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## MEMO

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**TO:** Broward County - Surtax Oversight Board

**FROM:** Bertha W. Henry, Broward County Administrator 

**DATE:** May 21, 2019

**RE:** Oversight Board Action Item # 4

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Broward County is requesting that the Surtax Oversight Board consider approval of a new project to the Surtax Plan for the construction of a full interchange at the Sawgrass Expressway and Pat Salerno Drive. It also includes improvements to collector and feeder roads/lanes to help reduce traffic locally. This project will be constructed by the State of Florida Turnpike Enterprise, which requires a 50% local match. The County and City of Sunrise have been advised that the cost of the full interchange is approximately \$56 Million, excluding the cost of ancillary property necessary for drainage, widening and wetland mitigation, which the County estimates could be an additional \$5 Million. At this time, the request for the local match is \$25 Million as efforts continue to seek a greater share from the State or "value added" offerings to stay within the \$25 Million request.

The County and City are required to sign the Local Funding Agreement by June 14, 2019. The first installment of \$4.5 Million will be due in July 2019 for design and engineering services. The second installment relates to the property acquisition for drainage and wetland mitigation, which would be due in FY 2020. The balance would be due prior to the Turnpike Enterprise entering into a construction contract.

By way of background, we offer the following:

The Turnpike Enterprise built a partial interchange with a southbound ramp only at the time the BB&T Arena was built. Subsequently, substantial development has occurred in and around the arena and the County has hired a consultant to master plan redevelopment of the remaining acreage on the Arena site.

For years, the County, City of Sunrise and surrounding businesses have been asking the State to build a full interchange at that location. For years, the State has declined to do so but, changed its position recently by offering to share in the cost. This interchange is only a part of

the planned Florida Turnpike Enterprise's overall widening and improvements to the Sawgrass Expressway.

As of this date, the Turnpike Enterprise is finalizing the Local Funding Agreement, which has a deadline of June 14, 2019, to be executed by all parties.

The new full Sawgrass Expressway and Pat Salerno Drive interchange will include:

- The demolition of the current southbound ramp from Pat Salerno Drive onto the Sawgrass Expressway and the current northbound ramp from the Sawgrass Expressway onto Pat Salerno Drive.
- The construction of a new Pat Salerno Drive bridge over the Sawgrass Expressway.
- A new southbound ramp and entrance lane from Pat Salerno Drive onto the Sawgrass Expressway.
- A new current northbound exit lane and ramp from the Sawgrass Expressway onto Pat Salerno Drive.
- A new northbound ramp and entrance lane from Pat Salerno Drive onto the Sawgrass Expressway that will be braided over the northbound Sawgrass Expressway exit lane onto Oakland Park Blvd.
- A new southbound exit lane and ramp from the Sawgrass Expressway onto Pat Salerno Drive that will be braided over the Oakland Park Blvd. southbound entrance lane onto the Sawgrass Expressway.
- The acquisition of right-of-way and property for drainage and wetland mitigation.

Accordingly, Broward County is requesting the Oversight Board consider funding approval for the first payment to the Florida Turnpike Enterprise in the amount of \$4.5 Million from Fiscal Year 2019 surtax revenues in the category of County Contingency. The County and City are still discussing how the total local share would be apportioned, which require actions by both bodies and subsequently will be submitted for your consideration.

We apologize for this delayed submission, as we were awaiting the Turnpike's Local Funding Agreement. The Oversight Board will be presented with this document as soon as it is received.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

C: Mayor and Members of the County Commission  
Mayor and Members of the Sunrise City Commission