



Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Secretary Pete Buttigieg  
U.S Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC, 20590

Dear President Biden and Secretary Buttigieg,

As the Administration coordinates with the U.S. Congress on fixing America's crumbling infrastructure, we write in support of the I-4 Beyond the Ultimate Project. The I-4 Beyond the Ultimate Project would significantly benefit from federal investment. The project is widely supported but is facing an elongated project schedule as a result of budgetary limitations. We want to make you aware of the project's importance to our constituents and to the economy of the State of Florida.

As you are undoubtedly aware, Florida, with over 21 million residents, is the third most populated state in our union. Florida is also a travel destination for millions of non-residents. Last year, 86 million people came to visit the state. In 2019 the number of total visitors was 131 million<sup>1</sup>. A large share of Florida's growth has been in Central Florida. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Central Florida is the state's fastest growing region<sup>2</sup>.

Unsurprisingly, this growth places a strain on our existing infrastructure. Interstate 4 (I-4) stretches from Volusia through Seminole, Orange, Osceola, Polk, and Hillsborough counties. There is no doubt that I-4 is crucial in connecting Central Florida from coast to coast. Therefore, we believe your administration should make the I-4 Beyond the Ultimate project a priority.

Supporting this project will alleviate congestion for millions of commuters and help facilitate commerce across our state. There are state, regional, and local commitments for completing the project.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.visitflorida.org/resources/research/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.census.gov/data/datasets/time-series/demo/popest/2010s-counties-total.html>



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We invite your administration to visit the great state of Florida to experience firsthand the need for infrastructure investment. Thank you for your attention to the I-4 Beyond Ultimate Project.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

Michael Waltz  
Member of Congress

Kathy Castor  
Member of Congress

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Member of Congress

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