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The Honorable Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman
Miami-Dade County MPO
111 NW 1st Street, Suite 220
Miami, FL 33128

Re: I-95 Managed Lanes Pilot Program

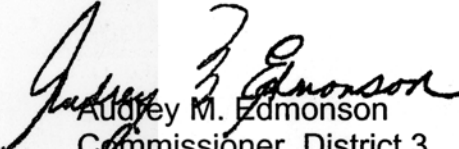
Dear Chairman Barreiro:

Traffic congestion is a common problem for all residents of Miami-Dade County. Miami-Dade Transit offers express bus service on I-95, but its users also spend too much time waiting in traffic.

The I-95 Managed Lanes Pilot Program will give our community the opportunity to test a new approach to easing traffic congestion on that major north-south artery and at the same time expand and accelerate our county's transit service.

I support the I-95 Managed Lanes Pilot Program and urge our colleagues on the MPO to endorse it as well, as I believe it can be a real benefit to the citizens of Miami-Dade County.

Sincerely,


Audrey M. Edmonson
Commissioner, District 3

cc: MPO Governing Board Members
John Martinez, FDOT District 6 Secretary



July 25, 2007

Secretary John Martinez
Florida Department of Transportation, District 6
1000 NW 111 Avenue, Executive Suite
Miami, FL 33172

RE: I-95 Managed Lanes Project known as 95 Express

Dear Secretary Martinez:

The Miami Downtown Development Authority is in support of the I-95 Managed Lanes Project on the I-95 Corridor in Miami-Dade County.

Downtown Miami is expecting tremendous growth in population as new residential developments are completed. This will only add to the severe traffic congestion which we currently face in Miami-Dade County.

The I-95 Managed Lanes Project will give our community the opportunity to test a new approach to easing traffic congestion on the major north-south artery while expanding and accelerating our county's bus rapid transit service.

With a focus on improving the infrastructure and environment in our downtown we are in support of the I-95 Managed Lanes Project. We believe it will assist in reducing congestion and will benefit our citizens.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Sanchez", written in a cursive style.

Commissioner Joe Sanchez
Chairman

cc: D. Nottingham
Ric Katz

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June 18, 2007

Ms. Alice N. Bravo, P.E.
District Director of Transportation
Systems Development
1000 NW 111th Avenue
Miami, FL 33172

Dear Ms. Bravo:

On June 14, 2007 the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) approved a motion to support the I-95 Express Managed Lanes Pilot Program by a vote of 10 members in favor and 3 against.

This approval is contingent upon amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), which will be presented at the MPO's July 12, 2007 Board meeting.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this issue, please call me at 954-357-6663, mobile 954-612-5425, or email at rdelrio@broward.org.

Sincerely,


Roger Del Rio
Executive Director

Copies: James Wolfe, Secretary, FDOT District IV
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July 9, 2007

Stephanie Kopelousos
Secretary of Transportation
Florida Department of Transportation
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Subject: FDOT Demonstration Project Resolution

Dear Mrs. Kopelousos,

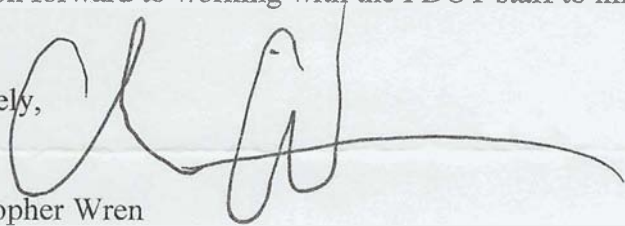
It was great seeing you on May 17th during your visit to Fort Lauderdale.

Attached is the DDA Board of Director's formal resolution endorsing the FDOT's lane management pilot program.

Just as the DDA and our local partners are trying to improve mobility with the proposed Downtown Transit Circulator, the lane management concept will help to improve mobility for the region, adding to the quality of life for our residents.

We look forward to working with the FDOT staff to implement these transit solutions.

Sincerely,



Christopher Wren
Executive Director
Downtown Development Authority of Fort Lauderdale

cc: James Wolfe
Gerry O'Reilly

RESOLUTION NO. 06-01-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN ITS EFFORTS TO PROVIDE NEW AND ENHANCED MOBILITY OPTIONS FOR MOTORISTS AND TRANSIT USERS IN THE REGION THROUGH A PILOT PROJECT THAT WILL RELIEVE CONGESTION ON MAJOR HIGHWAY SYSTEMS IN THE REGION BY THE USE OF CONGESTION PRICING LANES THROUGH AN INITIATIVE CALLED 95 EXPRESS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has been working with Broward County Transit (BCT), the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the South Florida Regional Transit Authority (SFRTA), and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) on providing better mobility options to the users of Broward County; and

WHEREAS, the 95 express pilot program seeks to relieve congestion on major highway systems linking to Downtown Fort Lauderdale by providing two toll lanes that will have variable costs depending on the congestion levels and the ability to maintain flow of traffic at fifty miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, the capital costs are intended to be paid from federal grants and state funds and operating costs are intended to be paid through toll revenue; and

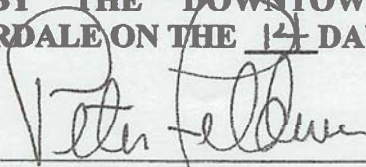
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the DDA Board endorses the 95 express pilot project and encourages the FDOT to designate a portion of toll revenue to local transit projects throughout Broward County.

