



May 21, 2024

Sarasota County Government
Attn: Jonathan R. Lewis, County Administrator
1660 Ringling Blvd.
Sarasota, FL 34236

Dear Mr. Lewis,

Please accept this letter from the City of North Port regarding the Myakkahatchee Creek Bridge Reconstruction project. The total project cost is \$14,314,000. At the time of our initial application, we identified \$2,000,000 in matching funds as available.

The City of North Port has reviewed the project rankings for the Resilient SRQ infrastructure funding and was disappointed to see that our Myakkahatchee Creek Bridge Reconstruction project scored relatively low compared to other community projects. We understand that our initially low matching funds significantly impacted our score. The financial impacts of Hurricane Ian on our Road and Drainage funds have made it challenging to allocate sufficient matching funds.

After further review and discussions with our financial team, we are pleased to inform you that we can increase our matching funds to \$4,000,000. We believe this substantial increase in our financial commitment will positively influence our project's score and better reflect our dedication to this critical infrastructure project.

We hope that this increased financial commitment will enhance our project's competitiveness and demonstrate our resolve to see this vital reconstruction completed. Thank you for considering our revised proposal. We look forward to working together to improve our community's infrastructure resilience.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "A. Jerome Fletcher II". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "A." and last name "Fletcher" being the most prominent parts.

A. Jerome Fletcher II, ICMA-CM, MPA
City Manager