



June 12, 2019

Mr. Phillip Gainer, District Secretary  
Florida Department of Transportation  
PO Box 607  
Chipley, FL 32428

RE: Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) BUILD Application

Dear Secretary Gainer,

Thank you for considering the Escambia-Santa Rosa Regional ATMS project as a candidate for the upcoming BUILD grant cycle. The Emerald Coast Regional Council (ECRC) does hereby fully support FDOT in pursuing any possible funding to help make this project a reality.

As you are aware, this proposed project has held the number 1 priority seat with the TPO for many years. In 2015, the Escambia-Santa Rosa Regional ATMS Feasibility Study and Implementation Plan developed a comprehensive approach to update and modernize traffic management tools and capabilities to prepare and assist local agencies to meet their increasingly complex future transportation challenges. The implementation plan stands as a blueprint for the modernization and efficiency of the Escambia and Santa Rosa counties' transportation system.

The deployment of this system will aid the region in technological advances, something this region has suffered from for many years simply due to the high cost of the system. Once complete, this state-of-the-art technology will assist the TPO and FDOT to achieve the "Vision Zero" goal to eliminate driver and pedestrian fatalities. Something this region has been plagued with for many years.

Thank you for your support at the district level and we wish to provide full support at the Council level for this project to accel.

Sincerely,



Austin Mount  
CEO, Emerald Coast Regional Council