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29th District

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Secretary Kevin J. Thibault, P.E.
Florida Department of Transportation
605 Suwannee Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0450

Dear Secretary Thibault,

I am writing on behalf of the Town of Highland Beach, which has been in contact with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for a number of years regarding flooding along A1A. I also wanted to thank you for participating in a Zoom call with Highland Beach and myself on this matter during this year's legislative session.

As you are aware, the Town of Highland Beach has been working with FDOT since 2015 to address the dangerous flooding along A1A. It is my understanding that five years ago FDOT issued a drainage evaluation report and subsequently did some repairs. However, a number of repairs are still pending, particularly with regard to the swales.

I have been working with Highland Beach and have numerous documents that include FDOT's references to repairing the swales but without ever adequately following up on the matter.

Highland Beach has waited patiently for almost six years, so I would appreciate anything FDOT could do to move up the completion date for repairs to be made. In an email I received from FDOT on April 28, 2021, the upcoming resurfacing project in Highland Beach is not scheduled to begin until 2024. That would mean they must wait almost a decade for completion of the road work since the initial study was conducted!

Please let me know how I can assist in speeding up this project for the good people of Highland Beach.

Kindest Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tina S. Polsky".

Senator Tina S. Polsky
Florida Senate, District 29

Cc: Peggy Gossett-Seidman, Highland Beach Town Commissioner

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