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Ms. Stacey Hopper, Planner
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Subject: **Cocoa 23-02ESR**
Response Type: **Technical Assistance Comment**

Dear Ms. Hopper,

Pursuant to Section 163.3184(3), Florida Statutes (F.S.), in its role as a reviewing agency as identified in Section 163.3184(1)(c), F.S., the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) reviewed the amendment for the City of Cocoa's Proposed 23-02ESR.

Ordinance No. 14-2023

The proposed amendment from the City of Cocoa is a text amendment to the Transportation Element and Capital Improvements Element removing the minimum level of service standards for State Road (S.R.) 524.

Results:

FDOT has reviewed the transmitted amendment for the City of Cocoa pursuant to Section 163.3184(3), Florida Statutes. FDOT is providing a technical assistance comment, consistent with Section 163.3168(3), Florida Statutes. The technical assistance comment will not form the basis of a challenge. The technical assistance comment can strengthen the local government's comprehensive plan in order to foster a vibrant, healthy community or is/are technical in nature and designed to ensure consistency with the Community Planning Act in Chapter 163, Part II, F.S.):

Technical Assistance Comment #1

The text amendment proposes the removal of the level of service standard for S.R. 524. As this relates to transportation resources and a facility of state importance, the Department has established a level of service standard of 'D'. Per Section 334.004(1), the Department assumes the responsibility for coordinating the planning of a safe, viable, and balanced state transportation system serving all regions of the state, and to assure the compatibility of all components, including multimodal facilities. In order to provide a safe system, a level of service standard must be established for each state roadway (SIS, SHS, or NHS).

In addition, as mentioned within the amendment package, the City of Cocoa maintains transportation concurrency within the city limits. Per Section 163.3180(5)(a), the local government must provide adopted levels of service to guide the concurrency application.

Lastly, the removal of a level of service standard for S.R. 524 could adversely impact the PD&E study underway for this corridor.

Resolution of Technical Assistance Comment #1

Coordinate with the Department regarding the proposed text amendment and work towards the establishing of an appropriate level of service standard and/or target for S.R. 524.

Please transmit a copy of the amendment, along with the supporting data and analysis, to the District upon its adoption.

Thank you for coordinating the review of this proposed amendment with FDOT. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at james.rodriquez@dot.state.fl.us or by phone at 386-943-5457.

Sincerely,

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