CITIZEN PETITION

IN OPPOSITION TO ROUTING THE COASTAL CONNECTOR THROUGH ANY PORTION OF CITRUS SPRINGS

Whereas, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is in the planning phase for what is now called the Coastal Connector which is intended to provide a connection from a Suncoast Parkway interchange in Citrus County to Rte 75 or some other north-south highway, and

Whereas, the proposed highway plan calls for acquisition of a 500 foot wide right of way for a limited access turnpike-like superhighway to be acquired at some unspecified time in the future, and

Whereas, FDOT has published maps, held public meetings and sent letters to potentially affected property owner disclosing four possible routes for this highway, in Citrus County, four of which cut through the Citrus Springs subdivision, and

Whereas, FDOT plans call for a decision this fall on which route to pursue, which decision will create devastating consequences, lasting for years until and if this project actually gets built, for the owners or property within the 500 foot right of way and those adjacent thereto, including plummeting property values and likely inability to sell at any price, and

Whereas, if this project does get built in the future utilizing any of the Plan B,C or D routes, this limited access highway will create in impenetrable wall cutting the Citrus Springs Community in pieces and isolating this community from the rest of Citrus County.

Now Therefore, the below-signed residents and voters of Citrus County, Florida do state our opposition to locating this Coastal Connector in any of the proposed routes identified as B-1, C-1, C-2 or C-3 o D-1 and urge the Board of County Commissioners to also oppose all such routes and to advise the FDOT of such opposition.

Signature	Print Name	Address