen K Warren

Helen K. Warren
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June 23, 2016

The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx
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Dear Secretary Foxx,

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.

FDOT District 5 is directly impacted by both daily congestion and incident-related congestion on I-75 in this region. When incidents occur on I-75 blocking lanes or closing one direction of travel, there is a long queue spillback on the freeway that increases the chance of secondary crashes. The detoured traffic also causes congestion, delay, safety and environmental problems within the City and these technologies will enhance the management and operation of the system and provide a robust multi-modal integrated corridor management solution.

FDOT District 5 endorses the goals and technology applications envisioned for the I-75 FRAME project and the Central Office vision of providing mobility centric solutions. FDOT District Two Regional Traffic Management Center (RTMC) will collaborate with the cities of Ocala and Wildwood Traffic Engineering Department as well as District 2 RTMC to actively manage and operate the freeway/arterial components of the project once they are implemented.

Thank you for your consideration of this ATCMTD grant request from FDOT. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me at (386) 943-5475, noranne.downs@dot.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

Noranne Downs

Noranne Downs, P.E.
District Five Secretary

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