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Mr. Ray Eubanks, Plan Processing Administrator
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RE: Transmittal of *Adopted* “Batch” Growth Management Plan Amendment (DEO Amendment No. Collier County 14-4ESR)

Dear Mr. Eubanks:

In accordance with Chapter 163.3184(3)(c), F.S., and the Department of Economic Opportunity’s posted procedures, both as pertains to the Expedited State Review process, Collier County is transmitting three (3) copies (two CDs and one hard copy) of a “batch” Growth Management Plan amendment petition, including all support documents, to the Department of Economic Opportunity, and one copy of this entire adoption package (on CD) is being sent, on the same date as this letter, to the South Florida Water Management District and Florida Department of Transportation – District One. The remaining review agencies did not provide comments.

This amendment was reviewed for Adoption in public hearing by the Collier County Planning Commission (local planning agency) on December 4, 2014. The Collier County Board of County Commissioners approved the Adoption of this Growth Management Plan amendment on January 27, 2015, by the adoption of Ordinance Nos. 2015-06 (Capital Improvement Element-CIE), 2015-07 (Conservation and Coastal Management Element-CCME), 2015-08 (Future Land Use Element-FLUE), 2015-9 (Public Facilities Element-PFE/Stormwater Sub-Element-SW), 2015-10 (Recreation & Open Space Element-ROSE), and 2015-11 (Transportation Element-TE).

A brief summary of this amendment is as follows (more details are provided in the Staff Report to the Collier County Planning Commission and the Executive Summary to the Board of County Commissioners):

- PL20130001109/CPSP-2013-6, a petition initiated by staff pursuant to Board direction, for amendments to various Elements limited in scope primarily to those directed by the Board following the adoption of 2011 EAR-based GMP amendments. Though not necessarily recommended by specific reference in the EAR, these general updating and “housecleaning” amendments seek to add clarity, correct text errors or omissions, provide harmony and internal consistency, and so forth.

Changes Since Transmittal:

The Board of County Commissioners adopted this "batch" amendment with changes as follows:

- Both the Conservation & Coastal Management Element and Public Facilities

Element/Stormwater Management Sub-Element were revised to update references to a specific South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) "Basis of Review" document that was published after Transmittal of the proposed amendments (thus the title was not known at that time). These changes were made in response to a Comment and Recommendation provided by the SFWMD.

- A specific proposed amendment to the CIE, updating text references to the public school capital improvement plan and work program, was removed from this proposal and not adopted because it was addressed by other means during the same period of time. No Agency provided Transmittal Review Comments on that proposed amendment.

This amendment qualifies for the Expedited State Review process set forth in Chapter 163.3184(3), F.S., as it does *not* trigger the provisions of Ch. 163.3184(2)(b) or (c), F.S., i.e. this amendment does not qualify as a small-scale amendment, is not within an area of critical state concern, does not propose and is not within a rural land stewardship area (except that statutory references are updated in RLSA policies), does not propose and is not a sector plan, is not evaluation and appraisal-based, and is not for a newly incorporated municipality.

Collier County has not rescinded concurrency requirements.

Collier County has previously provided its complete adopted Growth Management Plan, including amendments and support documents, to all review agencies listed in Chapter 163.3184(3), F.S.

Finally, if you have questions or need additional information, please contact:

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Sincerely,



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Florida Department of Transportation, District One - w/ attachment
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