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Subject: Re: SR 60 / Memorial

Hi Ric,

Thanks for reaching out to offer support the I-275/SR 60 (Westshore) Interchange. We are trying to build the case for bringing statewide funding to the region to advance this project, and demonstrate the region's unified support as the number one regional priority. Strong letters of support from as many municipal and government agencies is a very important part of that package. Given that the interchange falls outside City limits, your support speaks to how critical the project is for the entire Tampa Bay region.

So far, we have recieved letters from PSTA, HART, the three BOCCs, three MPOs, and the Tampa & St. Petersburg Mayors. Secretary Gwynn would greatly appreciate a letter of support from the City of Clearwater. Please consider this a formal request on his behalf.

We would be happy to share examples if that is useful to you, and assist with this as you need.

Thank you again!

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