

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: February 27, 2007 Consent Regular
 Workshop Public Hearing

Department:

Submitted By: Engineering & Public Works

Submitted For: Traffic Division

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to:

- A. Approve an Agreement with the State of Florida Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development (OTTED) to receive \$2,000,000 for off-site roadway improvements associated with the new Office Depot headquarters.
- B. Adopt a Resolution accepting future maintenance of the roadway improvements that are within the County right-of-way.
- C. Approve a Budget Amendment of \$2,000,000 in the Transportation Improvement Fund to recognize a grant of Economic Development Transportation Funds from OTTED and appropriate it to Office Depot Headquarters – Off Site Roadway Improvements.

Summary: This Agreement will allow Palm Beach County to receive Economic Development Transportation Funds (EDTF) from OTTED for off-site roadway improvements required for the Office Depot headquarters. At a later date, there will be an Agreement with the developer of the Office Depot headquarters for payment of funds to the developer for the improvements.

The Resolution accepting maintenance responsibility for the improvements is a requirement of the OTTED Agreement.

District: 4 (M.R.E.)

Background and Justification: Office Depot has determined that it needs a larger corporate headquarters than they currently have in the City of Delray Beach. Office Depot has looked at
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Attachments:

- 1. Location Sketch
 - 2. Agreements (6)
 - 3. Resolutions with Attachment A (2)
 - 4. Budget Amendment
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Recommended By: _____

Division Director

Date

Approved By: _____

County Engineer

Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

| Fiscal Years | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
|--------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Capital Expenditures | \$2,000,000 | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| Operating Costs | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| External Revenues | <\$2,000,000> | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| Program Income (County) | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| In-Kind Match (County) | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| NET FISCAL IMPACT | \$ -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |

ADDITIONAL FTE
POSITIONS (Cumulative) _____

Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes _____ No X
Budget Acct No.: Fund _____ Dept. _____ Unit _____ Object _____
Program

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Transportation Improvement Fund
Office Depot Hqs-Off Site Roadway Improvements
State Grant-Other Transportation/Road & Street Improvements

Note: There will be a fiscal impact associated with the agreement to accept maintenance responsibilities for these improvements; however, the amount is not determinable at this time.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: R.D. Ward 1/19/07

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:

John D. ... 2.5.07
OFMB
2/2/07
2.5.07
2/1/07

Dr. J. Jacobson 2/17/07
Contract Dev. and Control
2/17/07

B. Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency:

Monique Platt 2/13/07
Assistant County Attorney

This Contract complies with our contract review requirements.

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.

Background and Justification (Continued)

various locations around the County and has chosen to build a new corporate headquarters at the southeast corner of Clint Moore Road and Military Trail, in the City of Boca Raton. Incentives are being provided to Office Depot to remain in Palm Beach County. One of the incentives is an EDTF grant for off-site roadway improvement required for the new facility in Boca Raton.

The developer of the Office Depot will design and construct the roadway improvements and provide all documents required by OTTED for reimbursement. Upon receipt of the reimbursement funds from OTTED, Palm Beach County will make payment to the developer of Office Depot. There will be an Agreement with the developer of Office Depot at a later date.

The Resolution accepts maintenance of the improvements when they are completed. The roadway improvements are on Clint Moore Road and Military Trail. Both roadways are County owned roadways. Three of the improvements are related to a traffic signal. The City of Boca Raton maintains the traffic signals in the area. The intent is to transfer these improvements to the City of Boca Raton upon completion.

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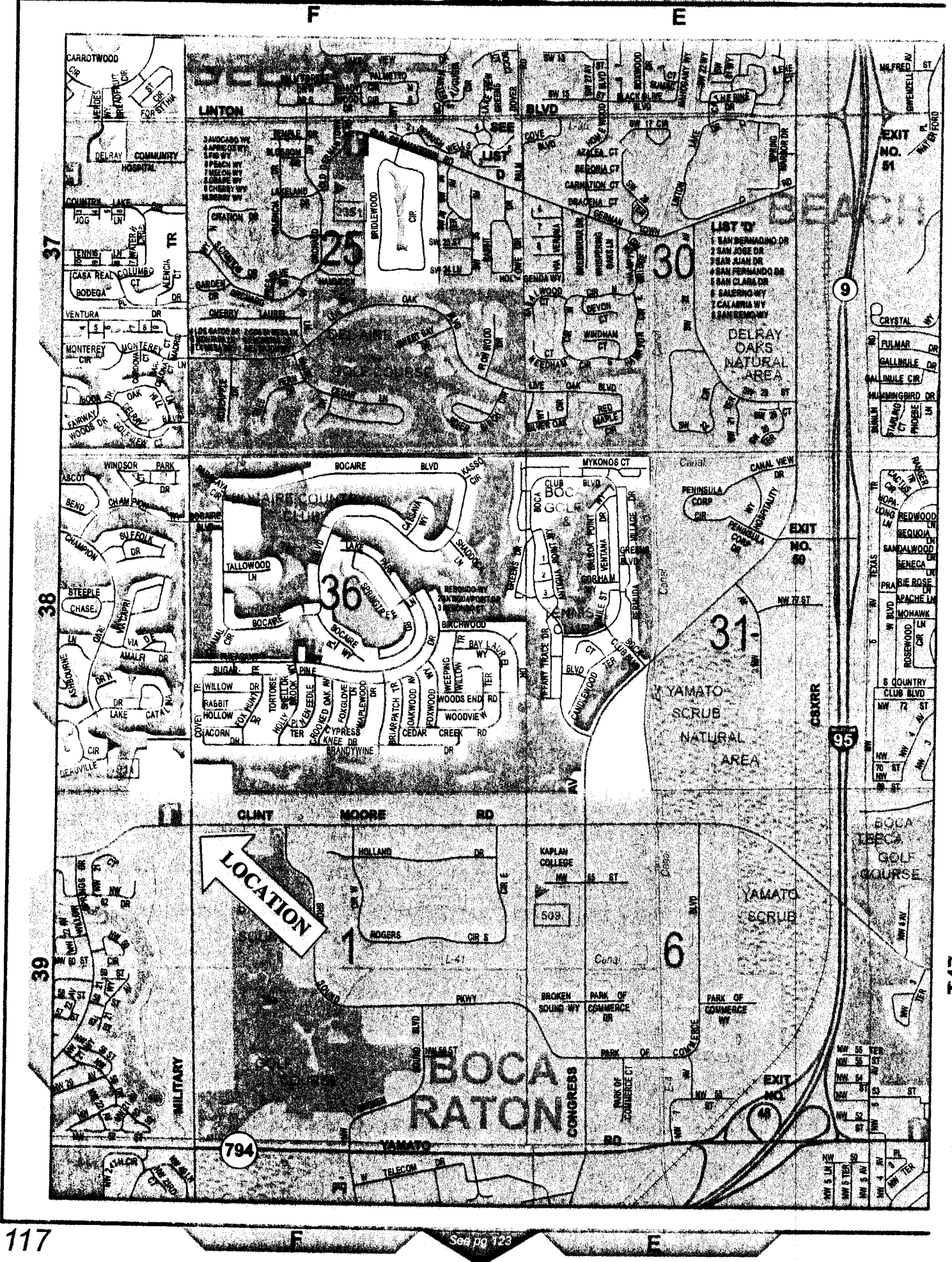
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**STATE OF FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND**

AGREEMENT

This Agreement (OT07-058) is entered into this _____ day of _____, 2007, between the State of Florida Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development (OTTED) and Palm Beach County (County) on behalf of Office Depot, Inc. (EDTF Business). OTTED and the County are sometimes hereinafter referred to as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties."

