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The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

**RE: Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Advanced
Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment
(ATCMTD) Grant Application**

Dear Secretary Chao,

I write in support of the application submitted by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for an Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment (ATCMTD) Grant. FDOT and the Broward MPO seek these funds for the design and implementation of the *Managing the Unexpected Everyday Initiative*, which will provide much needed traffic operations improvements to the downtown Fort Lauderdale area.

The improvements sought under the initiative will improve travel time reliability through the installation of variable message signage, Closed Circuit TVs, adaptive signal control, freight signal priority, expanded data collection, and enhanced fiber optic networks to improve traffic flow. These enhancements support Fort Lauderdale's Vision Zero effort and will play a large role in reducing congestion and improving safety in the downtown area.

The grant application area is a major economic center that contains one of Broward County's largest regions of employment, including access to Port Everglades, a major cruise, fuel, and cargo port, and Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport. In utilizing the funding available under this grant, Fort Lauderdale will be better able to maximize the use of existing transportation infrastructure efficiency building effort, providing more economic opportunities and improved quality of life.

I ask that you give FDOT and the Broward MPO full and fair consideration for funding under the ATCMTD program. If you should have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 202-225-1313.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alcee L. Hastings". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Alcee" being particularly prominent.

Alcee L. Hastings
Member of Congress