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## INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE:

May 10, 2018

TO:

Nick Uhren, P.E., Director

Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency

FROM:

David L. Ricks, P.E.,

County Engineer

RE:

FM 440041-1: Congress Avenue from C-15 Canal to Atlantic

Avenue (SR-806)

In your memorandum dated March 6, 2018, you requested a resolution from the Board of County Commissioners in support of the referenced project assuring it remains in place through its useful life.

Unfortunately, staff cannot support a permanent lane reduction of this facility from 6 lanes to 4 lanes until an initial trial phase shows the reduced facility can handle traffic demand at the adopted LOS "D". The trial/test phase should be at least six months long and include the entire high traffic season. This  $2\frac{1}{2}$  mile segment of Congress Avenue is less than 1/3 of a mile from I-95 and serves as the only reliever for this vital regional surface transportation facility.

Please let me know if you will have any questions or need more information regarding this important project.

MAA:bc

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