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FILE NHS00-0000-00(931) Whitfield County INTERCHANGE Program Delivery
Interchange Reconstruction I-75 at
US 41/ US 76/ SR 3 (Rocky Face)
P. I. Number 0000931 DATE October 7, 2009

FROM: *Bobby Hilliard* Bobby Hilliard, P.E., State Program Delivery Engineer

TO: Ron Wishon, Project Review Engineer
ATTN: Lisa Myers

SUBJECT **Value Engineering Implementation Revision Request**

This office requests a Value Engineering (VE) Study Implementation Revision on the above noted project. The VE Implementation was approved by your office on June 9, 2009. This office requests to revise the implementation of alternative R-6. This alternative recommended the omission of the sidewalk along the eastbound side of the urban section of US 41/SR 3 in the area located between Tibbs Road (MP 20.9) and Ramps G & F/Shugart Road (MP 20.4). The basis for this recommendation was the high speed exit ramp from I-75 NB to US 41 eastbound, the I-75 SB exit loop ramp to US 41 eastbound, and the US 41 eastbound to I-75 SB ramp and the hazards that they would represent to pedestrians. While this alternative will save the Department an estimated construction cost of \$68,000.00, due to the following issues and recent development in the area, this office is requesting a revision to the VE Study Implementation:

- 1) A request for a design variance for sidewalk in the Northwest Quadrant was denied.
- 2) Pedestrian movements/crossing patterns at this location are constantly changing.
- 3) Due to a pedestrian fatality in the area, the District Traffic Engineer, Harry Maddox, believed it was better to provide pedestrian sidewalk access to make crossing of the intersection as safe as possible.

Therefore, this office proposes not to implement alternative R-6, provide sidewalk for pedestrian in the vicinity, and reapproved the VE Study Implementation without Alt. R-6.

If you have any questions about this request or need additional information please contact the project manager, Peter Emmanuel, at 404-631-1158.

Approved: *Ronald E. Wishon* *10/9/09*
Project Review Engineer Date

Concur: *Dee MR* *10/13/09*
Chief Engineer Date

BKH: MAH: PBE