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Kevin Schot RLA District Landscape Architect State of Florida Department of Transportation District VI Adam Leigh Cann Building 1000 NW 111th Avenue, Room 6251 Miami, Florida 33172

Dear Mr. Johnnie Youngue,

The City of Key West has requested a Letter of Authorization from the Department for their 2019-2020 Beautification Grant Application. The proposed Beautification Grant Application project limits are located on **SR 5 between east of the intersection of North and South Roosevelt Boulevards up to and including the western approach to the Cow Key Bridge at Mile Marker 4; commonly referred to as the "Triangle".** 

Upon examination of the District Six five-year Work Plan, the District has found that the Cow Key Bridge Replacement construction project partially overlaps with the proposed Beautification Grant project limits and potential project schedule. The City is not authorized to proceed with construction of a project, such as this potential Beautification Grant, until after all work by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) within the overlapping area is fully complete and accepted by our construction Project Manager; tentatively December 31, 2020.

The City has acknowledged that the Cow Key Bridge Replacement construction partially overlaps their proposed Beautification Grant project, and is cognizant and accepting of potential impacts to their potential Beautification Grant, including the potential project schedule. Grant-related construction is not authorized to begin until after the Cow Key Bridge Replacement construction is fully completed and accepted by FDOT. Thereby, it is mutually understood that said project overlap may impede upon the City's proposed project limits and potential schedule, that the FDOT project supersedes the potential Beautification Grant, and that said FDOT project scope and schedule is subject to change.

This Letter of Authorization, requested by the City, provides for the City of Key West to proceed with their Beautification Grant Application submittal, at their discretion, for the 2019-2020 Beautification Grant cycle with the project limits proposed by the City (above), and if a Grant is secured, provides documentation that the conditions mentioned in this letter are understood and shall be followed.

A copy of this letter will be required to be submitted with your Grant Application. Please retain a copy for your records.

Sincerely,

Kevin Schot, RLA District Six Landscape Architect District Six Beautification Grant Coordinator

cc: Steven McAlearney Kelly Crowe