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**TURF AND LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE
DEPARTMENT FUNDED AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
AND
CITY OF CORAL GABLES**

This Agreement, is made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 20__, by and between the State of Florida Department of Transportation, a component agency of the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as the ‘DEPARTMENT’, and City of Coral Gables, a municipal corporation of the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as the ‘LOCAL GOVERNMENT’.

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, the DEPARTMENT has jurisdiction and maintains State Road 5 (US-1 / South Dixie Highway), State Road 976/Bird Road and State Road 959/Red Road corridor in the LOCAL GOVERNMENT; and

WHEREAS, the DEPARTMENT, at the LOCAL GOVERNMENT’s request, has agreed to compensate the LOCAL GOVERNMENT for the maintenance of turf and landscape, hereinafter referred to as the ‘PROJECT’, and

WHEREAS, the LOCAL GOVERNMENT recognizes that the State Right-of-Way contains turf and landscape, which requires ongoing maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the DEPARTMENT has programmed funding for the PROJECT under Financial Project Number 252311-4-78-01, and has agreed to compensate the LOCAL GOVERNMENT for turf and landscape maintenance services as further described in Exhibit “A” – Scope of Services, and in accordance with the provisions of Exhibit “B” – Financial Summary, which exhibits are attached hereto, and incorporated by reference; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto mutually recognize the need for entering into an Agreement designating and setting forth the responsibilities of each party; and

WHEREAS, the LOCAL GOVERNMENT is aware this Agreement will supplement all maintenance requirements between the DEPARTMENT and the LOCAL GOVERNMENT for all previously executed Permits and Agreements; and

WHEREAS, the parties are authorized to enter into this Agreement pursuant to **Section 339.08(e) and 339.12, Florida Statutes (F.S.);**

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, the mutual covenants and other valuable considerations contained herein, the receipt and sufficiency of which are acknowledged,

the parties agree as follows:

1. INCORPORATION OF RECITALS

The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated into the body of this Agreement, as if fully set forth herein.

2. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES

- a. The LOCAL GOVERNMENT shall submit this Agreement to its LOCAL GOVERNMENT Council/Commission for ratification or approval by resolution. A copy of said resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit "D" - Local Government's Resolution, and is herein incorporated by reference.
- b. The LOCAL GOVERNMENT shall not commence the PROJECT until the effective date of this Agreement, which shall be the date reflected on the written notice to proceed, and the DEPARTMENT shall not compensate the LOCAL GOVERNMENT for any PROJECT work undertaken prior to the effective date of the Notice to Proceed.
- c. The LOCAL GOVERNMENT shall be responsible for the maintenance of all areas that have turf and landscape within the DEPARTMENT's right-of-way (the project limits) as described in Exhibit "A".
- d. The LOCAL GOVERNMENT shall be responsible for performing the required maintenance within the project limits with the minimum frequencies stipulated in Exhibit "A".
- e. All turf and landscape maintenance shall be in accordance with the latest edition of the State of Florida "Guide for Roadside Mowing" and the latest edition of the "Maintenance Rating Program", and Index 546 of the latest FDOT Design Standards.
- f. Before the LOCAL GOVERNMENT starts the work, the DEPARTMENT shall be notified, via fax or e-mail. The fax or e-mail shall be sent to the attention of the South Miami-Dade Maintenance Engineer, Brian Jimmerson, P.E. at (305) 640-7277 or brian.jimmerson@dot.state.fl.us
- g. The LOCAL GOVERNMENT shall not be responsible for the clean-up, removal and disposal of debris from the DEPARTMENT's right of way following a natural disaster (i.e. hurricane, tornados, etc.). However, the cost of any cycle or part thereof impaired by any such event may be deducted from the DEPARTMENT's affected quarterly payment to the LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
- h. It is understood between the parties hereto that all the landscaping covered by this Agreement may be removed, relocated or adjusted at any time in the future as found necessary by the DEPARTMENT in order that the adjacent state road be widened,

altered or otherwise changed and maintained to meet with future criteria or planning of the DEPARTMENT.

