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Michael Daniels, Planning and Zoning Director
City of Green Cove Springs
321 Walnut Street
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

SUBJECT: City of Green Cove Springs Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment (23-1ESR)

Dear Mr. Daniels,

Pursuant to Section 163.3184(3), Florida Statutes (F.S.), in its role as a reviewing agency as identified in Section 163.3184(1)(c), F.S., the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) reviewed proposed amendment, City of Green Cove Springs 23-1ESR.

The City of Green Cove Springs has transmitted text amendments to the Future Land Use, Transportation, and Capital Improvement Elements of the Comprehensive Plan. The amendments will allow the City to enact a transportation mobility fee to help create a more multimodal transportation system. The proposed mobility fee is based on the cost of the capacity improvements needed to address network deficiencies less capacity projects caused by external to external trips divided by the local person miles traveled within the City.

There are two state roads that run through the City: US-17 and SR-16. There are two segments of SR-16 that are currently operating below the target Level of Service (LOS) standard from US-17 to Slow Tide Road and from Red Cove Road to East City Limit (where there is also a proposed SIS facility adjacent to this segment). US-17 from SR-16 to N. City Limits is projected to operate below the target Level of Service (LOS) standard by 2030. Intersection enhancements, new trail connections, and transit improvements are included in the Mobility Fee Project list that can help alleviate the deficiencies on SR-16. FDOT acknowledges that the City will replace the LOS Standards with a new Mobility Fee system which will guide future investment priorities. FDOT recommends that the City of Green Cove Springs coordinate with FDOT when the Mobility Fee projects that could impact these or any other state facilities are ready for implementation.

We appreciate the opportunity to review the proposed comprehensive plan amendment and request that a copy of the adopted amendment, along with the supporting data and analysis be transmitted within ten working days after the second public hearing for FDOT review. If you have any

questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email: brian.austin@dot.state.fl.us or call: (904) 360-5664.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Austin". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Brian Austin
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