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MEMORANDUM

DATE:

July 3, 2018

TO:

Secretary Chao

FROM:

Okaloosa Walton Transportation Planning Organization

RE:

2018 BUILD Grant Letter of Support for Antioch/PJ Adams Parkway Interchange

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the Okaloosa Walton Transportation Planning Organization (O-W TPO) please accept this letter of support for the 2018 BUILD Grant application by Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). We share our resounding support to the collaborative effort to add a new interchange near I-10 and Antioch Road for the newly constructed PJ Adams Parkway, a 4-lane bypass connecting south SR 85 in Crestview.

We understand how this project will benefit all the activities in the north and south portions of the county. The project will:

- 1. Improve traffic congestion and quality of life for all employees who live in the mid and north Okaloosa County communities, and commute to the south county
- 2. Support the military community who is also negatively impacted both moving employees, and quickly fulfilling essential missions, due to traffic-backups
- 3. Improve safety and hurricane evacuation routes
- 4. More efficiently allow our visitors to quickly and smoothly arrive to their final destinations on the coasts.

The O-W TPO endorses the goals and plans envisioned for the Antioch Interchange Project. We are



prepared to cooperate with FDOT in development and implementation of this project for the mutual benefit of travelers throughout Okaloosa County. The O-W TPO is excited to collaborate with the entire FDOT team and all other project partners.

Thank you for your consideration of this ATCMTD grant request from FDOT. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact O-W TPO Staff, Mary Beth Washnock at 850-332-7976 ext. 228 or via email at marybeth.washnock@wfrpc.org.

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