- i. The LOCAL GOVERNMENT shall not plant additional landscaping within the limits of the PROJECT, without prior written approval by the DEPARTMENT, in accordance with Florida Administrative Code Rule 14-40.003. Such approval shall be in the form of a separate written agreement that will require the LOCAL GOVERNMENT to properly construct and maintain the additional landscaping without compensation from the DEPARTMENT.
- j. This Agreement shall not obligate the DEPARTMENT to pay the LOCAL GOVERNMENT to maintain any additional landscaping, planted after the effective date of this Agreement, within the limits of the PROJECT, and shall not obligate the LOCAL GOVERNMENT to maintain any such additional landscaping.
- k. Payments to the LOCAL GOVERNMENT shall be made in accordance with Sections 3 and 5 of this Agreement.

3. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

- a. The DEPARTMENT agrees to compensate the LOCAL GOVERNMENT, up to the maximum participating annual amount of \$60,340.00 for completion of the services described in Exhibit "A" – Scope of Services. The method of compensation is included in Exhibit "B" – Financial Summary.
- b. The LOCAL GOVERNMENT shall provide quantifiable, measurable, and verifiable units of deliverables. Each deliverable must specify the required minimum level of service to be performed and the criteria for evaluating successful completion. The PROJECT, identified as PROJECT Number 252311-4-78-01, and the quantifiable, measurable, and verifiable units of deliverables, consisting of the performance measures services required to perform the PROJECT Scope of Services described in Exhibit "A". (Section 287.058(1)(d) and (e), F.S.),
- c. Invoices shall be submitted by the LOCAL GOVERNMENT in detail sufficient for a proper pre-audit and post audit based on the quantifiable, measurable and verifiable units of deliverables as established in Exhibit "A", accompanied by the duly executed certification document in Exhibit "C", thereby establishing that the Scope of Services described in Exhibit "A" have been completed. Deliverables must be received and accepted in writing by the DEPARTMENT's Project Manager prior to payments. (Section 287.058 (1)(a), F.S.)
- d. Supporting documentation must establish that the deliverables were received and accepted in writing by the LOCAL GOVERNMENT, or performed by the LOCAL GOVERNMENT, and must also establish that the required minimum level of service to be performed based on the criteria for evaluating successful completion as specified in Exhibit "A" – Scope of Services was met (see Exhibit "C" – Turf and Landscape

JPA Work Certification Document).

- e. There shall be no reimbursement or compensation for travel expenses under this Agreement.
- f. Payment shall be made only after receipt and approval of goods and/or services unless advance payments are authorized by the Chief Financial Officer of the State of Florida under Chapters 215 and 216, F.S. If the DEPARTMENT determines that the performance of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT is unsatisfactory, the DEPARTMENT shall notify the LOCAL GOVERNMENT of the deficiency to be corrected, which correction shall be made within a time-frame to be specified by the DEPARTMENT.

The LOCAL GOVERNMENT shall, within five days after notice from the DEPARTMENT, provide the DEPARTMENT with a corrective action plan describing how the LOCAL GOVERNMENT will address all issues of contract non-performance, unacceptable performance, failure to meet the minimum performance levels, deliverable deficiencies, or contract non-compliance. If the corrective action plan is unacceptable to the DEPARTMENT, the LOCAL GOVERNMENT shall be assessed a non-performance retainage equivalent to 10% of the total invoice amount. The retainage shall be applied to the invoice for the then-current billing period. The retainage shall be withheld until the LOCAL GOVERNMENT resolves the deficiency. If the deficiency is subsequently resolved, the LOCAL GOVERNMENT may bill the DEPARTMENT for the retained amount during the next billing period. If the LOCAL GOVERNMENT is unable to resolve the deficiency, the funds retained may be forfeited at the end of the Agreement's term. (Section 287.058(1)(h), F.S.).

