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Ms. Blanchard,

Thank you for arranging the meeting on Wednesday and for the attendee's time to discuss my concerns about SCAT Route 14 east of I-75, including the lack of ADA compliant bus stops and the future eastward extension of service.

I am eager to hear if the u-turn maneuver required to position a shelter on southbound Mauna Loa north of Bee Ridge Road is possible. A shelter with ADA access at this location is my highest priority.

I am delighted to know that three ADA bus stops are to be included in the Lake Sarasota Sidewalks Project. I hope that funding will be available to construct the project in 2007.

Your agreement to investigate the placement of an ADA bus stop on the northeast corner of Sarasota Golf Club Boulevard and Bee Ridge Road is welcomed. I look forward to hearing about the feasibility of placing a stop there in the near future.

I regret we found no immediate solutions for an ADA a bus stop on the eastbound leg of Route 14 east of I-75 or a suitable location for a shelter near Route 14's eastern terminus. I do trust, however, that you share my belief that the anticipated reconstruction of Fire Station 8 offers the opportunity to provide a first class transit feature there, especially since the project may very well be concurrent with the anticipated Bee Ridge Road improvement project.

In the short-term, is there a possibility of locating an ADA bus stop and shelter at Hopewell Park for eastbound riders? According to published accounts, this park is used by the county for the burial of indigent individuals and has recently received a grant for improvements, including parking lot improvements and landscaping of the area. I would think this is an ideal interim stop and shelter location.

I am curious about your statement that bus stop shelters are not permitted in a residential areas. Could you direct me to where I can find the documents that describe that prohibition?

Finally, I appreciated hearing Ms. Miller's commitment to extend Route 14 to Bee Ridge Road & Bee Ridge Extension once a developer provided bus stop and shelter is constructed there and your commitment to ensure that the provided shelter is placed at a suitable location. I would like county staff to avoid requiring a developer to construct an orphaned bus stop and shelter.