



**Bridge Factors Factual Report Attachment 7 – Email from Ms. Xiomara Nunez of FDOT  
to Mr. Dan Walsh of NTSB dated August 17, 2018**

**Miami, FL**

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## Walsh Daniel

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**Subject:** FIU Pedestrian Bridge Collapse: March 15, 2018

**From:** Nunez, Xiomara [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 17, 2018 7:46 AM  
**To:** Walsh Daniel [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: FIU Pedestrian Bridge Collapse: March 15, 2018

Director, Pre-Awards, Division of Research

Regards,

**Xiomara Nunez, M.B.A**

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**From:** Walsh Daniel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 16, 2018 11:25 PM  
**To:** Nunez, Xiomara [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: FIU Pedestrian Bridge Collapse: March 15, 2018

Thanks Xiomara.

Can you please give me the title of Mr. Roberto M. Gutierrez from FIU?

Dan

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**From:** Nunez, Xiomara [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 16, 2018 3:54 PM  
**To:** Walsh Daniel [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: FIU Pedestrian Bridge Collapse: March 15, 2018

Good afternoon Dan,

Please see the responses to your questions below:

- When did FIU get initially certified? [May 14, 2014](#)
- What certification option did FIU receive (Full certification or Project-Specific certification)? [Full certification](#)
- Was certification for 3 years? [Per section 2.2.1 of Chapter 2 of the LAP Manual, "full certification expires three years from the initial certification date."](#) However, "if the expiration date of the certification occurs during the

course of a project, the certification will be considered to remain in effect until the project has been final accepted by the Department and FHWA” (LAP Manual, Chapter 2, Section 2.2). Expiration was anticipated February 15, 2019, which is the project’s contract end date.

- When does the certification expire? [See response to the previous question](#)
- Who was the person from FIU that was in “responsible charge”? [Roberto M. Gutierrez](#)
- Was FIU given a performance evaluation rating after the pedestrian bridge collapse on March 15, 2018 (Unsatisfactory Performance, Satisfactory Performance, or Above Satisfactory Performance)? [No action has been taken pending the outcome of the NTSB investigation.](#)
- Was FIU’s LAP certification removed after the pedestrian bridge collapse on March 15, 2018? [No action has been taken pending the outcome of the NTSB investigation.](#)

Regards,

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