The LOCAL GOVERNMENT providing goods and/or services to the DEPARTMENT should be aware of the following time frames. Inspection and approval of goods or services shall take no longer than 5 working days unless the bid specifications, purchase order, or contract specifies otherwise. The DEPARTMENT has 20 days to deliver a request for payment (voucher) to the Department of Financial Services. The 20 days are measured from the latter of the date the invoice is received or the goods or services are received, inspected, and approved. (Section 215.422(1), F.S.).

If a payment is not available within 40 days, a separate interest penalty at a rate as established pursuant to Section 55.03(1), F.S., will be due and payable, in addition to the invoice amount, to the LOCAL GOVERNMENT. Interest penalties of less than one (1) dollar will not be enforced unless the LOCAL GOVERNMENT requests payment. Invoices that have to be returned to LOCAL GOVERNMENT because of LOCAL GOVERNMENT preparation errors will result in a delay in the payment. The invoice payment requirements do not start until a properly completed invoice is provided to the DEPARTMENT. (Section 215.422(3)(b), F.S.)

A Vendor Ombudsman has been established within the DEPARTMENT of Financial Services. The duties of this individual include acting as an advocate for LOCAL

GOVERNMENT who may be experiencing problems in obtaining timely payment(s) from a state agency. The Vendor Ombudsman may be contacted at (850) 413-5516. (Section 215.422(5) and (7), F.S.)

- g. Records of costs incurred under the terms of this Agreement shall be maintained and made available upon request to the DEPARTMENT at all times during the period of this Agreement and for five (5) years after final payment is made. Copies of these documents and records shall be furnished to the DEPARTMENT upon request. Records of costs incurred include the LOCAL GOVERNMENT's general accounting records and the PROJECT records, together with supporting documents and records, of the contractor and all subcontractors performing work on the PROJECT, and all other records of the Contractor and subcontractors considered necessary by the DEPARTMENT for a proper audit of costs. (Section 287.058(4), F.S.)
- h. In the event this contract is for services in excess of \$25,000.00 and a term for a period of more than 1 year, the provisions of Section 339.135(6)(a), F.S., are hereby incorporated:

"The DEPARTMENT, during any fiscal year, shall not expend money, incur any liability, or enter into any contract which, by its terms, involves the expenditure of money in excess of the amounts budgeted as available for expenditure during such fiscal year. Any contract, verbal or written, made in violation of this subsection is null and void, and no money may be paid on such contract. The DEPARTMENT shall require a statement from the Comptroller of the DEPARTMENT that such funds are available prior to entering into any such contract or other binding commitment of funds. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the making of contracts for periods exceeding 1 year, but any contract so made shall be executory only for the value of the services to be rendered or agreed to be paid for in succeeding fiscal years; and this paragraph shall be incorporated verbatim in all contracts of the DEPARTMENT which are for an amount in excess of \$25,000.00 and which have a term for a period of more than 1 year."

- i. The DEPARTMENT's obligation to pay is contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Florida Legislature. (Section 216.311, F.S.)
- j. The LOCAL GOVERNMENT shall:
 - i. Utilize the U.S. DEPARTMENT of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the LOCAL GOVERNMENT during the term of the contract; and
 - ii. Expressly require any contractors and subcontractors performing work or providing services pursuant to the state contract to likewise utilize the U.S. DEPARTMENT of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the

employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the subcontractor during the contract term. (Executive Order Number 2011-02).

The LOCAL GOVERNMENT shall insert the above clause into any contract entered into by the LOCAL GOVERNMENT with vendors or contractors hired by the LOCAL GOVERNMENT for purposes of performing its duties under this Agreement.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

All notices, requests, demands, consents, approvals, and other communication which are required to be served or given hereunder, shall be in writing and shall be sent by certified U.S. mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, addressed to the party to receive such notices as follows:

To DEPARTMENT: Florida Department of Transportation
1000 NW 111 Avenue, Room 6205
Miami, Florida 33172-5800
Attention: District Maintenance Engineer

To LOCAL GOVERNMENT: City of Coral Gables
405 Biltmore Way
Coral Gables, Florida 33134
Attention: City Manager

Notices shall be deemed to have been received by the end of five (5) business days from the proper sending thereof unless proof of prior actual receipt is provided.

