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Mr. Robert W. Runcie  
The School Board of Broward County, Florida  
600 Southeast Third Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Dear Mr. Runcie:

Subject: #150001 Hazardous Walking (Harbordale Elementary)

This is in response to your January 21, and February 16, 2016 letters regarding the safe walk route survey conducted in the vicinity of the Henry E. McKinney Tunnel on US-1.

The McKinney Tunnel was built in 1960 and did not include provisions for pedestrian traffic through the tunnel. The concrete platform on the east side of the tunnel was designed for maintenance access in support of tunnel operations.

The physical nature of the tunnel construction and the minimum overall width of the tunnel does not allow for any pedestrian improvements through the tunnel. Widening of the tunnel is not structurally practical; any upgrade would require a total replacement. This option is not only cost prohibitive but extremely disruptive to the surrounding community.

The Department recommends the initiation of a study with our local partners for potential short and long term pedestrian solutions for this area. The Department's Modal Development Office will take the lead in determining the key stakeholders for this effort.

The Department and the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) have worked closely over the last few years to provide improved pedestrian and bike connectivity throughout the County. Focusing on the US-1 corridor, this partnership could be expanded to include the School Board and other local partners ensuring appropriate input from the local users in this community. This will be an important step towards reaching cost effective solutions. With no immediate solutions available, the bus transportation options you highlighted will serve this need until this study is complete and the recommendations are implemented.

The Department is committed to continually improving bike and pedestrian safety throughout the County and looks forward to this collaborative effort in support of our bike and pedestrian safety commitment. Please contact the Department's District Modal Development Administrator, Ms. Amie Goddeau at [amie.goddeau@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:amie.goddeau@dot.state.fl.us), if you have any questions about this study.

Sincerely,

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