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February 22, 2010

The Honorable Roger Baltz
Charlotte County Administrator
18500 Murdock Circle
Port Charlotte, FL 33948

RE: U.S. 41 Project Development & Environment Study
From Enterprise Drive to S. Sumter Boulevard
Charlotte and Sarasota Counties, Florida
Financial Project ID: 422710-1-22-01
Public Hearing

Dear Mr. Baltz:

The purpose of this letter is to officially notify you that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will be holding a public hearing for the U.S. 41 Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study from Enterprise Drive to S. Sumter Boulevard. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 23, 2010, at the George Mullen Activity Center, 4956 City Center Boulevard, North Port, Florida. A map showing the location of the hearing is enclosed. The public hearing will begin as an open house from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. with the formal hearing commencing at 7 p.m. Similar notices are being sent to all property owners within 300 feet of the project and to public officials, organizations, and individuals concerned with the project.

The hearing is being held to allow persons an opportunity to express their views concerning the location, conceptual design, and social, economic, and environmental effects of the preferred alternative. The proposed improvements to U.S. 41 consist of widening the existing four-lane roadway to a six-lane roadway from Enterprise Drive to S. Sumter Boulevard. The environmental studies of the corridor will help in identifying a strategy to eliminate or lessen the environmental impacts of the build alternative.

The Draft Project Development Summary Report, environmental documents, and other pertinent information developed by the department will be available for public review weekdays from Tuesday, March 2, 2010, through Friday, April 2, 2010, at the FDOT District One Office, 801 N. Broadway, in Bartow, Florida as well as the Planning, Zoning & Engineering Department at the City of North Port, 4970 City Hall Boulevard, in North Port, Florida and the Mid-County Regional Library, 2050 Forrest Nelson Boulevard, in Port Charlotte, Florida. These materials will also be available at the hearing site from 6 p.m. until the end of the public hearing. Persons desiring to submit written statements and other exhibits in place of, or in addition to, oral statements, may do so at the hearing or by sending them to Mr. Aaron Kaster, FDOT District One, P.O. Box 1249, Bartow, Florida 33831. All exhibits or statements postmarked no later than April 2, 2010, will become part of the public hearing record.

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The hearing will be held in accordance with 23 CFR 771 and Section 339.155, Florida Statutes. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Anyone needing special accommodations pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 or persons that require translation services (free of charge) should contact Mr. Aaron Kaster by telephone at 1-863-519-2495 or by writing to FDOT District One Office, P.O. Box 1249, Bartow, FL 33831 at least seven (7) days prior to the public hearing. For more information regarding this project, please contact me.

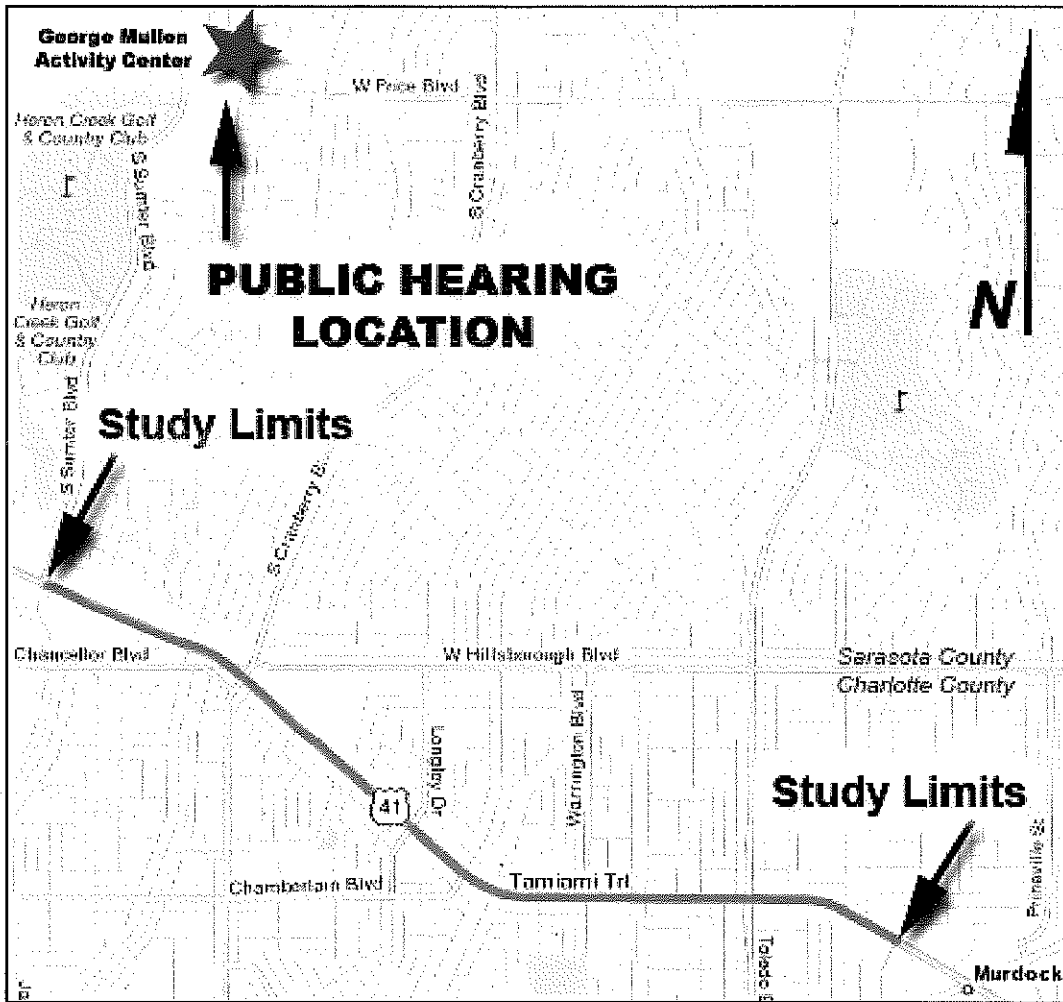
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stanley M. Cann", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Stanley M. Cann, P.E.
District Secretary

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Enclosure



Project Roadway / Public Hearing Location Map
 U.S. 41 from Enterprise Drive to S. Sumter Boulevard
 Project Development and Environment Study (PD&E)
 Charlotte and Sarasota Counties, Florida

Directions to Public Hearing at George Mullen Activity Center:
 From U.S. 41 / Tamiami Trail, turn right on S. Sumter Blvd. Head north on S. Sumter Blvd. for 2.6 miles and turn right on City Center Blvd. into the George Mullen Activity Center parking lot. The hearing will be held in the gymnasium.