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Matthew Grow
Airport Director
Ocala International Airport
1770 SW 60th Ave, Suite 600
Ocala, FL 34474

Dear Matthew Grow,

On behalf of the Marion County Board of County Commissioners, we strongly support the proposed construction of Taxiway C (TWY-C) and associated improvements at Ocala International Airport (OCF). This project includes critical infrastructure such as connector taxiways, parking aprons, a vehicle parking lot, and a road extension; all of which will enhance airfield efficiency, improve safety, and position the airport to accommodate future commercial air service and larger aircraft operations.

Marion County's economy is experiencing significant growth, driven by expanding tourism, business development, and event-related travel. These improvements will support a wide range of aviation needs, including general aviation, commercial airline service, and cargo operations, while also creating opportunities for non-aviation commercial and retail businesses. Enhanced air access will strengthen our ability to attract visitors and investment, generate jobs, and sustain long-term economic growth throughout the region.

The Marion County Board of County Commissioners views this project as a strategic investment in transportation infrastructure and economic competitiveness. We appreciate the continued partnership between the City of Ocala, Ocala International Airport, and the broader business community, and we encourage full support for this important initiative.

Respectfully,

Angel Roussel, P.E.
Assistant County Administrator

Cc: Marion County Board of County Commissioners
Mounir Bouyounes, P.E. – County Administrator
Loretta Shaffer – Tourist Development Director