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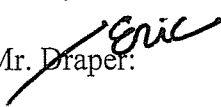
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Dear Mr.  Draper:

This is in response to your letter of October 1, 2007 regarding the department's efforts to address the transportation impacts on greenhouse gas emissions.

First, let me assure you that the Department of Transportation is actively supporting the Governor's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. In fact, the *2025 Florida Transportation Plan (FTP)*, that you helped to develop as a member of the 2025 FTP Steering Committee, contains a long-range objective to "Make transportation decisions that conserve and optimize non-renewable resources and promote the use of renewable resources (materials, facilities and sources of energy) and include strategies to decrease greenhouse gases and air pollutants". Further, recommendations contained in the *2025 FTP Steering Committee Quality of Life and Environmental Stewardship Drafting Group Report* formed the basis of a recent joint presentation by the Department of Transportation and the Department of Community Affairs to the Governors Energy and Climate Change Action Team. The Department will continue to support the Action Team's work and to identify opportunities to reduce greenhouse emissions associated with our agency operations.

We appreciate your interest in the Department's efforts to do all we can to reduce greenhouse gases and air pollutions. Developing and maintaining a transportation system that enriches the quality of life and reflects responsible environment stewardship continues to be an important goal for the Department.

Sincerely,

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