5. INVOICING

- a. The LOCAL GOVERNMENT shall submit quarterly invoices for DEPARTMENT review, approval, and payment in accordance with this Agreement. Quarterly payments will be made upon invoice approval in an amount not to exceed one fourth of the eligible PROJECT costs. Each invoice shall include a completed Turf and Landscape JPA Work Certification Document (Exhibit "C") certifying that the goods and/or services to be completed and paid under this Agreement have been satisfactorily completed and delivered in accordance with the required Scope of Work in Exhibit "A".
- b. In the event temporary work by the DEPARTMENT's forces or by other Contractors temporarily prevent the LOCAL GOVERNMENT from performing the work described in this Agreement, the DEPARTMENT shall deduct from the affected quarterly payment(s) the acreage affected area and only compensate the LOCAL GOVERNMENT for the actual work it performs.
 - i. The DEPARTMENT shall initiate this procedure only if the temporary work

prevents the LOCAL GOVERNMENT from performing its work for a period of one (1) month or longer.

- c. In the event this Agreement is terminated as established in Section 8 herein, payment will be prorated within the quarter in which termination occurs. The prorated payment shall be for approved work meeting the requirements stipulated in this Agreement.

6. FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES

Payment shall be made only after receipt and approval of goods and services unless advance payments are authorized by the Chief Financial Officer of the State of Florida under **Chapters 215 and 216, F.S.** Deliverable(s) must be received and accepted in writing by the Contract Manager on the DEPARTMENT's invoice transmittal forms prior to payment. If the DEPARTMENT determines that the performance of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT is unsatisfactory, the DEPARTMENT shall notify the LOCAL GOVERNMENT of the deficiency to be corrected, which correction shall be made within thirty (30) calendar days by the LOCAL GOVERNMENT. The LOCAL GOVERNMENT shall, within five (5) days after notice from the DEPARTMENT, provide the DEPARTMENT with a corrective action plan describing how the LOCAL GOVERNMENT will address all issues of contract non-performance, unacceptable performance, failure to meet the minimum performance levels, deliverable deficiencies, or contract non-compliance. If the corrective action plan is unacceptable to the DEPARTMENT, the DEPARTMENT may, at its option, proceed as follows:

- a. The LOCAL GOVERNMENT shall be assessed a non-performance retainage equivalent to 10% of the total invoice amount. The retainage shall be applied to the invoice for the then-current billing period. The retainage shall be withheld until the LOCAL GOVERNMENT resolves the deficiency. If the deficiency is subsequently resolved, the LOCAL GOVERNMENT may bill the DEPARTMENT for the retained amount during the next billing period. If the LOCAL GOVERNMENT is unable to resolve the deficiency, the funds retained may be forfeited at the end of the Agreement period. **(Section 287.058(1)(h), F.S.)**
- b. Maintain the median or roadside area(s) declared deficient with DEPARTMENT and/or a Contractor's material, equipment and personnel. The actual cost for such work will be deducted from the DEPARTMENT's affected quarterly payment to the LOCAL GOVERNMENT; or
- c. Terminate this Agreement.

7. EXPIRATION/RENEWAL

This Agreement is for a term of one (1) year beginning on the effective date of this Agreement, which shall be the date reflected on the written notice to proceed, and may be renewed twice, only if mutually agreed to in writing by the DEPARTMENT and the LOCAL GOVERNMENT. Any such renewal shall be subject to the same terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, and shall be contingent upon both satisfactory LOCAL GOVERNMENT performance evaluations by the DEPARTMENT and the availability of funds.

This Agreement may be extended if mutually agreed in writing by both parties, for a period not to exceed six (6) months and shall be subject to the same terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement. There shall be only one (1) extension of this Agreement.

