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Subject: CSA TPO-20-1009-02-05

Dear Mr. Kordek:

As you are aware, the development of the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan was adversely impacted by multiple issues which were outside of the Consultant's and TPO staff control. This included recently the full elimination of multiple projects within the FDOT Work Program/Adopted Transportation Improvement Program. This also includes multiple interactions of revisions to Central Polk Parkway East alignments, project limits, and project costs. Both of these items have had significant impacts on the required effort. This included multiple rounds of map series, project tables, and appendices update; as well as the need to rebalance the cost feasible plan and update revenues.

This has been the third consecutive LRTP that we have developed for the Polk TPO. We understand how important it is for us to partner with you in delivering a complete LRTP that is reflective of the most recent information. Doing so allows for these critical projects to move forward and avoids the immediate need for costly LRTP plan amendments which can delay these projects.

The 2045 LRTP was extremely successful in setting the foundation for unfunded projects to be able to receive funding and more forward because of the efforts of the LRTP. We have continued that approach with the 2050 LRTP. We share the importance of producing a compliant plan, but we feel that the true success of the plan is that we prepare a plan that allows for major unfunded projects to move forward.

We look forward to our continued partnership.

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