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December 19, 2023

Gregory Stuart, AICP
Executive Director
Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization
100 W Cypress Creek Rd, Suite 650
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

Re: SUN Trail Grant Application

Dear Gregory Stuart, Executive Director,

The City of Cooper City is pleased to submit this letter in support of Broward County Government's SUN Trail grant application. Their proposed project is aimed at bridging the gap to fulfill the goal of creating an interconnected paved multi-use trails (SUN Trail network) for bicyclists and pedestrians, physically separated from the road. I respectfully request your consideration of the application for the pursue of state funding.

The Southeast Florida region is the largest metropolitan area in Florida and growing rapidly with more than seven million residents. In 1997, Mean Streets by the Surface Transportation Policy Project identified the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood- Pompano Beach, FL PMSA as the most dangerous large metropolitan area for walking. For over 20 years, Broward County has been ranked as one of the most dangerous regions in the country for pedestrians and cyclists. The need to create a more robust network of safe, comfortable, and convenient separated facilities for people walking and biking that can accommodate people of all ages and abilities is crucial in ensuring and sustaining a better quality of life, longevity, as well as overall well-being for residents and visitors of Broward County as a whole.

As a city in Broward County that hosts a SUN Trail unfunded facility alignment, we support the Broward County application for the SUN Trail and recognize the benefits the proposed facility will have on our residents' quality of life and transportation needs. We commit to assuming the responsibilities to operate and maintain the facility following the completion of construction and intend to execute an agreement with Broward County prior to the design and construction of the facility.

Again, I encourage your consideration of this worthy cause. If I can be of further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address below.

Sincerely,

Tim Fleming,
Acting Public Works Directo