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Attn: TIGER Discretionary Grants Program Manager

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and our transportation partners at Blueprint 2000 are working in partnership to deliver much needed transportation projects throughout Florida using funds available from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. The ARRA "Grants for Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery" or "TIGER Discretionary Grants" provide an opportunity to deliver more Florida projects beyond those being funded through the previous ARRA formula funding.

I am confident that Florida will receive additional funds through these grants and we will work with our partners to deliver the projects as quickly as possible.

An application for a TIGER Discretionary Grant is being submitted by Blueprint 2000. If this application is selected for funding under this program, the Florida Department of Transportation will process and approve a State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) amendment to be forwarded to the Federal Highway Administration, Florida office, for their approval. The Department will also oversee implementation of the project as it occurs on the state highway system.

If have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Kathleen Neill, Office of Policy Planning, Florida Department of Transportation, Kathleen.neill@dot.state.fl.us, or (850) 414-4814.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James M. Rodgers".

James M. Rodgers, P.E.
Interim District Secretary

cc: Kathleen Neill, Director, Office of Policy Planning