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Patricia M. Steed, Staff Services Director
Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization
555 East Church Street, Bartow, FL 33830
ATTN: Marybeth Soderstrom

RE: Request for Amendments to the Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization's (HRTPO) FY 2017/2018 through FY 2021/2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Dear Ms. Steed:

The purpose of this letter is to request the HRTPO to approve an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2017/18 through 2021/22 at their September 20, 2017 meeting.

This project was only recently programmed in the DeSoto County Five Year work program for the design phase of the project in FY 2017/18. Consequently, the project must be included in the HRTPO's FY 2017/18 through FY 2021/22 TIP in order to ensure authorization of federal funds in the current fiscal year.

Please see the enclosed table for project details.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

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Community Liaison

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cc: Ben Dunn, HRTPO
Marybeth Soderstrom, HRTPO
Sherry Carver, HRTPO
Bob Crawley, HRTPO
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Provide Reliable And Efficient Transportation Options



What should be done

- » Reduce traffic congestion and delay.
- » Preserve existing transportation facilities.
- » Optimize the utilization of existing transportation facilities.
- » Coordinate transportation investments to maximize opportunities and benefits.

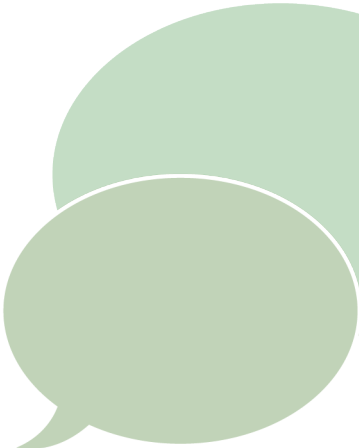
How we keep track

- » Daily Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
- » Pavement conditions
- » Operational efficiency
- » Regional priorities

How we measure success

- » VMT per capita
- » Number of regional roadways below standard pavement sufficiency rating
- » Miles of regional roadways over capacity
- » Develop regional priorities for transportation investments

Encourage Everyone to Participate in the Planning Process



What should be done

- » Promote proactive and early public involvement and provide diverse opportunities to maximize public participation.

How we keep track

- » Workshops
- » Focus groups
- » Committee meetings
- » Electronic communications

How we measure success

- » Number of workshops
- » Number of focus groups
- » Number of meetings
- » Number of electronic communications

Moving to the future development of a fully multimodal transportation system in the Heartland will require a comprehensive data tracking procedure to set and evaluate specific targets for incremental achievements of success towards Objectives. Tasks to address the system data needed are addressed in the Unified Planning Work Program for establishing baselines for the HRTPO.