



November 21, 2023

AGENDA ITEM 10 C

CORRESPONDENCE

TYPE OF ITEM: Information

The following correspondence has been sent or received by the CRTPA subsequent to the last CRTPA meeting:

- CRTPA letter of support to the City of Tallahassee associated with a grant application seeking funding for the Multi-modal Transportation Across Tracks Project related to the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Grant Program (**Attachment 1**).
- CRTPA letter of support to the Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency associated with a grant application seeking funding for Tharpe Street related to the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Grant Program (**Attachment 2**).
- CRTPA email correspondence to the Florida Department of Transportation, District 3, related to CRTPA support for the use of Urban Attributable funds for the addition of sidewalks associated with an upcoming resurfacing project in Gadsden County (**Attachment 3**).



September 18, 2023

Steve Shafer, General Manager
City of Tallahassee – Underground Utilities & Public Infrastructure
2602 Jackson Bluff Road
Tallahassee, Florida 32304

RE: Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Grant Program and the Connecting Tallahassee: Multi-modal Transportation Across Tracks Project

Dear Mr. Shafer:

On behalf of the Capital Region Planning Agency (CRTPA), I am pleased to support the City of Tallahassee's application for the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Grant Program and the Connecting Tallahassee: Multi-modal Transportation Across Tracks Project.

As the regional transportation planning agency for Florida's capital region, the issue of connectivity in the transportation system is one of top importance to the CRTPA. Development of an integrated regional multimodal transportation network requires ensuring users of all modes of transportation are provided safe access to the transportation system.

We understand that the City of Tallahassee is seeking this grant funding for the planning of multi-modal transportation infrastructure to create pedestrian and bicycle connectivity across the railroad tracks that divide the city. The project will concentrate on the Mabry Manor Neighborhood, an area of persistent poverty, and surrounding areas to improve the multimodal connectivity of the Mabry Street and the Eisenhower Street railroad crossings. The project will also include planning efforts to improve the walkability and safety throughout the neighborhoods directly north and south of the tracks to mitigate the dividing infrastructure. Through this project, the two sides of the railroad tracks will be united and access to the amenities on the associated sides expanded to all.

It is our belief that the project you have identified will be a great benefit to the capital region.

Sincerely,

Greg Slay, AICP
Executive Director



September 20, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA), I would like to express my agency's strong support for the Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency's application for Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Program funding for Tharpe Street.

As the regional transportation planning agency for Florida's capital region, the issue of safety in the transportation system is one of top importance to the CRTPA. Development of an integrated regional multimodal transportation network requires ensuring users of all modes of transportation are safe.

To that end, within the CRTPA region, one roadway has been consistently identified as a high priority for needed safety improvements for pedestrians and cyclists: Tharpe Street. This roadway is a local road under the jurisdiction of Leon County (County Road 158) and along a majority of the corridor there are minimal to no pedestrian or bicycle accommodations. As a result, multimodal access to daily destinations including employment, healthcare, grocery stores, schools, recreation, and park space is limited.

The CRTPA has a strong interest in the improvement of the Tharpe Street corridor and supports Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency's commitment to much-needed improvements to the roadway. Such improvements will not only enhance roadway safety for all users but also the quality of life for those who reside along this corridor.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Greg Slay, AICP
Executive Director

Gadsden County, Jefferson County, Leon County, Wakulla County, Chattahoochee, Greensboro, Gretna, Havana, Midway, Monticello, Quincy, Sopchoppy, St. Marks, Tallahassee, Leon County School Board

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Subject: 450812-1 SR 10 (US 90) from Madison Street to west of Quincy Creek (Gadsden County)
Date: Friday, September 22, 2023 3:35:00 PM

Good afternoon Dustin. Pursuant to our phone discussion on Monday related to the above resurfacing project and the CRTPA's request to include sidewalks on the northside, I have spoken with Greg Slay.

Based upon the discussion, Greg is supportive of the Department placing CRTPA SU funds for use in the construction of the referenced sidewalks associated with the resurfacing (specifically, from N. Malcom Street (also shown as Ulacolm Street) to the project's eastern limits). I believe we discussed that the cost was approximately \$250,000 for 2000' of sidewalks and that the project is scheduled for construction in FY 27.

Thank you for coordinating with us on this issue.

Sincerely,

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