WHEREAS, OTTED has determined that the transportation project described in the Economic Development Transportation Fund (EDTF) Application, incorporated by reference herein and attached as "Exhibit A" and hereinafter referred to as the "Project," is necessary to facilitate the economic development and growth of the State as contemplated by Section 288.063, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the County is prepared to complete the Project at an estimated total cost of \$2,028,687; and

WHEREAS, OTTED is prepared to provide \$2,000,000 toward the total project cost of construction of the transportation project described in Section 5.0.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

1.0 PARTIES: The parties and their respective addresses for purposes of this Agreement are as follows:

**STATE OF FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
OFFICE OF TOURISM, TRADE, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
THE CAPITOL, SUITE 2001
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-0001
FAX: 850/487-3104**

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
301 NORTH OLIVE AVENUE, 10TH FLOOR
WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33401
FAX: 561-355-3990**

2.0 ADMINISTRATORS:

The State EDTF Grant administrator is:

Wynelle Wilson, Chief Analyst for Policy & Incentives

The County Agreement Administrator is:

All approvals referenced in this agreement must be obtained in writing from the parties' agreement administrators or their designees.

3.0 TERM: The term of this Agreement shall commence upon execution and continue through January 19, 2009, unless terminated at an earlier date as provided herein. Only project costs incurred on or after the effective date of this agreement and on or prior to the termination date of the agreement are eligible for reimbursement.

4.0 COMMENCEMENT: Unless terminated earlier, the construction of the Project shall commence no later than July 24, 2007, and shall be completed on or before January 21, 2008. OTTED shall have the immediate option to terminate this Agreement should the County fail to meet either of the above-required dates.

5.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Project, identified as Project Number 06-00258, is described as follows and is in connection with the location of facilities by the EDTF Business:

Construct a second right turn lane from Clint Moore Road onto Military Trail; construct right turn lanes on Military Trail at the North, Center, and South entrances to the EDTF Business site; construct a channelized median on Clint Moore Road for rear entrance to the EDTF Business site; close the existing median just South of the Southernmost entrance to EDTF Business site; install Intelligent Transportation System (including CCTV cameras and cable) at Clint Moore Road and Jog Road; remove utility poles that impede roadway construction; and, install a traffic signal at the Center EDTF Business site entrance along Military Trail.

6.0 NOTICES: All notices pertaining to this Agreement are in effect upon receipt by OTTED, shall be in writing, and shall be transmitted either by personal hand delivery; United States Post Office, return receipt requested; or, overnight express mail delivery. Facsimile may be used if the notice is also transmitted by one of the preceding forms of delivery. The addresses set forth above for the respective parties shall be the places where notices shall be sent, unless prior written notice of change of address is given.

7.0 RELEASE OF FUNDS: Project funds made available by OTTED shall not be released until the following have been satisfied:

(a) The County shall agree by resolution to accept future maintenance and other attendant costs occurring after completion of the Project for the portion of the Project on the County system and forward said resolution to OTTED;

(b) The County shall certify to OTTED that the EDTF Business referred to in the introductory paragraph of this Agreement has secured the necessary permits, including but not limited to, building permits, and initiated vertical construction of the facilities referenced. If the County fails to provide such certification to OTTED by July 24, 2007, OTTED may, at its discretion, terminate this Agreement;

(c) The County shall verify all invoices, statements, or other related documents duly submitted to the County for pre-audit and approval by the County;

(d) The County shall certify that its adopted local government comprehensive plan is in compliance with Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes, and that any amendments to the adopted plan related to the Project or EDTF Business facility have been determined by the Department of Community Affairs to be in compliance with Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes;

(e) The County shall provide to OTTED certification and a copy of appropriate documentation substantiating that all required right-of-ways have been obtained and meet the definition of right-of-way set forth in Section 334.03(22), Florida Statutes; and,

(f) Provide OTTED with written notification of either its intent to:

(i) Award the construction of the transportation project to the lowest and best bidder in accordance with applicable state and federal statutes, rules, and regulations. The County shall then submit a copy of the bid tally sheet(s) and awarded bid contract, or

(ii) Construct the transportation project utilizing existing County employees, if the County can complete said project within the time frame in Section 4.0 of this Agreement.

7.1 TRANSFER OF FUNDS: Upon execution of this Agreement by OTTED and upon written request from the County, OTTED will transfer funds to the County to be applied toward direct Project costs on no more than a quarterly basis consistent with project needs.

7.2 INVESTMENT OF FUNDS: Funds transferred to the County by OTTED shall be invested by the County until their actual expenditure, in such income or revenue-producing investments as authorized by law for other County funds. All income, interest, or other revenues obtained from such investment shall be considered funds of OTTED. The income, interest, or other revenues shall be remitted to OTTED on a quarterly basis within fifteen (15) days of the close of the months March, June, September, and December, regardless of the month in which funds were received. Upon completion of the project, all remaining income, interest, or other revenues shall be returned to OTTED. All refund or interest checks shall be made payable to: **EOG/OTTED**, and mailed to the OTTED address in Section 1.0 of this Agreement; with the Project Number referenced and information that identifies the grant, interest period, amount of interest earned by account, name of depository, and interest rate. The documentation submitted to support interest earnings should include copies of bank or investment account statements, computational work sheets, etc.

7.3 USE OF FUNDS: Funds made available by OTTED pursuant to this Agreement shall be expended in a timely manner and solely for the purpose of the approved Project. No such funds shall be used for the purchase of any capital equipment, landscaping, mitigation planting, water and sewer lines, for any legal action against OTTED, for the administration of the project fund, or costs associated with preparation of the application.

7.4 UNEXPENDED FUNDS: Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, any funds made available by OTTED pursuant to this Agreement but not expended at that time shall be returned to OTTED. All investment earnings realized pursuant to Section 7.2 of this Agreement shall be returned to OTTED.

7.5 ASSURANCES: As an inducement to the transfer of funds referred to in Section 7.1 above, the County grants the assurances that, if initiated, the Project will be carried through to its completion and will not require the expenditure of any additional funds from OTTED. The County shall be liable for all cost overruns on the Project.

8.0 DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS: The County agrees to design and construct the Project in accordance with standards developed by the Florida Department of Transportation (DOT) in accordance with Section 336.045, Florida Statutes, and to provide certification of same to OTTED upon completion of the Project. A professional engineer, registered in Florida, shall provide the certification that all design and construction for the Project meets the minimum construction standards established by DOT.

9.0 AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS: The State of Florida's performance and obligation to pay under this Agreement are contingent upon an appropriation by the Legislature. In the event of a State revenue shortfall, the total grant may be reduced accordingly. OTTED shall be the final determiner of the availability of funds.

10.0 TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT: Either party may terminate this Agreement upon no less than 24 hours notice in writing delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested, or in person with proof of delivery. In the event the County fails to perform or honor the requirements and provisions of this Agreement, the County shall return funds in accordance with Sections 7.4 and 11.0 of this Agreement within 30 days of the termination of this Agreement.

10.1 TERMINATION REPORT: Upon termination of this Agreement, the County will provide the following:

(a) Certification that the Project has been completed in compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement and meets minimum construction standards established in accordance with Section 336.045, Florida Statutes.

(b) A report which shall specify the following: (i) the total funds transferred to the County by OTTED pursuant to this Agreement; (ii) the total income, interest, or other revenues obtained from the investment of said funds; (iii) the total direct Project costs paid from funds made available by OTTED pursuant to this Agreement; (iv) the balance of any unexpended Project funds; (v) the actual amount of the EDTF Business' capital investment; and (vi) the actual number of permanent, full-time jobs created by the EDTF Business.

11.0 EXPENDITURES IN VIOLATION OF AGREEMENT: Any Project funds made available by OTTED pursuant to this Agreement which are determined by OTTED to have been expended by the County in violation of this Agreement or any other applicable law or regulation shall be promptly refunded in full to OTTED. Acceptance by OTTED of any documentation or certifications, mandatory or otherwise permitted, that the County files shall not constitute a waiver of OTTED's rights as the funding agency to verify all information at a later date by audit or investigation.

12.0 LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

(a) This agreement is executed and entered into in the State of Florida and will be construed, performed, and enforced in all respects in strict conformity with local, state, and federal laws, rules, and regulations. Each party will perform its obligations in accordance with the terms and conditions of this agreement. Any and all litigation arising under this Agreement shall be brought in the appropriate court in Leon County, Florida, applying Florida law.

