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Mr. Rick Robbins
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RE: Amendment to Master Agreement (MA) Implementing the Efficient Transportation Decision Making Process in Florida and Appendix E [of MA] - Agency Operating Agreement (AOA) Between Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) effective January 15, 2003
Amendment #: 3

Dear Mr. Robbins:

This letter confirms that the Florida Department of Transportation successfully assumed the Federal Highway Administration's responsibilities for compliance with NEPA and all other Federal environmental laws pertaining to the review or approval of FDOT's transportation highway projects, pursuant to Title 23 U.S.C. §327 and the implementing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) executed on December 14, 2016.

Consistent with Section 5.1.4 of the MOU and Section 20 of the MA, the MA and AOA are amended such that, FDOT will assume FHWA's responsibilities under the MA and AOA, except those activities specifically retained by FHWA under Section 3 of the MOU, including publication of notices in the Federal Register, formal government-to-government tribal consultation and the environmental review, consultation and approval associated with the environmental documents for the I-4 Beyond the Ultimate Project and the Tampa Interstate Study Project. FHWA will continue to review amendments that effect funding and costs for reimbursement eligibility in accordance with Title 23 U.S.C., including 23 U.S.C. §139(j) and 2 CFR §§200.402 - 200.405.

With the exception of those limitations identified in the paragraph above, FDOT will be globally substituted for FHWA throughout the MA and AOA and assume FHWA's responsibilities under the MOU and this Amendment.

Examples of duties previously assigned to FHWA include, but are not limited to:

- Planning Screen and coordination responsibilities
- Programming Screen and coordination responsibilities
- Project Development & Environment Phase responsibilities
- Agency coordination
- Issue resolution

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By signing below, each party consents to the substitution of FDOT for FHWA, as described and limited above, through Amendment to the MA and AOA, whereby FDOT assumes FHWA's role in the Master Agreement and Agency Operating Agreement for Implementing the Efficient Transportation Decision Making Process in Florida.

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