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Office of the Mayor

Rick Baker, Mayor

April 27, 2007

Mr. Don Skelton, Secretary  
Florida Department of Transportation  
District 7  
11201 North McKinley Drive  
Tampa, FL 33612-6456

**RE: Repairs to I-375**

Dear Don,

I would like to personally and on behalf of the citizens of St. Petersburg thank you for the outstanding job the Florida Department of Transportation and its contractor have done in the completion of the repairs to I-375.

On the night of March 28, 2007 when the accident occurred, we observed the fire and damage to the I-375 ramp and surrounding area, and felt certain that we would be without the benefit of this artery into our downtown area for sometime in the future. We strongly supported your activities to complete the improvements as quickly as possible. We are amazed at the quick handling that has occurred on these repairs and commend the fine job the Florida Department of Transportation has done in executing the required improvements. Again, thanks to you and your staff for the outstanding job they have done in bringing this project to completion ahead of schedule and reopening the interstate connection into our downtown area.

Sincerely,

Rick Baker  
Mayor

cc: Stephanie C. Kopelousos, FDOT Secretary of Transportation  
Jim Moulton, FDOT, Director of Transportation Operations  
John Bryan, City Council Chairman  
Pinellas County Legislation Delegation