(b) If any term or provision of the agreement is found to be illegal and unenforceable, the remainder of the agreement will remain in full force and effect and such term or provision will be deemed stricken.

13.0 PUBLIC ENTITY CRIME: The County affirms that it is aware of the provisions of Section 287.133(2)(a), Florida Statutes, and that at no time has the County been convicted of a Public Entity Crime. The County agrees that it shall not violate such law and further acknowledges and agrees that any conviction during the term of this Agreement may result in the termination of this Agreement.

14.0 UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS: OTTED will consider the employment of unauthorized aliens, by any contractor or subcontractor, as described by Section 274A(e) of the Immigration and Nationalization Act, cause for termination of this Agreement.

15.0 NON-DISCRIMINATION: The County will not discriminate against any employee employed in the performance of this agreement, or against any applicant for employment because of age, ethnicity, race, religious belief, disability, national origin, or sex. The County shall provide a harassment-free workplace, with any allegation of harassment given priority attention and action by management. The County shall insert similar provisions in all subcontracts for services by this Agreement.

The County affirms that it is aware of the provisions of Section 287.134(2)(a), Florida Statutes, and that at no time has the County been placed on the Discriminatory Vendor List. The County further agrees that it shall not violate such law and acknowledges and agrees that placement on the list during the term of this Agreement may result in the termination of this Agreement.

16.0 ATTORNEY FEES: Unless authorized by law and agreed to in writing by OTTED, OTTED will not be liable to pay attorney fees, interest, or cost of collection.

17.0 TRAVEL: There shall be no reimbursement for travel expenses exceeding the all-inclusive funds allocated in this Agreement.

18.0 PRESERVATION OF REMEDIES: No delay or omission to exercise any right, power, or remedy accruing to either party upon breach or default by either party under this Agreement, will impair any such right, power or remedy of either party; nor will such delay or omission be construed as a waiver of any breach or default or any similar breach or default.

19.0 ACCOUNTING, REPORTS, AND AUDITS: The County agrees:

(a) To comply with all requirements found in Section 215.97, Florida Statutes, and the applicable audit and record keeping provisions contained in "Exhibit B," attached to this Agreement and incorporated by reference herein.

(b) To include the audit and record keeping requirements from "Exhibit B" in contracts and subcontracts entered into by the County with any party for work required in the performance of this Agreement.

(c) That three (3) months after the date of execution of this Agreement and every three (3) months thereafter, the County will provide OTTED with quarterly progress reports. Each quarterly report shall contain a narrative description of the work completed according to the project schedule; a description of any change orders executed by the County; a budget summary detailing planned expenditures versus actual expenditures; and identification of minority business enterprises used as contractors and subcontractors. Records of all progress payments made for work in connection with such transportation projects, and any change orders executed by the County and payments made pursuant to such orders, shall be maintained by the County in accordance with accepted governmental accounting principles and practices and shall be subject to financial audit as required by law.

(d) The County shall submit to OTTED a financial audit conducted by an independent certified public accountant, pursuant to Section 288.063(8), Florida Statutes, within three (3) months of the release of the County's annual audit.

20.0 PUBLIC RECORDS: OTTED may unilaterally cancel this Agreement in the event the County refuses to allow public access to materials made or received by the County in conjunction with the Agreement subject to the provision of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, unless as exempted pursuant to Sections 288.075, 288.1067, and/or 288.9520, Florida Statutes.

21.0 LOBBYING: Funds may not be used for the purpose of lobbying the Florida Legislature, judicial branch, or any state agency, in accordance with Section 216.347, Florida Statutes.

22.0 MINORITY VENDORS: The County is encouraged to use small businesses, including minority and women-owned businesses as subcontractors or sub-vendors under this Contract. The directory of certified minority and women-owned businesses can be accessed from the website of the Department of Management Services, Office of Supplier Diversity. The County shall report on a quarterly basis its expenditures with minority and women-owned businesses. The report shall contain the names and addresses of the minority and women-owned businesses; the aggregate dollar figure disbursed that quarter for each business; the time period; type of goods or services; and the applicable code. If no expenditures were made to minority or women-owned businesses, the County shall submit a statement to this effect.

23.0 SUBCONTRACTS: The County shall be responsible for all work performed and all expenses incurred in connection with the project. It is understood by the County that OTTED will not be liable to the subcontractor for any expenses or liabilities incurred under the subcontract and that the County will be solely liable to the subcontractor. When contracting with subcontractors, the County must require subcontractors to indemnify and hold harmless the state for actions of the subcontractor resulting in personal injury or death, or destruction or damage to property, arising out of activities performed under this Agreement and shall investigate all claims at its own expense.

24.0 FOLLOW-UP REPORT: Two (2) years after the EDTF Business has completed the construction associated with this Project, the County will provide OTTED with the actual number of new, permanent, full-time jobs created by the EDTF Business.

25.0 INDEPENDENT CAPACITY: The County shall act as an independent contractor and not as an employee of OTTED in the performance of this Agreement. The County agrees to take such steps as necessary to ensure that each subcontractor of the County will be deemed to be an independent contractor, and will not be considered or permitted to be an agent of the State.

The County will not pledge the State's credit or make OTTED a guarantor of payment or surety for any contract, debt, obligation, judgment, lien, or any form of indebtedness.

26.0 MODIFICATION OF AGREEMENT: In the event the County desires to modify any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the County shall make such request for modification in writing to OTTED at any time during the term of this Agreement. However, if the request for modification relates to changes in the project commencement and/or project completion dates, such request must be received by OTTED prior to the expiration of the current commencement or project completion date. If such a request is made after the expiration of the above referenced date, OTTED shall have the option to terminate this Agreement.

27.0 LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION: OTTED will not assume any liability for the acts, omissions to act, or negligence of the County, its agents, servants, or employees; nor will the County exclude liability for its own acts, omissions to act, or negligence to OTTED. In addition, the County agrees to be responsible for any injury or property damage resulting from any activities conducted by the County.

To the extent permitted by law, the County agrees to indemnify and hold OTTED harmless from and against any and all claims or demands for damages resulting from personal injury, including death or damage to property, arising out of any activities performed under this Agreement and will investigate all claims at its own expense. However, neither OTTED nor any agency or subdivision of the State of Florida waives any defense of sovereign immunity or increases the limits of its liability upon entering into this contractual relationship.

28.0 NON-ASSIGNMENT: Neither party may assign, sublicense, nor otherwise transfer its rights, duties, or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld. Any assignment, sublicense, or transfer occurring will be null and void; provided, however that OTTED will at all times be entitled to assign or transfer its rights, duties, or obligations under this Agreement to another governmental agency in the State of Florida, upon giving prior written notice to the County. In the event that OTTED approves transfer of the County obligations, the County remains responsible for all work performed and all expenses incurred in connection with this Agreement.

29.0 ENTIRE AGREEMENT: This instrument embodies the entire agreement of the parties. There are no provisions, terms, conditions, or obligations other than those contained herein. This Agreement supersedes all previous communication, representation, or agreement, either verbal or written, between the parties. No amendment will be effective unless reduced to writing and signed by an authorized officer of the County and the authorized officer of OTTED.

DUPLICATE ORIGINALS: This Agreement is executed in duplicate originals.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, by their signatures below, the signatories affirm the approval of all paragraphs contained herein, attest to their authority to bind their respective parties to this Agreement, and cause this Agreement to be executed.

