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Billy Hattaway, PE  
District Secretary of Transportation  
P.O. Box 1249  
Bartow, Florida 33831-1249

Re: Laurel Road and Jacaranda Blvd. Interchanges

Dear Secretary Hattaway,

Please accept this letter as an endorsement of the "Bold Landscaping" initiative for the I-75 Laurel Road and Jacaranda Blvd. interchanges in Sarasota County. Both interchanges are vital for the south county business area especially Venice, Englewood, Nokomis and Osprey. I have seen what has been done at the Ellenton I-75 Interchange and US 301, which has surely been an asset and a much more pleasing view of that beautiful river area.

South Sarasota County is an area of much needed enhancements that would help all the businesses that prosper from vacationers, visitors, and new housing prospects. The two interchanges are very close together, and I believe a project that would incorporate both would be very appealing and a much more efficient use of the funds.

Your positive attitude in endorsing this area as a prime location for the use of the Governor's initiative would be greatly appreciated. All involved would benefit from such an esthetic improvement to the area.

Sincerely,

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President

CC: John Holic, Venice Mayor  
Charles Hines, Sarasota County Commission Chair

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