8. TERMINATION

This Agreement, or part hereof, is subject to termination under any one of the following conditions:

- a. In the event the DEPARTMENT exercises the option identified by Section 6 of this Agreement.
- b. As mutually agreed by both parties.
- c. In accordance with **Section 287.058(1)(c), F.S.**, the DEPARTMENT shall reserve the right to unilaterally cancel this Agreement if the LOCAL GOVERNMENT refuses to allow public access to any or all documents, papers, letters, or other materials made or received by the LOCAL GOVERNMENT pertinent to this Agreement which are subject to provisions of **Chapter 119, of the F.S.**

9. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Department Funded Agreement is the entire Agreement between the parties hereto, and it may be modified or amended only by mutual consent of the parties in writing.

10. GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

11. AMENDMENT

This Agreement may be amended by mutual agreement of the DEPARTMENT and the LOCAL GOVERNMENT expressed in writing, executed and delivered by each party.

12. INVALIDITY

If any part of this Agreement shall be determined to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby, if such remainder continues to conform to the terms and requirements of applicable law.

13. INDEMNIFICATION

Subject to Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, as may be amended from time to time, the LOCAL GOVERNMENT shall promptly indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless the DEPARTMENT, its officers, agents, representatives and employees from any and all losses, expenses, fines, fees, taxes, assessments, penalties, costs, damages, judgments, claims, demands, liabilities, attorneys fees, (including regulatory and appellate fees), and suits of any nature or kind whatsoever caused by, arising out of, or related to the LOCAL GOVERNMENT's negligent exercise or of its responsibilities as set out in this AGREEMENT, including but not limited to, any negligent act, negligent action, negligence or omission by the LOCAL GOVERNMENT, its officers, agents, employees or representatives in the performance of this AGREEMENT, whether direct or indirect, except that neither the LOCAL GOVERNMENT nor any of its officers, agents, employees or representatives will be liable under this provision for damages arising out of injury or damages caused or resulting from the negligence of the DEPARTMENT.

The LOCAL GOVERNMENT's obligation to indemnify, defend and pay for the defense of the DEPARTMENT, or at the DEPARTMENT's option, to participate and associate with the DEPARTMENT in the defense and trial of any claim and any related settlement negotiations, shall be triggered immediately upon the LOCAL GOVERNMENT's receipt of the DEPARTMENT's notice of claim for indemnification. The notice of claim for indemnification shall be deemed received if the DEPARTMENT sends the notice in accordance with the formal notice mailing requirements set forth in Section 4 of this AGREEMENT. The DEPARTMENT's failure to notify the LOCAL GOVERNMENT of a claim shall not release the LOCAL GOVERNMENT of the above duty to defend and indemnify the DEPARTMENT.

The LOCAL GOVERNMENT shall pay all costs and fees related to this obligation and its enforcement by the DEPARTMENT. The indemnification provisions of this section shall survive termination or expiration of this AGREEMENT, but only with respect to those claims that arose from acts or circumstances which occurred prior to termination or expiration of this AGREEMENT.

The LOCAL GOVERNMENT's evaluation of liability or its inability to evaluate liability shall not excuse the LOCAL GOVERNMENT's duty to defend and indemnify the DEPARTMENT under the provisions of this section. Only an adjudication or judgment, after the highest appeal is exhausted, specifically finding the DEPARTMENT was negligent shall excuse performance of this provision by the LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement, on the day and year above written.

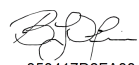
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STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGER

BY: _____
DISTRICT SECRETARY

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(SEAL) LOCAL GOVERNMENT CLERK

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ATTEST: _____
(SEAL) EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

LEGAL REVIEW:

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ATTORNEY

DISTRICT CHIEF COUNSEL

Exhibit "A"

Scope of Services

Maintenance Responsibilities of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The LOCAL GOVERNMENT shall be responsible for the maintenance of all turf and landscape areas within the DEPARTMENT's right of way on the State Roads below in accordance with all applicable DEPARTMENT guidelines, standards, and procedures, which shall include but shall not be limited to the Maintenance Rating Program Handbook, as may be amended from time to time. Additionally, the LOCAL GOVERNMENT shall maintain the all turf and landscape areas in accordance with the International Society of Arboriculture standards, the latest FDOT Design Standard, guidelines, and procedures, as may be amended from time to time.