**STATE OF FLORIDA
EOG/OTTE**

**PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ITS
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

By: _____

By: _____

Addie L. Greene, Chairperson

DATE: _____

TITLE: Deputy Director

ATTEST:
SHARON R. BOCK
CLERK & COMPTROLLER

ATTEST: _____

By: _____

Deputy Clerk

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By: _____

County Attorney

APPROVED AS TO TERMS & CONDITIONS

By: *[Signature]*

Engineering Department

EXHIBIT A

**STATE OF FLORIDA
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRANSPORTATION
FUND
APPLICATION**

Palm Beach County

Unit of Government or Public Authority ("Applicant")

on behalf of

**OFFICE DEPOT, INC.
Business Name**

FOR EFI USE ONLY

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|-----------------------|-----------------|
| <u>8/22/06</u> | <u>10/12/06</u> |
| Date Received | Date Completed |
| 10/10/06-current copy | |
| <u>DL-00258</u> | |
| Project Number | |

Submit Application To:

Enterprise Florida, Inc.
The Atrium Building, Suite 201
325 John Knox Road
Tallahassee, Florida 32303
850.488.6300 Fax: 850.922.9595

Application Instructions

1. Please carefully review all application materials. It is suggested that you contact Enterprise Florida at the address below to discuss your project and application before submitting a formal proposal.
2. Each application must be accompanied by the following:
 - A. A letter from the applicant, signed by the chief elected official, to include:
 - ◆ Certification that the transportation project is not scheduled by the appropriate transportation planning organization during the company's desired time frame,
 - ◆ Estimated capital investment by the company,
 - ◆ Reasonable estimate of projected employment to be created and/or retained by the company,
 - ◆ Reasons the transportation project is needed to support that employment,
 - ◆ Description of company's primary activity and type of facility being planned, and
 - ◆ Statement of impact on local and/or state economy.
 - B. A letter from the company on whose behalf the application is being submitted. The letter must be on company letterhead and include:
 - ◆ A statement of existing or anticipated transportation problem which constitutes an impediment to plans and that the problem will be solved by this project,
 - ◆ Amount of capital investment to be made by the company for new or expanding facilities,
 - ◆ Number of full-time permanent positions to be created or retained,
 - ◆ Average hourly wage (excluding benefits) of the jobs to be created or retained.
 - ◆ Description of primary business activity,
 - ◆ Identification of market area served. Additionally,
 - (1) For a new facility locating in Florida, the letter must be signed by the President, CEO, COO, or Senior VP of Florida Operations and also include:
 - Statement of intent to locate in Florida and that only one Florida site is being considered requiring EDTF.
 - Statement of other sites outside of Florida that are being considered. Specifically, identify other states or countries outside of Florida that are being considered, and provide a summary of incentives other states have offered.
 - Statement of type of business facility or business activity being planned for Florida location.
 - (2) For a company expanding in Florida, the letter must be signed by the manager of the existing facility and also include:
 - Statement of the planned expansion and the expansion will not occur if the transportation improvements are not made.
 - Statement that only one Florida site is being considered requiring EDTF.

Important Note: Pursuant to 288.063, F.S., EDTF funds cannot be used to induce a company to locate from one Florida community to another community in the state unless the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development determines that without such relocation the business will move outside this state or determines that the business has a compelling economic rationale for the relocation which creates additional jobs. Company must provide rationale in its letter.

- Statement of other sites outside of Florida that are being considered. Specifically, identify other states outside of Florida that are being considered, and provide a summary of incentives other states have offered.
- (3) For a company expanding and remaining at its present location in Florida, the letter must be signed by the manager of the existing facility and also include:
- Statement that no other Florida site is being considered and the expansion will not occur if the transportation improvements are not made.
 - Statement that the company will remain at its present location if the transportation problem is alleviated.
- (4) For a company remaining at its present location in Florida, but not creating any new jobs or making any capital improvements, the letter must be signed by the manager of the existing facility and also include:
- Statement that no other Florida site is being considered and the facility will close or locate to another state if the transportation improvements are not made.
 - Statement that the company will remain at its present location if the transportation problem is alleviated.
 - Provide number of existing permanent full-time employees,
 - Provide average hourly wages, excluding benefits.
- C. A 1:24,000 (1 inch = 2,000 feet) U.S.G.S. quadrangle sheet which shows the transportation project and the company's location site; and a small sketch or diagram (no more than 9 ½ by 14) showing all existing transportation facilities in proximity to the business project (clearly labeled), the business project property boundaries, the general outline of the facility(s) within the property (existing and proposed), all existing transportation entry points, and the proposed transportation project (clearly designated as the proposed project). The diagram need not be professional, and the scale may be rough, but it should be in sufficient detail to present the observer with a clear understanding of the current situation and the proposed project.
3. Any information and documentation that cannot be supplied in the space provided on the application form should be placed in a notebook or other presentation format. The material should be indexed, tabbed, or labeled with the number of the relevant question from the application form.
4. The completed and signed original application and eight (8) copies must be filed with:

Enterprise Florida, Inc.
 The Atrium Building, Suite 201
 325 John Knox Road
 Tallahassee, Florida 32303
 850.488-6300 Faxes: 850.922.9595

5. **IMPORTANT NOTE: EDTF Funds must be approved by OTTED *prior* to the company making its final decision to locate, expand or remain in Florida.**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRANSPORTATION FUND APPLICATION
OFFICE OF TOURISM, TRADE, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Applicants are advised that this application must be submitted in accordance with the provisions of Florida Statutes, Section 288.063, and the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development's Economic Development Transportation Fund Guidelines.

I. APPLICANT

Government Applicant: Palm Beach County

Government Federal Employee Identification Number: 59-6000785

Name of Primary Contact: Dan Weisberg

Title: Director – Traffic Division

Address: 2300 North Jog Road

West Palm Beach, FL 33411-2745
(City) (State) (Zip)

Telephone: 561-684-4030 Fax: 561-458-5770

Email address: dweisber@pbcgov.com

II. COMPANY PROVIDING EMPLOYMENT (only one company may be listed)

Company: OFFICE DEPOT, INC

Primary Contact: JIM GRADY

Title: VICE PRESIDENT, TAX

Address: 2200 OLD GERMANTOWN ROAD

DELRAY BEACH, FL 33445
(City) (State) (Zip)

Telephone: (561) 438-7904 Fax: _____

Email Address: jim.grady@officedepot.com

Principal Business Activity: Headquarters—Office Supply Retailer/Wholesaler

SIC Code Number: 55111

Type of Facility: New Location () Expansion of Existing (X) Retention (X)

Date Construction Will Begin: November 2006

Date Company will be in Operation: 4th Qtr 2008-1st Quarter 2009

Estimated Square Feet of Facility: 624,230 SF

Full-time Employment Generated/Retained:

New approximately 430 net new jobs

Retained approximately 1,600

(IMPORTANT NOTE: Grant request should not exceed \$5,000 per job. Grants exceeding \$5,000 per job may be approved when the project occurs in an economically distressed community and a further waiver of this guideline may be granted pursuant to the EDTF Program Guidelines.)

New Capital Investment Generated: \$210,000,000

Briefly Describe the Facility (New or Existing) or the Expansion.

The Company has an interest in developing a corporate office campus in the City of Boca Raton. The Florida project is estimated to contain 624,300 SF of Class A office space. This relocation/expansion is required due to the fact the existing facility is obsolete and inefficient. Moreover, due to the rising cost of construction, including site infrastructure which has increased 30%+ over the last 24 months, grants and cost-contributions are absolutely necessary to make the Boca Raton site economically feasible.

III. TRANSPORTATION (Attach a rough site plan with facility in relation to the requested transportation improvements.)

A. Briefly describe the transportation problem that is an impediment to the company described above and give its importance to the company's decision.

Due to the existing Office Depot site being obsolete and inefficient, the Company is considering relocating to a larger site for expansion in Boca Raton. The proposed Boca Raton site requires significant traffic improvements to accommodate the Office Depot operations. The following are all necessary to accommodate the Company and the impact created by a projected 1600+ new commuters.

There are capacity problems that will be increased with the Office Depot project; the Company will need to have reasonable traffic accommodations to ease access into and out of the office complex. The company will need entrances which will have to be designed and constructed: Three entrances on Military Trail and one entrance on Clint Moore Road. The median will need to be channelized at two entrances for public safety and traffic flow. Some existing medians will need to be closed/modified at two entrances to create safe turns in flowing traffic for general traffic safety. We also include a public safety upgrade in camera technology so that this area will receive the same public safety requirements as other areas.

