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Dear Dr. Nwoko,

**Did you know that your agency's long range transportation plan (LRTP), "2035 Long Range Transportation Plans", has been cited as an excellent example of a citizen-friendly document in a research study?** The Florida Department of Transportation's, Office of Policy Planning, recently completed a report, "Long Range Transportation Plan Citizen-Friendly Best Practices" that included your plan as an exemplary example.

As you know, the effort and detail that goes into creating a LRTP is highly technical and complex. Yet the general public needs to be able to understand the metropolitan planning process. This review highlighted design principles from other states' Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) that we can share with our MPOs in Florida. Of the 359 MPOs throughout the United States, LRTPs from 137 randomly selected MPOs were reviewed based on four criteria related to citizen-friendliness: (1) length, (2) clarity, (3) graphics, and (4) vision. The report highlights six LRTPs, including yours, as examples for each of the four criteria.

Congratulations on producing a LRTP that is worthy of national exposure! The Florida Department of Transportation applauds your agency for producing a citizen-friendly document and thanks you for being a best practice example. We hope you find the enclosed report to be informative. Should you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at: [Yvonne.arens@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Yvonne.arens@dot.state.fl.us).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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