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June 20, 2014

Re: Westshore Regional Multimodal Center (WRMC)

Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study Work Program Item Segment Number: 415348-1

Hillsborough County, Florida

Dear Property Owner or Interested Citizen:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Seven, invites you to attend and participate in a Public Hearing regarding the proposed Westshore Regional Multimodal Center (WRMC) in the Westshore Business District in Tampa. Please see the attached Project Location Map. This public hearing is held to allow interested persons the opportunity to provide comments concerning the location, conceptual design, and social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed WRMC. The "Westshore Multimodal Study and Strategic Transportation Plan", completed in February 2012, identified four viable site locations (A, C, D, and S). This Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study has identified Site C, the redevelopment of a strip of parcels north of I-275 between Trask Street and Manhattan Avenue, as the recommended site for the WRMC. The study will determine the configuration, benefits, costs, and impacts of developing and operating a regional multimodal center at this location. Additional information may be found at the study website: www.fdotd7studies.com.

This letter serves as notice to property owners (pursuant to F.S. 339.155) that all or a portion of their property is within 300 feet of the edge of right of way of the proposed project. **However, this does not mean that all properties will be directly affected**. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. If you need special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or if you require translation services (free of charge), please contact Lori Marable, Public Involvement Coordinator, by phone at 813-975-6405 or lori.marable@dot.state.fl.us at least seven (7) days before the public hearing.

The Public Hearing is being held in the following location:

DATE: Thursday, July 17, 2014

PLACE: Hilton Tampa Airport Westshore

Westshore Room

2225 North Lois Avenue

Tampa, FL 33607

TIME: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Open House

6:00 p.m. Formal Presentation

Department representatives will be available beginning at 5:00 p.m. to answer questions and discuss the project informally. Draft project documents and other project-related materials will be displayed and a PowerPoint presentation will run continuously during the open house. A court

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reporter will be available to receive comments in a one-on-one setting. You may submit written comments or other exhibits, in place of or in addition to oral comments, at the hearing or by mailing your comments to the address preprinted on the back of the attached comment form or enter them on the project website. All comments or other exhibits must be postmarked by **Monday, July 28, 2014** to become part of the official public hearing record

At 6:00 p.m., FDOT representatives will begin the formal portion of the hearing, which will provide an opportunity for attendees to make formal oral public comments. Following the formal portion of the hearing, the informal open house will resume and continue until 7:00 p.m. You can attend anytime during the two-hour meeting to review project information and talk one-on-one with study team members. FDOT welcomes and appreciates everyone's participation in the study.

Draft project documents and other project-related materials will be available for review at the following locations from **Thursday**, **June 26**, **2014** to **Monday**, **July 28**, **2014**:

West Branch Tampa Library 2312 W. Union Street Tampa, Florida 33607 Mon-Sat 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. FDOT, District Seven ISD Office 11201 N. McKinley Drive Tampa, Florida 33612 Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

If you have questions about the project or the scheduled hearing, please contact **Elba Lopez**, **Project Manager**, by phone at 813-975-6403 or elba.lopez@dot.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

Ming Gao, P.E.

Intermodal Systems Development Manager