B. Briefly describe the transportation project that will alleviate the transportation problem.

The proposed Boca Raton location received site plan approval (June 15, 2006) from the Boca Raton Planning & Zoning Board. Per Resolution 06-15 of the Planning & Zoning Board, specific traffic improvements as conditioned will alleviate the transportation problems. (See attached copy of the Site Plan, approved June 15, 2006 and Resolution 06-15.)

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procurement, engineering and installation of the sign... will take one year making an expeditious start a priority.

C. Estimated Cost of the Transportation Project:

Construction: \$1,866,487

Right-of-Way: * _____

IMPORTANT NOTE: Right-of-Way cost may be used as matching dollars if acquisition is required from a third party in order to construct the transportation facility.

Design & Engineering: \$162,200

TOTAL COST: \$2,028,687

D. Transportation Project Funding Sources:

City: \$ _____

County: \$ _____

Company: \$ _____

Other: \$ _____

Please specify: Land owner/developer

Request from the Economic Development Transportation Fund
(\$2,000,000 maximum): \$2,000,000

\$2,028,687

TOTAL COST:

(NOTE: The total costs must equal the sum in items C and D)

E. Estimated Number of Days to Construct the Transportation Project: 180

IV. **PROJECT LOCATION**

- A. Located in an Enterprise Zone? _____ Yes X No
- B. Located in the Target Area of a Community Development Corporation? _____ Yes X No
- C. Located in a Front Porch Community? _____ Yes X No
- D. Located in a REDI County? _____ Yes X No
- E. County population of 75,000 or less? _____ Yes X No
- F. City population of 10,000 or less? _____ Yes X No
- G. City population over 10,000 but less than 20,000? _____ Yes X No
- H. Located on Brownfield Site or in a Brownfield Area? _____ Yes X No

V. SELECTED ECONOMIC INDICATIONS

A. Unemployment Rate of the local unit: 3.0%
Identify local unit (e.g., county, city or census tract): Palm Beach County
State Rate: 3.0% (Seasonally Adjusted)
Information Source and Date of Source: US Dept. of Labor

B. Per Capita Income of the local unit: \$45,628
Identify local unit (e.g., county, city, or census tract): US Census Bureau
State Per Capita Income: \$21,557
Information Source and Date of Source: US Census Bureau
Poverty Rate of the local unit: 6.7%
Identify local unit (e.g., county, city, census tract): Boca Raton
State Rate: 12.5%
Information Source and Date of Source: US Census Bureau

IMPORTANT NOTE: Only Creditable Government Sources can be accepted e.g., Latest U.S. Census Data, or Florida Statistical Abstract Data, or Florida Department of Labor and Employment Security Data.

VI. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

A. Is the adopted local government comprehensive plan for the jurisdiction in compliance with Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes? Yes No
If not, what is the expected time frame for compliance? _____

B. What is the Future Land Use Map designation for the business facility state?
IL—Light Industrial

C. Are the transportation project and business facility consistent with the adopted local government comprehensive plan? Yes No
If not, describe the inconsistency and give the time frame for amending the plan:

D. Does construction of the business facility trigger concurrency requirements other than for transportation facilities? Yes No
If yes, explain: At the site plan review; Comp Plan and Site Plan policy requires review of all concurrency requirements (e.g. water, sewer, solid waste, roads, parks, school concurrency, etc.)

E. Does construction of the business facility trigger concurrency requirements for transportation facilities? Yes No

If yes, what transportation management alternatives have been considered?

F. Does the adopted plan include an Economic Development Element?

_____ Yes _____ X No

G. Is the applicant's transportation project linked to other publicly funded economic development programs?

_____ Yes _____ X No

If so, how does it further those efforts?

H. Will low to moderate-income workers be eligible for employment within this facility?

_____ X Yes _____ No

If not, why not? _____

I. What role will the transportation project play in the decision of the business to locate, expand, or remain in this state?

The transportation and parallel site infrastructure needs are necessary to make the project accessible, safe and non-disruptive for the entire community. Additionally, due to the rising cost of infrastructure development, which has increased significantly over the last 24 months, grants and cost-contributions are absolutely necessary to make the Boca Raton site economically feasible for our Company.

J. Is there documented competition for this project? _____ X Yes _____ No

IMPORTANT NOTE: If there is no documented competition, the project is not eligible.

(Check all that apply.)

State(s): (1) Georgia; (2) North Carolina

Summarize Incentive(s):

1. The State of Georgia /local communities offers the following incentives:
 - Headquarters Jobs Tax Credit of \$5,000 per new full-time employee for eligible positions
 - Job Tax Credit for remaining positions
 - Property tax incentives depending on the community selected
 - Eligibility for State grants
 - Training assistance
 - Infrastructure assistance based on community selected
 - Other Statutory incentives or applicable tax credits
 - Favorable construction pricing and infrastructure costs

2. If Office Depot decides to relocate in North Carolina, the Company would qualify for substantial incentives under the following programs:
 - William S. Lee Tax Credits,
 - Job Development Investment Grant,
 - Utility incentives,
 - Governor's One North Carolina Fund
 - Community College Training Assistance.

- Industrial Development Fund (site infrastructure, Rights of Way and public works grants)
- Favorable construction pricing and infrastructure costs

Country(ies) _____;

Summarize Incentive(s):

Florida Community(ies): Palm Beach County, FL,

Summarize Incentive(s):

1. QTI Matching Grant (JGI Initiative)
2. Property Tax Incentive
3. Local Workforce Job Training Grant

VII. PROJECT INFORMATION

Location of Project (Provide Road Number, if applicable): 6600 N Military Trail
 US: X State: FL County: Palm Beach City: Boca Raton

Party responsible for maintenance and upkeep:
 State: FL County Palm Beach City _____ Other _____
 (If more than one is applicable, please indicate.)

Total Length of Project: 2 Years

Is there an alternative that would provide more cost effective access to the project? _____ Yes X No

Are there any additional traffic impacts? X Yes _____ No

If yes, does the project provide for additional impact? X Yes _____ No

If no, please explain:

VIII. TRAFFIC IMPACTS FOR PROJECTS INVOLVING STATE HIGHWAYS ONLY

----N/A: Project not on State Highway----

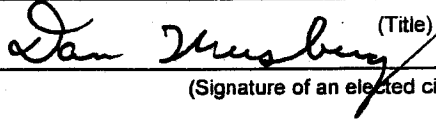
1. Traffic generation estimates (in number of vehicles daily):
 Number of Cars _____ Number of Trucks _____
2. AM Peak Hour _____ a.m. to _____ a.m.—Indicate Number of:
 Inbound Cars _____ Inbound Trucks _____
 Outbound Cars _____ Outbound Trucks _____
3. PM Peak Hour _____ p.m. to _____ p.m.—Indicate Number of:
 Inbound Cars _____ Inbound Trucks _____
 Outbound Cars _____ Outbound Trucks _____

IX. **SIGNATURE:** If the application is for a city road, the city must agree to maintain the road. If a county road is involved, the county must agree to maintain the road. This will be stipulated in all contracts involving expenditure of the Economic Development Transportation Fund. DOT form on Page 7, letter from applicant, letter from the benefiting company and a map showing the relationship of the facility to the transportation project must accompany this application.

Dan Weisberg

(Type Name)

Director – Palm Beach County Traffic Division

 (Title)

(Signature of an elected city or county official)

Specific Authority & Laws Implemented: 288.063, 120.53 (1) (a), F. S.

OFFICE OF TOURISM, TRADE, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRANSPORTATION PROJECT
FOR SUBMISSION TO YOUR DOT DISTRICT SECRETARY'S OFFICE

IMPORTANT NOTE: Applications submitted without this completed page are incomplete and will not be processed until the applicant submits to Enterprise Florida, Inc.

