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The Honorable Rick Staly
Sheriff
Flagler County Sheriff's Office
901 East Moody Boulevard
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Dear Sheriff Staly:

Thank you for your letter dated February 6, 2017. At the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) safety is our number one priority, and we share your concerns in the wake of this tragic incident.

Earlier this week I directed FDOT's traffic operations staff from the local district office and from state headquarters in Tallahassee to develop solutions for increasing safety at the intersection of US 1 and Old Dixie Highway in Flagler County.

We are taking both immediate and long term action to make this intersection safer. On Friday, February 10th, an FDOT team will install delineators in the median of US 1. Delineators are highly visible plastic posts with reflective materials. These posts will provide drivers on Old Dixie Highway with a visual indication of the "hazardous approach zone" for vehicles on US 1. Unlike the current empty visual space at the median, these markers will provide drivers with physical points of reference to better assess the speeds of northbound traffic. This way drivers will be able to better judge oncoming speeds for determining when it is safe to pull onto US 1.

The team will also install intersection warning signs on northbound and southbound US 1, and will restripe the stop line and create separate right and left turn lanes at the stop location on Old Dixie Highway.

In addition to these immediate actions, FDOT will be gathering traffic data and information at the intersection, which we will use to develop design concepts for a long term solution. In your letter you recommend installation of a traffic signal; this option will be given full consideration as part of our process and will be evaluated along with other concepts including rumble strips, speed limit reductions and a potential roundabout.

Thank you again for your letter. We value our partnership with Flagler County and look forward to continuing to work with you and other local leaders on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rachel D. Cone". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Rachel D. Cone, Interim Secretary
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