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Mile Post 263, Building 5315
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RE: Northern Turnpike Extension

Dear Ms. Stults,

The City of Wildwood and Sumter County accept the premise that the State of Florida desires to construct the Northern Turnpike Extension even when considering a "No Build" alternative. This desire by the State of Florida was explicitly stated in 2019 with a date certain for construction as noted in Florida Statutes §338.2278(6) "To the maximum extent feasible, construction of the projects shall begin no later than December 31, 2022, with the corridors open to traffic no later than December 31, 2030".

Following the participation and completion of the MCORES process, also created by Florida Statutes §338.2278, that included general public input supporting a "No Build" alternative, the State of Florida continued to proceed to the next step of the current planning process to continue the fulfillment of the desire to see the construction of the Northern Turnpike Extension.

Sumter County and the City of Wildwood desire to focus on the current trend of the State of Florida to build the Northern Turnpike Extension and mitigate its impact to the residents and businesses in our jurisdictions. Having reviewed the Preliminary Alternative Corridors as depicted in Exhibit A, both jurisdictions voted to support the transmission of this letter that supports a modified "Alternative Corridor Center" as well as formally reject the other alternative corridors.

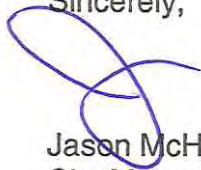
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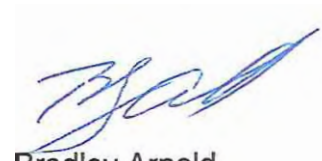
The modifications required by both jurisdictions to support the Alternative Corridor Center include eliminating any part of the extension North of SR 44 while East of I-75. The second modification required is to maintain a parallel corridor on the West side of I-75 in close proximity to CR 475 North of SR 44 to CR 245E to the Marion County line before transitioning to the West for the balance of the Alternative Corridor Central.

The basis of these to required modifications is to reduce the adverse impact on the historic African-American community of Royal, to eliminate the impact of the existing business operations East of I-75, and to provide a Westerly parallel alignment to I-75.

Sincerely,



Jason McHugh
City Manager



Bradley Arnold
County Administrator

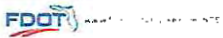
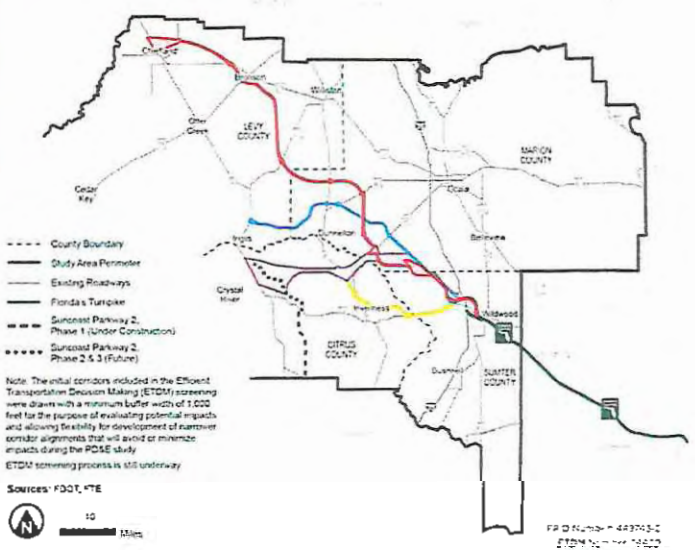
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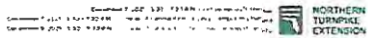
PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVE CORRIDORS

- Alternative Corridor North A
- Alternative Corridor North B
- Alternative Corridor Central
- Alternative Corridor South

Exhibit A

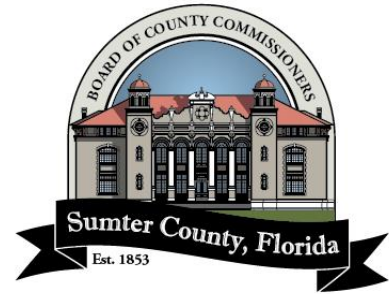


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Dear Ms. Stults,

The City of Wildwood and Sumter County reviewed the Preliminary Alternative Corridors as depicted in Exhibit A.

Both jurisdictions voted to support the transmission of this letter that supports a modified "Alternative Corridor Central" as well as formally reject the other alternative corridors.

The modification required in support of the Alternative Corridor Central is the starting point of the extension that shall not proceed North of SR 44 while East of I-75. The basis of this requirement is to reduce the adverse impact on the historic African-American community of Royal, to eliminate the impact of the existing business operations East of I-75, and to provide for a faster alignment for the Westerly parallel corridor to I-75 to achieve the balance of the Alternative Corridor Central.

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