X. DOT TRANSPORTATION PROJECT CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATE

[Gerry O'Reilly-FL DOT]

Based on information provided with this application:

Estimated cost of construction: \$ 1,866,487

Estimated cost of right-of-way: _____

Estimated cost of design and engineering: \$ 162,200

Has design and engineering been completed? _____ Yes No

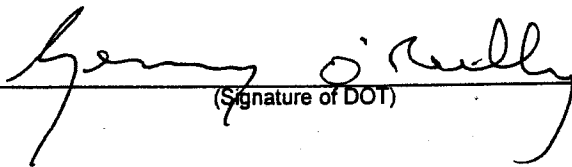
Was cost overrun considered in total cost? _____ Yes No

If yes, how much? _____

Is design in accordance with DOT specifications? Yes (will be required) _____

How many days estimated for completion? 180

DOT Comments: _____


(Signature of DOT)

The signature of FDOT only attests to EDTF transportation project cost estimates and does not commit FDOT to automatically approve any permits associated with this project.

OFFICE DEPOT TRANSPORTION IMPROVEMENTS

Number

| | |
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| 1 Military Trail at Clint Moore - Second Right Turn Lane | \$515,056 |
| 2 Military Trail North Entrance - Right Turn Lane | \$46,900 |
| 3 Military Trail Center Entrance - Right Turn Lane | \$46,900 |
| 4 Military Trail South Entrance - Right Turn Lane | \$46,900 |
| 5 Clint Moore Road Entrance - Channelize Median | \$11,667 |
| 6 Military Trail South Entrance - Close Median | \$11,667 |
| 7 Clint Moore Entrance - Right Turn Lane | \$46,900 |
| 8 Clint Moore at Jog - CCTV Camera | \$45,000 |
| 9 Clint Moore Fiber Cable | \$40,000 |
| Total | \$810,989 |

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| Mobilization (10% of Construction) | \$81,100 |
| Maintenance of Traffic (10% of Construction) | \$81,100 |
| Construction Inspection (10% of Construction) | \$81,100 |
| Contingency (20% of Construction) | \$162,198 |
| Total | \$1,216,487 |

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| Design (20%) of Construction | \$162,200 |
| Grand Total | \$1,378,687 |

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS

Number

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| 10 Utility Relocation | \$300,000 |
| 11 Traffic Signal at Entrance | \$350,000 |
| Total | \$650,000 |

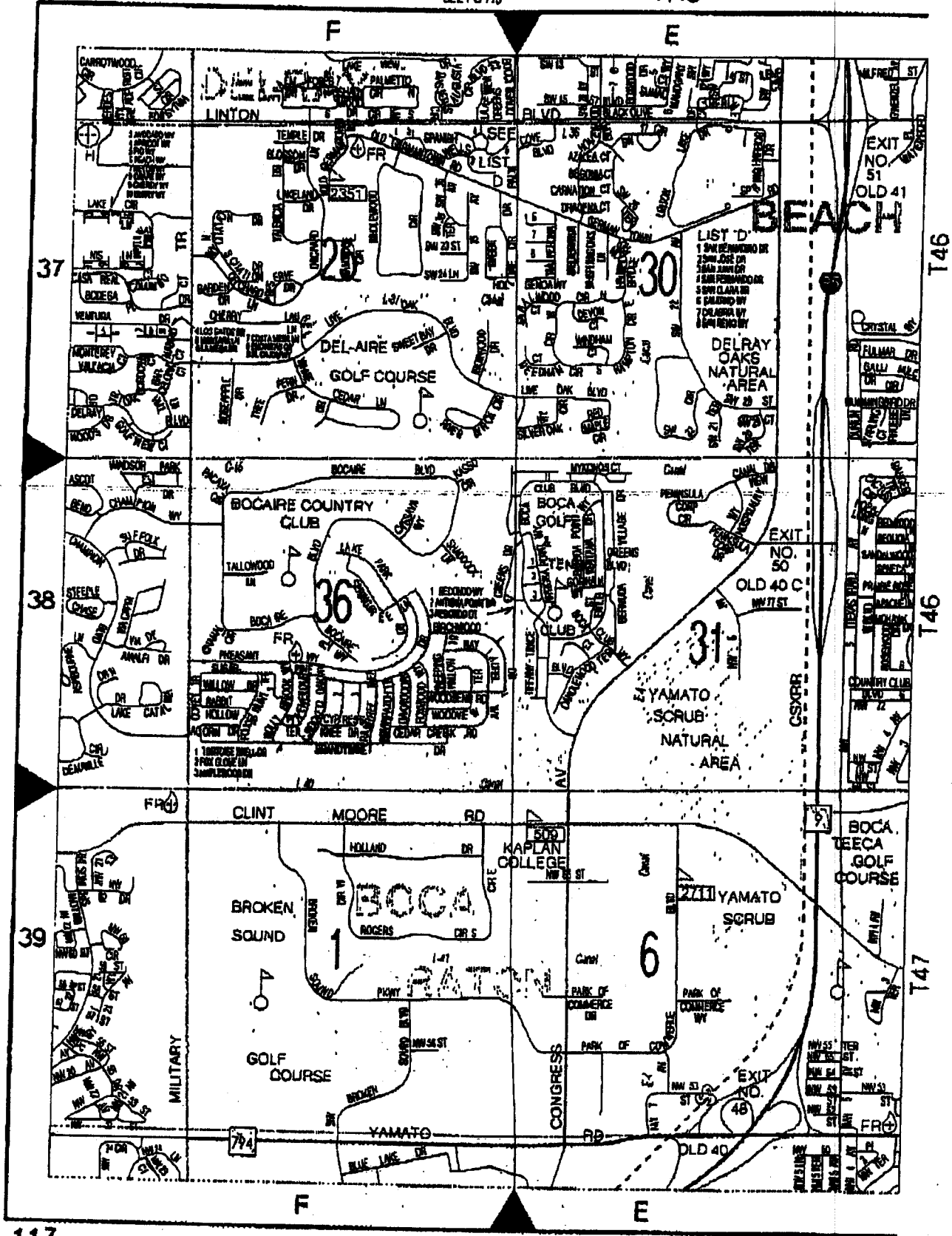
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CITY OF BOCA RATON
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| CURRENT ZONING DESIGNATION: | LIRP |
| FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION: | IL |
| PROPOSED USE: | CORPORATE OFFICE |
| SITE AREA: | 2,359,412 SQ.FT. (54.16 ACRES) |

| BUILDING AREAS & [HEIGHTS]*: | | PROPOSED | PERMITTED |
|------------------------------|---------------------|----------|-----------|
| OFFICE BUILDING 1 (5-STORY) | 208,077 S.F. | [80'-0"] | [85'-0"] |
| OFFICE BUILDING 2 (5-STORY) | 208,077 S.F. | [80'-0"] | [85'-0"] |
| OFFICE BUILDING 3 (5-STORY) | 208,077 S.F. | [80'-0"] | [85'-0"] |
| TOTAL: | 624,230 S.F. | | |

*height indicated is approx. to the highest point of roofs.

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| COVERAGE: | 6.9% |
| F.A.R.: | .265 |
| TOTAL DEVELOPMENT VESTED AT 0.4 F.A.R. = | 943,764 S.F. |
| REMAINING VESTED DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS AT 0.4 F.A.R. = | 319,534 S.F. |
| LANDSCAPED AREA: | 427,219 SF (18.1%) |
| PARKING FOR 624,664 S.F. TOTAL OFFICE SPACE: | |
| 4,000 S.F. @ 1/200: | 20 SPACES |
| 620,230 S.F. @ 1/300: | 2,068 SPACES |

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| TOTAL PARKING REQUIRED: | 2,088 SPACES |
| TOTAL PARKING PROVIDED: | 2,122 SPACES |
| TOTAL H.C. PARKING REQ: | 32 SPACES |
| TOTAL H.C. PARKING PROV: | 35 SPACES |

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| BICYCLE PARKING REQUIRED: | 5% of 2088: 105 SP |
| | 80% LONG TERM: 84 SP |
| | SHORT TERM: 21 SP |



