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**RE: CRAIG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT MASTER PLAN AND AIRPORT LAYOUT
PLAN (ALP) UPDATE**

Dear Mr. Lindner,

The Florida Department of Transportation has completed its final review of the Craig Municipal Airport Master Plan Update and Airport Layout Plan (ALP) Update. FDOT will grant approval of the Master Plan and ALP with stipulations.

Given our overview in the process, we were aware of the concern that remained at the community level over the potential to see heavier aircraft use Craig Municipal Airport and the manner in which this might potentially expand risk to the community in the event of a downed aircraft. To respond to these concerns, we encouraged JAA to work with the City of Jacksonville and Greater Arlington Civic Association in hopes of addressing these concerns through open dialogue. JAA has responded that they have met the necessary standards for approval of the Craig Municipal Master Plan and request FDOT release the document for publication.

The community's concerns over possible impact zones have not moved the City of Jacksonville to adopt more stringent land use codes that would address the issue of the Greater Arlington Civic Association concerning possible aircraft impact zones. Absent the adoption of land use codes by the City of Jacksonville that are more prescriptive in addressing aircraft accident zones, FDOT cannot apply a more stringent land use standard that those adopted by the local community in addressing potential aviation hazards.

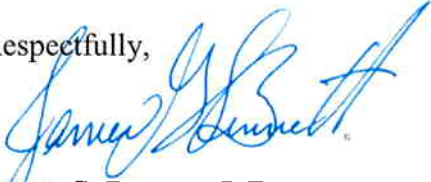
FDOT acknowledges that JAA has completed the process governing development of the Craig Municipal Airport Master Plan and ALP Updates. Given the responses provided by JAA dated

November 14, 2008 as well as those provided March 17, 2009, we grant approval of the Craig Master Plan and ALP subject to the following condition:

The existing City of Jacksonville 2010 Comprehensive Plan supports the continued development of the Craig Municipal Airport but contains a restriction that limits the extension of any of the runways at the airport. According to Chapter 332.007(2)(b) F.A.C., the aviation and airport work program shall be consistent with the statewide aviation system plan and, to the maximum extent feasible, consistent with approved local government comprehensive plans. The proposed extension of Runway 14/32 in this master plan update is inconsistent with the City of Jacksonville 2010 Comprehensive Plan; therefore, FDOT will not participate in financing any project phases associated with the runway extension.

We appreciate the opportunity to review the Craig Airport Master Plan and ALP Update. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at (904) 360-5646.

Respectfully,



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