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Gandy Civic Association
c/o Bob Hart
4206 W. Wyoming Avenue
Tampa, FL 33616

RE: Letter From the Gandy Civic Association Regarding the Gandy Corridor Major Investment Study (MIS)

Dear Mr. Hart:

In response to the Association's letter regarding the Gandy MIS the Department offers the following response. The MIS study has been conducted in accordance with Federal regulations for transportation planning. The Department takes very seriously the issue of public input in this and all projects. A key reason for the length of the study has been the effort involved in seeking public input. The Department has continually received public input and it has been fully considered. We will continue to seek public input through the subsequent phases of the project (Project development and Design) to ensure the project is the best that it can be. As stated many times the ultimate criteria the Department utilized for alternative selection was that the alternative needed to meet the project problem statement (the stated need) and be cost reasonable.

Additionally, it is important to note that we have received input in many forms throughout the study, including some in the form of official position statements from interested groups. The input received has expressed support for and against the various alternatives. The Department has analyzed over 50 different alternatives or variations of alternatives in an effort to meet the needs of all of the interested parties. The Department does not have any "special deals" with any agency or individual as stated in your letter. The intent of this study is to develop an effective and efficient regional facility that will meet the needs of the residents and businesses of the entire region.

As a matter of conducting official business regarding the study Department staff have met periodically with local government and agency staff. These meetings are necessary for the purpose of transmitting information and discussing various aspects of the study with the entities involved as well as receiving input from these groups regarding the project. Additionally, all meetings involving more than a single elected official have been duly noticed as required by Florida Statutes.

In regard to your requests A - I the response is as follows:

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