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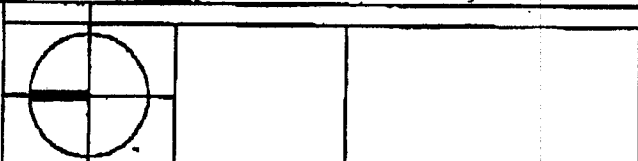
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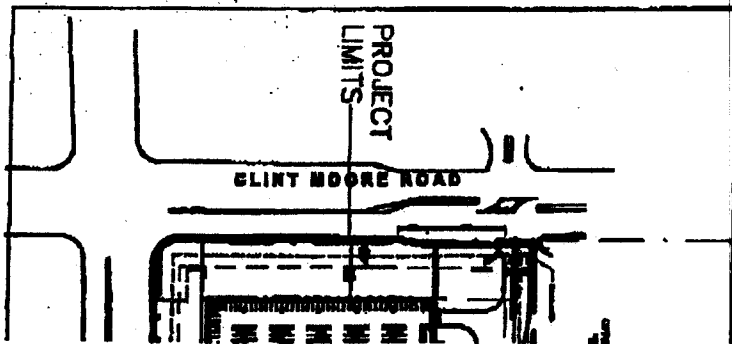
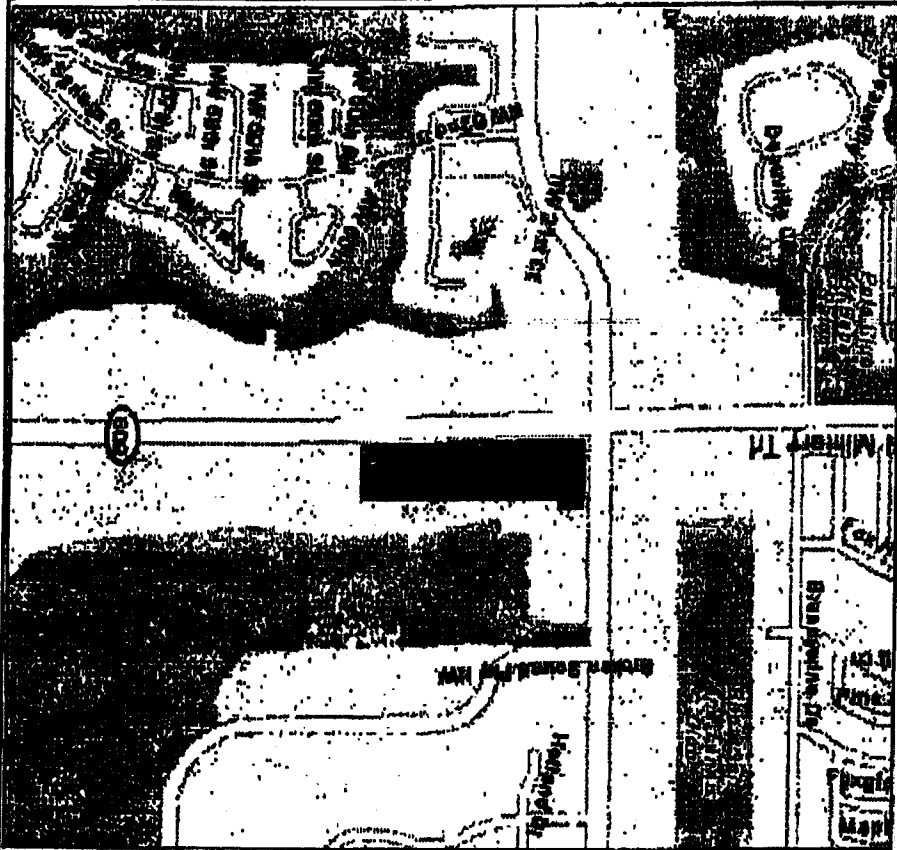


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SITE PLAN



Office DEPOT

October 12, 2006

Ms. Brenda Workman
Enterprise Florida, Inc.
The Atrium Building, Suite 201
325 John Knox Road
Tallahassee, Florida 32303

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Dear Ms. Workman:

Office Depot, Inc. is requesting state assistance under the Economic Development Transportation Fund (EDTF) program for a potential expansion project in Palm Beach County, Florida. Office Depot, Inc. ("the Company") is a Florida-based business and a major retailer and wholesaler of office supplies. The Company's current headquarters facility is outdated and inefficient from productivity and growth standpoints. The Company cannot meet its domestic and international growth requirements at the current headquarters location. As a result, Office Depot, Inc. is considering several new sites for its U.S./Global Headquarters and Latin American Headquarters, including a site in Boca Raton, Florida—the only Florida site under consideration. If the Boca Raton site is selected for the U.S./Global Headquarters, it will result in a capital investment of approximately \$210 Million, the retention of approximately 1600 jobs at the local headquarters and the creation of approximately 430 new headquarters jobs. Our current average wage is \$76,792 (est).

Although Florida is the preferred state for the headquarters expansion, increased construction costs of 20% - 30% on an average over the last two years have forced the Company to reconsider the economic feasibility of the project in the State of Florida. Office Depot has received proposals from North Carolina and Georgia. The incentives offered in these proposals are detailed in the Economic Development Transportation Fund (EDTF) Application.

Numerous cost factors including site preparation and infrastructure improvements are impacting the feasibility to move forward with the proposed site in Boca Raton, Florida. Site needs include, but are not limited to the following: site improvement, grading, paving, traffic flow adjustments, turn lanes, curbing, pedestrian safety items, utility relocation, road striping, movement of impediments for rights-of-way development, and engineering and design fees associated with rights-of-way planning and development.

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Phone 561-438-4800

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The aforementioned needs are detailed in the EDTF application. The list above is our best projection at this time working in collaboration with the county and city. Upon final engineering and design, a request for modifications may result.

The EDTF would correct impediments, alleviate infrastructure costs, and assist in the project's feasibility. Office Depot, Inc. is carefully reviewing operational efficiencies and incentives before determining whether to relocate/expand in Boca Raton, Florida.

We appreciate your approval consideration of our Road Fund application and look forward to a potential opportunity to grow our US/Global headquarters in Florida.

Sincerely,



James H. Grady

Senior Vice President, Finance

**Office
DEPOT**

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RE: Request for Assistance: Florida Economic Development
 Transportation Fund (Road Fund) for Office Depot Inc. Retention/
 Expansion Project

Dear Ms. Workman:

We write to solicit your support for the Economic Development Road Fund (EDTF) to assist with a valuable project for our community. In an attempt to retain and secure the expansion of a major employer, Office Depot, Inc. ("Office Depot" or "The Company"), Palm Beach County requests assistance under the EDTF to defray some of the costs associated with the infrastructure and transportation impediments for a potential new headquarters facility in the county.

As you are aware, Office Depot is a Florida-based business and a major retailer and wholesaler of office supplies. The Company is currently housed in an outdated headquarters facility and simply cannot meet its domestic and international growth requirements at the current location. There is a need for a larger facility to better incorporate business units, allow for more employment growth, relocate a Latin American headquarters unit, and space to install modern international communications equipment to better monitor overseas holdings and operations. This cannot be done at its present location.

As a result, the Company is considering several new sites, including one in Boca Raton, Florida, for its US/Global headquarters and its Latin American headquarters. The result of choosing the Boca Raton site for the headquarters expansion would result in a capital investment of \$210,000,000, 1600 (approx.) retained headquarters jobs at an average wage level of \$77,269 and 580 new jobs with an average wage of \$76,729. This is clearly a high-impact project to the county.



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The EDTF is also needed to assist Palm Beach County with the rising costs associated with transportation and construction improvements. With construction costs and materials increasing by 20% - 30%+ over the last two years, incentives, such as the EDTF are necessary to bridge this gap to make this project feasible. The projected site plans will require large public investments in traffic control, road expansion and improvements, and public infrastructure development necessary to support the 1600+ commuters per day in an area not currently developed for this increased capacity.

We respectfully request EDTF assistance to help with securing this expansion project as well as provide funds to prepare and manage the transportation impact a project of this magnitude requires.

We greatly appreciate your time and attention to our request. Thank you for the support of Palm Beach County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony", is written over a horizontal line.

