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MEMORANDUM

TO: Austin McGugian, Community Development Director

FROM: Polk County Board of Commissioners *CP Mike*

DATE: January 22, 2014

RE: Salem River Crossing Project

On December 10, 2013, the Polk County Board of Commissioners held a public meeting to have the project consultant, CH2M Hill, present to the Board of Commissioners the slide show for the river crossing alternative identified by the Salem City Council (Salem Alternative) that was presented to the Salem River Crossing Oversight Team. The Board requested comments and questions from the public. Dave Simmons of CH2M Hill presented the material that primarily demonstrated the differences between the Salem alternative and alternative 4D which had previously been identified as the preferred alternative by the Oversight Team. Mr. Simmons answered questions from both the Board and the public. The Board of Commissioners expressed a desire to improve freight mobility but were also concerned with financing and the possibility of tolling. The presentation did not include information on finance options. Based on the information presented, the Board generally agreed with the direction of the project and supported the Salem Alternative. The Board asked Commissioner Craig Pope, who serves on the Oversight Team, to express it's support, opinions and concerns to the Oversight Team.