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Suzanne Monk, FCCM  
Government Liaison  
Florida Department of Transportation, District 7  
11201 N. McKinley Drive  
Tampa, Florida 33612

Dear Ms. Monk:

I am writing in behalf of the City of Pinellas Park to affirm our support of the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) grant for 126th Avenue North from US Hwy 19 N. to 34th Street N.

This portion of 126<sup>th</sup> Avenue North is generally located within the northern area of the City of Pinellas Park and while it is a County Facility, many Pinellas Park residents and businesses will benefit from the proposed improvements. By closing the existing gaps in 126th Avenue at the Cross Bayou Canal and around 40th Street N., businesses in the area will have direct access to US Highway 19 N. to the west and Interstate 275 to the east. The inclusion of the Pinellas Trail Loop will be the first portion of the trail to be located within the City. The trail will provide a safe alternative to a car for employees commuting to the many businesses located along the project corridor. The trail will also provide residents with direct access to a 75-mile long network of trails and parks for recreational use. It is for these reasons and many more that the City supports this project.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you should need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 727-369-5680.

Respectfully,

Nick Colonna, AICP  
Community Development Administrator