SECTION 2. That this Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE ON THE 14 DAY OF JUNE 2007.

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Peter Feldman, Chair

ATTEST:



Secretary



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April 26, 2007

John Martinez, Secretary
 Florida Department of Transportation
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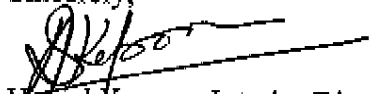
Dear Secretary Martinez:

Miami-Dade Transit is pleased to be working with you on the application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for an Urban Partnership Agreement aimed at reducing congestion in South Florida. In particular, your plans to implement value-priced Managed Lanes on I-95 will offer important reliability and time-saving advantages to transit service on I-95, creating a Bus Rapid Transit system which augments existing Express Bus service. Carpools and vanpools will also benefit from these improvements in this very congested corridor. The same would be true on a larger scale for subsequent development of a Managed Lanes Network on other key expressways; that would enable Express Bus service to have sustainable speed and reliability advantages across much of the South Florida urban region.

We are always glad to have improved commuting options, which would be facilitated by the designation of this region for an Urban Partnership Agreement and the subsequent implementation of Managed Lanes.

We look forward to working with you to maximize the potential of the new Managed Lanes, and the future Managed Lanes Network.

Sincerely,


 Harpal Kapoor, Interim Director
 Miami-Dade Transit

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Dear Secretary Martinez:

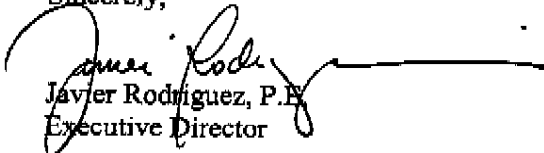
Johnny:

The Miami-Dade Expressway Authority (MDX) welcomes and supports your application to the federal Urban Partnership program. Reducing congestion in our region is an important objective shared by MDX. We are excited that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will be pioneering the introduction of managed lanes in South Florida, with the pilot HOT lanes program and subsequent elevated express toll lane program on I-95.

MDX's long-range plan calls for adding value-priced express toll lanes on SR 836 which is our most congested toll road and where additional capacity is most needed. Our immediate priority is converting the entire MDX system to Open Road Tolling, shifting to cashless, distance-based tolling from our current flat-rate, barrier-type tolling. Once our system's toll roads are converted to all-electronic tolling, we will be better positioned to shift to variable tolling (value pricing) in order to better manage traffic flow on these facilities.

We are supportive of the vision set forth in your Urban Partnership proposal for a network of value-priced facilities spanning the region, which we agree would be an excellent platform for region-wide express bus service. We pledge our support and will continue to work jointly with you and other agencies to educate and inform South Floridians on the benefits of managed lanes and value pricing.

Sincerely,


Javier Rodriguez, P.E.
Executive Director

Cc: Alfred Lurigados, P.E., MDX



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Dear Secretary Martinez:

The Governing Board of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) would like to take this opportunity to express its support for the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT's) 95 Express Project and its corresponding application for an Urban Partnership Agreement with the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) seeking funding for the project. SFRTA supports FDOT's commitment to provide a percentage of generated revenues to the SFRTA in support of regional transit.

The SFRTA serves the South Florida region, which includes Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties. This region has some of the country's worst congestion problems and we support new and innovative regional efforts to provide alternative mobility options. We are particularly excited by the opportunities 95 Express offers to enhance and expand existing regional transit using new funds generated by the proposed managed lanes on I-95.

We look forward to working with you on this exciting project to reduce congestion and improve mobility within this region, and will be very pleased if the USDOT selects this region to be one of its Urban Partners in reducing congestion.

Very truly yours,

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chair
Governing Board
South Florida Regional Transportation Authority

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cc: James Wolfe, FDOT District 4
Alice Bravo, FDOT District 6
Joseph Giuliotti, SFRTA



Secretary John Martinez
Florida Department of Transportation, District Six
1000 NW 111 Avenue, Executive Suite
Miami, FL 33172

RE: I-95 Managed Lanes

Dear Secretary Martinez:

The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce is greatly supportive of efforts to explore the use of Managed Lanes on the I-95 Corridor in Miami-Dade County.

During this current Chamber program year, the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce has committed a great deal of time and energy to issues that are impeding business development in our vibrant city. As we all know, one of the leading challenges to our community's continued growth is the management of transportation.

Our members have determined that Miami-Dade County's severe traffic congestion restricts business development and degrades our quality of life. This is demonstrated by the fact that our metropolitan area has been ranked as the sixth worst in the nation in the recent Urban Mobility Report from the Texas Transportation Institute. This same report identifies the total congestion cost as being \$2.486 billion with a travel delay of 147 million hours.

To address this issue, the Chamber conducted a Transportation Summit in November to engage business and community stakeholders to find short-term solutions to traffic congestion and to investigate innovative long-range options on these issues. We were pleased that 500 business members participated in a survey the Chamber commissioned Florida International University's Metropolitan Center and that more than 300 people took a day to attend the Summit to offer potential solutions.

One of the creative solutions raised during our summit is the use of Managed Lanes on our major Interstate Highways. We are very pleased to learn that a pilot project might be forthcoming that would allow this community to test this concept on I-95. We urge you to pursue this opportunity and we lend our support.

Respectfully,


Joseph H. Serota, Chairman
Committee on Transportation, Infrastructure and Regionalism

cc: Adolfo Henriques
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