Tony Maslotti
Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
District VI

CC: Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners
Marty Wilson, Incentives Manager, Enterprise Florida

EXHIBIT B

SPECIAL AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

The administration of funds awarded by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development (OTTED) to the County may be subject to audits and/or monitoring by OTTED, as described in this section.

MONITORING

By entering into this agreement, the County agrees to comply and cooperate with any monitoring procedures/processes deemed appropriate by OTTED. In the event OTTED determines that a limited scope audit of the recipient is appropriate, the County agrees to comply with any additional instructions provided by OTTED to the County regarding such audit. The County further agrees to comply and cooperate with any inspections, reviews, investigations, or audits deemed necessary by the Chief Financial Officer, Auditor General, or Chief Inspector General. The County shall permit access to its records and independent auditor's working papers as necessary to comply with the requirements of this Agreement.

AUDITS

1. In the event that the County expends a total amount of State awards (i.e., State financial assistance provided to the recipient to carry out a State project) equal to or in excess of \$500,000 in any fiscal year of the County, the County must have a State single or project-specific audit for such fiscal year in accordance with Section 215.97, Florida Statutes (the Single Audit Act); applicable rules of the Executive Office of the Governor and the Chief Financial Officer, and Chapter 69I-5, Rules of the Department of Financial Services. In determining the State financial assistance expended in its fiscal year, the County shall consider all sources of State awards, including State funds received from OTTED, except that State financial assistance received by a non-state entity for Federal program matching requirements shall be excluded from consideration.
2. In connection with the audit requirements, the County shall ensure that the audit complies with the requirements of Section 215.97(8), Florida Statutes. This includes submission of a reporting package as defined by Section 215.97(8)(g), Florida Statutes, and Chapter 69I-5, Rules of the Department of Financial Services.
3. If the County expends less than \$500,000 in State financial assistance in its fiscal year, an audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Single Audit Act is not required. In the event that the County expends less than \$500,000 in State financial assistance in its fiscal year and elects to have an audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Single Audit Act, the cost of the audit must be paid from non-State funds (i.e., the cost of such an audit must be paid from County funds obtained from other than State entities).

Exhibit B
Single Audit Requirements
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3. The County must include the record keeping requirements found herein in sub-recipient contracts and subcontracts entered into by the County for work required under terms of this Agreement. In the executed subcontract, the County shall provide each sub-recipient of state financial assistance the information needed by the sub-recipient to comply with the requirements of the Single Audit Act. Pursuant to Section 215.97(7), Florida Statutes, the County shall review and monitor sub-recipient audit reports and perform other procedures as specified in the agreement with the sub-recipient, which may include onsite visits. The County shall require sub-recipients, as a condition of receiving state financial assistance, to permit the independent auditor of the recipient, the state awarding agency, the Chief Financial Officer, the Chief Inspector General, and the Auditor General access to the sub-recipient's records and independent auditor's working papers as necessary to comply with the requirements of the Single Audit Act.
4. For information regarding the Florida Single Audit Act, including the Florida Catalog of State Financial Assistance (CFSA), the County should access the website for the Department of Financial Services located at <https://apps.fldfs.com/fsaa/> for assistance. In addition to the above website, the following websites may be accessed for additional information: The Florida Legislature's website <http://www.leg.state.fl.us/> and the Florida Auditor General's website <http://www.state.fl.us/audgen/>.
5. The CFSA number for this project is: 31.002.

REPORT SUBMISSION

Copies of audit reports conducted in accordance with the audit requirements contained herein shall be submitted to the parties set out below. The annual financial audit report shall include all management letters and the County's response to all findings, including corrective actions to be taken. The annual financial audit report shall include a schedule of financial assistance specifically identifying all Agreement and other revenue by sponsoring agency and Agreement number.

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The complete financial audit report, including all items specified above, shall be sent directly to:

Ms. Margo Sinclair
Sharpton, Brunson and Company, P.A.
215 South Monroe Street, Suite 600A
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

And

State of Florida Auditor General
Attn: Ted J. Sauerbeck
Room 574, Claude Pepper Building
111 West Madison Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32302-1450

RECORD RETENTION

The County shall retain all grant records and shall ensure the retention of its independent auditor's working papers for a period of five (5) years from the date of submission of the final project report. If any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, or other action involving the records has been started before the expiration of the five (5) year period, the records shall be retained until completion of the action and resolution of all issues which arise from it, or until the end of the five (5) years period, whichever is later.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2007-_____

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AGREEING TO ACCEPT MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT ON MILITARY TRIAL AND CLINT MOORE ROAD, BUILT FOR THE OFFICE DEPOT HEAD QUARTERS IN THE CITY OF BOCA RATON

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County has applied for an Economic Development Transportation Fund (EDTF) grant from the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic development (OTTED) for roadway improvement on Military Trail and Clint Moore Road , as described in Attachment A ; and

WHEREAS, the EDFT agreement requires Palm Beach County to agree, by resolution, to accept future maintenance of the roadway improvements listed in Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

1. The recitals contained above are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.
2. Palm Beach County agrees to accept future maintenance of the roadway improvements listed in Attachment A.
3. Palm Beach County will transfer maintenance responsibility of Items 9, 10, and 11 to the City of Boca Raton upon written request from the City of Boca Raton.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

- Addie L. Greene, Chairperson
- John F. Koons, Vice Chair
- Karen T. Marcus
- Warren H. Newell
- Mary McCarty
- Burt Aaronson
- Jess R. Santamaria

The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2007.

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SHARON R. BOCK, CLERK & COMPTROLLER

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

By: _____
Assistant County Attorney

ATTACHMENT "A"
LIST OF IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MAINTAINED BY PALM BEACH COUNTY

1. Military Trail at Clint Moore – addition of second Right Turn Lane
2. Military Trail North Entrance – construct Right Turn Lane
3. Military Trail Center Entrance – construct Right Turn Lane
4. Military Trail South Entrance – construct Right Turn Lane
5. Clint Moore Road Entrance – construct Channelized Median:
6. Military Trail Center Entrance – construct Channelized Median:
7. Military Trail South Entrance – close median opening
8. Clint Moore Entrance - Right Turn Lane:
9. Clint Moore at Jog - CCTV Camera ⁽¹⁾
10. Clint Moore Fiber Cable ⁽¹⁾
11. Traffic Signal at Entrance ⁽¹⁾

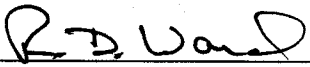
Note: (1) – Items 9, 10, and 11 will eventually be turned over to City of Boca Raton for maintenance.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PALM BEACH COUNTY
BUDGET Amendment**

FUND Transportation Improvement

**BGRV011807-256
BGEX011807-830**

| ACCOUNT NUMBER | ACCOUNT NAME | ORIGINAL BUDGET | CURRENT BUDGET | INCREASE | DECREASE | ADJUSTED BUDGET | EXPENDED/ ENCUMBERED AS OF 01/18/07 | REMAINING BALANCE |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|----------|------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <u>REVENUES</u> | | | | | | | | |
| <u>OFFICE DEPOT HQS-OFF SITE ROADWAY IMP</u> | | | | | | | | |
| 3500-361-1175-3449 | State Grant Other Transportation | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>2,000,000</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>2,000,000</u> | | |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS & BALANCES | | 258,623,782 | 253,806,701 | 2,000,000 | 0 | 255,806,701 | | |
| <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | | | | | | | | |
| <u>OFFICE DEPOT HQS-OFF SITE ROADWAY IMP</u> | | | | | | | | |
| 3500-361-1175-6551 | Road & Street Improvements | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>2,000,000</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>2,000,000</u> | 0 | 2,000,000 |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS & EXPENDITURES | | 258,623,782 | 253,806,701 | 2,000,000 | 0 | 255,806,701 | | |

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|----------------------------------|---|----------------|---|
| | SIGNATURE | DATE | By Board of County Commissioners At Meeting of <u>02/27/07</u> |
| Engineering & Public Works | <u></u> | <u>1/18/07</u> | |
| Administration / Budget Approval | _____ | _____ | |
| OFMB Department – Posted | _____ | _____ | Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners |