



August 9, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO: Rita Pritchett, Commissioner District 1

RE: Item J.7., Letter of Support for Ellis Road Widening Project

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on August 8, 2023, approved the Chair to write a letter to the Office of the Secretary of Transportation in support of a grant for the Ellis Road Widening Project.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

Kimberly Powell
Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

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cc: Each Commissioner

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August 8, 2023

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

RE: Ellis Road, The Innovation and Economic Corridor for the Space Coast – MPDG Grant Opportunity

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Brevard County, I am writing to express my strongest support for the above-referenced grant application submitted by Brevard County for the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity (MPDG) for the widening of Ellis Road through the Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highway Projects (INFRA) program.

The corridor improvements planned under this grant will facilitate business growth in our area by providing increased transportation capacity and safety improvements along Ellis Road by widening from a two-lane rural section to a four-lane urban section for approximately 1.7 miles.

Ellis Road is a crucial gateway to the Melbourne Orlando International Airport and is truly an Innovation and Economic corridor for the entire Space Coast. Improving access between Interstate 95 and the Melbourne Orlando International Airport via the widening of Ellis Road will remove a major bottleneck and enhance our region's economic competitiveness. Providing access, goods and services is essential not only to those who call Brevard County "home" but also to our national interests that are looking to the stars as it plays a key role in continuing to advance innovative technology and the commercial space industry.

The Ellis Road Innovation and Economic Corridor has been one of the highest priorities for Brevard County over the past 20 years. Through continued regional collaboration and partnership, the project is ready for Construction!

Thank you for consideration of our innovation and economic corridor for the INFRA grant.

Sincerely,

Rita Pritchett, Chair
Brevard County Board of County Commissioners