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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Commissioner Rob Feltner, District 4

RE: Item J.6., Letter of Support for Ellis Road being a Strategic Connector between I-95 and the Hub for Aerospace, Aviation, and Defense Contractor in Brevard County

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on April 23, 2024, authorized the Chair to execute a Letter of support to the Office of the Governor Ron DeSantis for Ellis Road being a strategic connector between I-95 and the hub for Aerospace, Aviation, and Defense Contractor in Brevard County. Enclosed is a copy of the Letter.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK


Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

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cc: Each Commissioner



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April 22, 2024

Office of Governor Ron DeSantis
State of Florida
The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Dear Honorable Governor DeSantis:

Thank you for your service to the People of the Great State of Florida. Your steadfast leadership continues to be important to the future of Florida's Space Coast.

I am writing on behalf of the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners in support of the \$5,769,432 from the General Fund and \$4,230,568 from the FDOT Trust Fund for the Ellis Road Widening Pre-Construction Activities, currently funded in the 2024-25 budget. This road project is a top transportation priority for Brevard County.

Ellis Road is a Strategic Connector between I-95 and the hub for Aerospace, Aviation, and Defense contractors in Brevard County. Additionally, this appropriation will allow for right-of-way (ROW) acquisition to help safeguard this project from rising inflation. This approach would reduce the overall widening construction cost in the future, accelerate the schedule, and help secure project delivery.

In brief, the Ellis Road widening project will provide a significant improvement to a critical regional corridor in Brevard County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jason Steele, Chair

Brevard County Board of County Commissioners