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The Honorable Chris Campbell
Highlands County Board of County Commissioners
600 S Commerce Ave
Sebring, FL 33870

Re: Request for County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP) Priorities Fiscal Year 2029/2030

Dear Chair Campbell:

Each year the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) coordinates the development of the Draft Five Year Work Program with all counties in District One, which includes priority projects funded through the County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP). Early submittal is necessary in order to allow sufficient time to evaluate projects for eligibility and constructability. CIGP applications must be received no later than **March 29, 2024**.

Chapter 339.2817, Florida Statutes, establishes funding to counties for improvements on the State Highway System as well as local facilities, including transit, which can be demonstrated to relieve congestion on the State Highway System. To be eligible for CIGP funding, candidate projects must be consistent with the Florida Transportation Plan, Local Government Comprehensive Plan, and the Long Range Transportation Plan, where a Metropolitan/Transportation Planning Organization (MPO/TPO) is established. A minimum 50% local match is required for projects funded through CIGP, however counties designated as Rural Areas of Opportunity are eligible for a local match waiver. Letters of application shall address the following:

1. Name and contact information of the applicant
2. Complete description of the project, including a location map
3. Detailed description of how the project would reduce congestion on the state highway system

4. Certification from the County's chief financial officer that sufficient matching funds are available
5. Details of project phases included in the request
6. Cost estimate

Thank you for your continued cooperation. For additional information regarding this program please contact:

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