

April 22, 2022

Ms. Barbara Culhane
Florida Department of Transportation District Six
Adam Leigh Cann Building
1000 Northwest 111 Avenue
Miami, FL 33172

Dear Ms. Culhane:

Congratulations! On behalf of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), I am pleased to inform you that the *424407-1 SR 968/SW 1st Street at Miami River Bridge #870660 Replacement*, submitted by the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) District Six, has been selected as a recipient of the FHWA 2022 Environmental Excellence Awards (EEA). Since 1995, the EEAs have recognized leaders across the country who make outstanding contributions to environmental stewardship and partnerships above and beyond traditional transportation project outcomes. We are excited to have you join this group of outstanding agencies, organizations, and professionals.

This award recognizes FDOT's District Six and partners' exemplary achievement in the Cultural and Historical Resources category. We recognize the project team's commitment to preserving historic resources and conducting extensive public involvement, which resulted in overcoming initial stakeholder opposition, maintaining the historic character of the original 1929 bridge and surrounding historic district, and avoiding adverse effects to project-adjacent residences listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The replacement bridge improved clearances for vehicular and navigational traffic, enhanced community connectivity with greenway connections and bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and improved safety and operations for multiple modes of transportation in and around downtown Miami. The project team's approach accelerated the environmental review of this critical infrastructure project while fostering public relations and utilizing context sensitive design to preserve significant historic resources.

The 2022 EEA recipients will be recognized at an awards ceremony in summer 2022. A representative from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Volpe Center will reach out to share information about the ceremony and confirm the project partners that should also be recognized for this award.

Congratulations again to you and your partners on the receipt of this award.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas D. Everett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Thomas D. Everett
Executive Director