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The Honorable Edward Dixon, Chairman
Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners
Post Office Box 1799
Quincy, FL 32353

Dear Chairman Dixon:

This is a formal request for the FDOT / ARPC Liaison Project to be included on the agenda of the Gadsden County Commission meeting scheduled for September 19th, 2006, at 6:00 pm EDT. The purpose of the visit will be to finalize and receive input on the list of proposed projects, prior to submission to FDOT near the end of September.

Earlier this year, ARPC staff met with the Gadsden County Board of Commissioners to discuss the ARPC's liaison role of coordinating local transportation planning needs with the FDOT, District 3 Planning Office in Chipley. ARPC staff followed up by meeting with Robert Presnell, to discuss possibilities for projects. Several local projects were discussed that were determined to be either within the CRTPA boundary or were probable SCRAP or SCOP projects.

ARPC staff met again with the Gadsden County Commission on May 2, 2006. ARPC staff discussed the status of various segments of the bypass project including the realignment of 65 around the plant and suggested seeking mitigation land for that project from the Little River Project's applicant. Recently, Gadsden County issued a fairly lengthy list of possible projects to the District 3 offices for inclusion in the work plan. ARPC staff plans to include in the list submitted to FDOT, projects that are situated outside of the CRTPA boundary.

The ARPC will not be able to include in the list of projects submitted to FDOT, projects that would normally be included in SCOP or SCRAP programs. Additionally, FDOT District 3 has requested that all county submissions for these projects be limited to one or two high priority projects per county, as funding levels remain inadequate to address all needs. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

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