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The Honorable Ron DeSantis
Office of the Governor
The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

RE: State Road 24 (Archer Road) Capacity Expansion Design Project in State of Florida
Legislature-Approved Budget (HF 3721/SF 3711)

Dear Governor DeSantis:

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area joins the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners in support of a component of the State of Florida Legislature-Approved Budget (HF 3721/SF 3711) - Design Phase of the capacity expansion of State Road 24 (Archer Road) from SW 122nd Street (Parker Road) to SW 75th Street (Tower Road) to a four lane-divided roadway with a budget of \$2,250,000. With a completed design, Alachua County and/or the Florida Department of Transportation position for applying for Federal transportation construction grants would be enhanced.

Adding capacity to State Road 24 (Archer Road) has been in the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area Long-Range Transportation Plan for decades. This capacity project is in the Year 2045 Needs Plan and is footnoted in the Year 2045 Cost Feasible Plan. The project addresses Year 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan principles. The project is also included in Alachua County's adopted Comprehensive Plan and Mobility Fee Program.

State Road 24 (Archer Road) is a principal arterial of significant economic and mobility vitality that also serves as a hurricane evacuation and inland shelter corridor for the coastal areas of Levy County. This additional capacity would provide four-lane service volumes from SW 122nd Street (Parker Road) to Interstate 75. SW 122nd Street (Parker Road) is a collector road that connects State Road 24 (Archer Road) to State Road 26 (Newberry Road).

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Scott Koons, AICP, Executive Director, at 352.955.2200, extension 101.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Moore Chestnut, Chair
Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization
for the Gainesville Urbanized Area

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