State Road No.	Street Name	From	To
5	US-1/South Dixie Highway	SW 57 Avenue	Miami City Limits
976	Bird Road (SW 40 Street)	SW 57 Avenue	Ponce de Leon Boulevard
959	Red Road (SW 57 Avenue) (Only East Side)	US-1/South Dixie Highway	SW 8 Street

** Excludes pruning Ficus trees located in the median on S.R. 976, from 57 Avenue East to Ponce de Leon Boulevard.

For each of the following work activities, the LOCAL GOVERNMENT shall be responsible for performing these minimum frequencies:

- Litter Pickup - eighteen (18) times per year
- Mowing, including edging and sweeping - eighteen (18) times per year
- Landscape Maintenance/Tree Trimming - twelve (12) times per year

The LOCAL GOVERNMENT shall perform a minimum of two cycles per quarter for each of the work activities described above.

The LOCAL GOVERNMENT's maintenance obligations shall include but not be limited to:

- a. Mowing, cutting and/or trimming and edging the grass and turf.

- b. Pruning all plant materials, which include trees, shrubs and ground covers, and parts thereof, including all material from private property encroaching into the DEPARTMENT'S right-of-way
- c. Maintaining existing decorative bricks, mulch and other aesthetic features currently found within these corridors.
- d. Fertilizing, insecticide, pesticide, herbicide and watering will be required to maintain the current landscape and turf in a healthy and vigorous growing condition.
- e. Paying for all water use and all costs associated therewith.
- f. Pruning such parts thereof which may present a visual or other safety hazard for those using or intending to use the right-of-way.
- g. Removing and disposing of all undesirable vegetation including but not limited to weeding of plant beds and removal of invasive exotic plant materials.
- h. Removing and properly disposing of dead, diseased or otherwise deteriorated plants in their entirety, and replacing those that fall below the standards set forth in all applicable DEPARTMENT guidelines, standards and procedures as may be amended from time to time.
- i. Removing and disposing of all trimmings, roots, branches, litter, and any other debris resulting from the activities described by (a) to (h).
- j. Submitting Lane Closure Requests to the DEPARTMENT when maintenance activities will require the closure of a traffic lane in the DEPARTMENT's right-of-way. Lane closure requests shall be submitted through the District Six Lane Closure Information System, to the DEPARTMENT's area Permit Manager and in accordance with the District Six Lane Closure Policy, as may be amended from time to time.

FDOT Financial Project Number: 252311-4-78-01

County: Miami-Dade

FDOT Project Manager:

Brian Jimmerson, P.E. - (305) 640-7277 or brian.jimmerson@dot.state.fl.us

LOCAL GOVERNMENT Project Manager:

Peter Iglesias, City Manager - (305) 460-5202 or piglesias@coralgables.com

Exhibit "B"

Financial Summary

Financial Responsibilities of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The LOCAL GOVERNMENT shall submit invoices to the DEPARTMENT as described in Section 5 of this Agreement for the work described in Exhibit "A". The following are the maximum participating compensation amounts the DEPARTMENT will make annually for each of these work activities:

- **Litter Pickup:** **\$2,808.00**

- **Mowing, including edging and sweeping:** **\$18,184.00**

- **Landscape Maintenance/Tree Trimming:** **\$39,348.00**

TOTAL ANNUAL PROJECT AMOUNT ELIGIBLE FOR COMPENSATION BY THE DEPARTMENT: **\$60,340.00.**

The LOCAL GOVERNMENT may choose to exceed the required minimum maintenance frequencies for each of the work activities described above at no additional cost to the DEPARTMENT.

Exhibit "D"
LOCAL GOVERNMENT's Resolution

To be herein incorporated once approved by the LOCAL GOVERNMENT Council/Commission.