



Hatchet Creek Bridge Project

Letters of Support

2022 BRIDGE INVESTMENT PROGRAM, NOFO 693JJ322NF00009

September 7, 2022



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August 31, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to request full and fair consideration for the Bridge Investment Program grant application submitted by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), for the Hatchet Creek Bridge. This project will ensure safety for corridor users while reducing long term impacts to the environment and sensitive species alike.

Built in 1959, Hatchet Creek Bridge is a reinforced concrete slab bridge in Alachua County, Florida that accommodates an average of 11,100 vehicles per day; it is currently classified as structurally deficient due to scour and impacts from Hurricane Irma. The project will include scour revetment best practices to extend the useful life of the structure. These repairs will reclassify the bridge as no longer scour critical or structurally deficient, thereby reducing the annualized cost to operate and maintain the structure. Additional benefits of the project include:

- Extension of the useful life of the structure, bringing it back to a state of good repair
- Reduced carbon emissions compared to a full replacement project
- Improved resiliency by improving disaster preparedness and resilience to hazards with the scour revetment
- Improved operational efficiencies for corridor users
- Reliable access to Gainesville Regional Airport

I appreciate your consideration and respectfully request your full and fair consideration of Bridge Investment Program grant funding for this vital project. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Kat Cammack
Member of Congress



City of Gainesville

Office of the City Manager

September 2, 2022

US Department of Transportation
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Re: Hatchet Creek Bridge Project - Funding Opportunity Number 693JJ322NF00009

Dear USDOT Bridge Investment Program (BIP) Grant Team,

The Florida Department of Transportation is submitting a grant application to the US Department of Transportation for the Bridge Investment Program (BIP) implementation grant program for capital assistance to support critical repairs being made to the Hatchet Creek Bridge, which provides regional connectivity along the State Road 26 corridor in Alachua County, FL.

As a partner to the Florida Department of Transportation, the City of Gainesville supports the efforts of the Department to provide mobility, resiliency, and environmental protection through the delivery of this project. Having an extensive history of partnership with the Department, we are confident that this project will achieve its intended goals.

Your consideration of this project is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


Cynthia W. Curry
Interim City Manager