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Mr. Jacob V. Stuart, President
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Dear Mr. Stuart:

I wish to extend to you the Department of Transportation's commitment and continuing support to the Central Florida Regional Growth Vision project. We believe that planning at a regional scale can serve to efficiently focus development and transportation investments, preserve open spaces, and limit greenhouse gas emissions by minimizing the negative impacts of sprawling urban development.

The "*How Shall We Grow?*" project has effectively engaged citizens and leaders from public, private and civic organizations to develop a consensus-based vision for future growth in Central Florida. We fully anticipate that this visioning effort will serve as a prototype for how regional visioning and coordination policies can be applied in other regions of the state as envisioned by the 2025 Florida Transportation Plan

Throughout this project, Central Floridians have identified the importance of connecting green space, transportation and land use in a manner that allows your region to be economically competitive while maintaining its quality of life. The Department looks forward to working cooperatively with you and other partners to implement the Central Florida Regional Growth Vision.

Sincerely,

Stephanie C. Kopelousos
Secretary

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