



PALM BEACH METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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Manuel Almira, Executive Director
Port of Palm Beach
1 East 11th Street, Suite 400
Riviera Beach, Florida 33404

Re: **Slip 3 Redevelopment**

Dear Mr. Almira:

The Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) supports funding for the Slip 3 Redevelopment project at the Port of Palm Beach through the Transportation Investment Generating Economy Recovery (TIGER) program. The project is contained in the MPO's adopted Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the overall long range transportation plan for Palm Beach County.

The Port is a major economic engine for the area and provides access for the movement of Palm Beach County goods by sea. The Port is also located adjacent to a major freight rail corridor for intermodal goods movement. The improvement contained in this project will increase the ability of the Port to move freight from the area and generate additional jobs for the local economy.

As stated before, the MPO supports funding of this project through the TIGER program.

Sincerely,



Randy M. Whitfield, P.E.
Director

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