

Attachment A



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Subject: Response to City of Miami Beach, Resolution No. 2018-30408 Use of the I-195/Julia Tuttle Causeway Shoulders as part of the Beach Express North Bus Express Rapid Transit (BERT) Demonstration Project

Dear Mr. Morales:

Thank you for attending the meeting with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Six, Miami Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW), and other representatives from the City of Miami Beach (the City), held on August 8, 2018. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the proposed use of the shoulders of the I-195/SR 112/Julia Tuttle Causeway for operating Express Bus Service and a resolution passed by the City of Miami Beach, No. 2018-30408 in support of this proposed use.

FDOT's preliminary assessment and initial data collected on the proposed shoulder use was shared at the meeting, as well as Bus Queue Jump and signal prioritization improvements from a study by the City at the intersection of SR 907/Alton Road. Based on the information shared, all parties agreed to proceed with fully evaluating the use of the inside shoulders of the Julia Tuttle Causeway for operating Express Bus Service. In addition, intersection improvements included in the City's study will be incorporated, DTPW and the City has agreed to provide information to the FDOT on the final route of the proposed Express Bus Service by the end of September 2018.

FDOT will collect the required information needed to comply with the Implementing Bus on Shoulder in Florida Statewide Guidance. DTPW will assist with providing data needed for this evaluation. Since I-195 is a Federal Interstate this project will require the approval by the Federal Highway Administration. The planning cost estimate for design and construction, excluding the intersection improvements, is \$2,600,000; and it is anticipated that the project will be programmed with Federal Urban funds. Once all approvals are obtained, and if there no major right of way acquisition, the improvements should be completed and open to bus operations by Year 2022.

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If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (305) 470-5464 or via email at harold.desdunes@dot.state.fl.us

Sincerely,



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