



March 20, 2019

Secretary David Gwynn  
FDOT District Seven Secretary of Transportation  
Florida Department of Transportation District Seven  
11201 McKinley Drive  
Tampa, FL 33612

Re: Westshore Area (SR 60/I-275) Interchange

Dear Secretary Gwynn,

The Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce respectfully submits this letter in support of advancing the Westshore Interchange (SR 60/I-275) Reconstruction Project.

The State Road 60 connection between Tampa International Airport and America's Number One beach is critical to the continued success of Clearwater's business and tourism stakeholders. More than half the businesses in the Clearwater Regional Chamber are tourism related, and tourism makes up the lions share of overall revenue in Pinellas County. Reconstructing this interchange will enable visitors to reach Clearwater and Clearwater Beach by improving public health and safety, enable regional transit connectivity, and reduce pressure on the regional roadway network.

As we move forward with plans for multimodal transit options in the region, the Clearwater business community and the Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce understand the importance that this interchange will have in the coming years. Completion of this project will mark it as a signature project for the Tampa Bay Region and for the State of Florida. We request that FDOT provide full funding to address this critical priority as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Sutton". The signature is stylized and enclosed within a circular flourish.

Mike Sutton, Board Chair  
Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce

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