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March 29, 2017

Mrs. Michelle Hopkins
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RE: Amendment to Agency Operating and Funding Agreement (AOFA) for Continuing Participation in the ETDM and Transportation Project Development Processes between SWFWMD, FHWA, and FDOT dated June 1, 2015.

Contract #: ARU57 Amendment #: 1 Vendor #: F590965067002 FM#: 41506432809

Dear Mrs. Hopkins:

This letter confirms that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) successfully assumed the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) 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 13 of the AOFA, the AOFA is amended such that, FDOT will assume FHWA's responsibilities under the AOFA, with the exception of the financial provisions in Section 3 paragraph H of the AOFA and related audit rights under Section 9, paragraph F, and those activities specifically retained by FHWA under 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 AOFA 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 AOFA, whereby FDOT assumes FHWA's role in the Agency Operating and Funding Agreement for Continuing Participation in the ETDM and Transportation Project Development Processes.

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

for By: Brian Blanchard
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Secretary of Transportation

Date: 5-30-17

for Brian Blanchard
Printed Name
Secretary of Transportation

LEGAL REVIEW:

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Date: 5/26/17

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

By: Brian J. Armstrong
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Date: 5/19/17

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Executive Director

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

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Signature
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Date: 5/25/2017

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Printed Name
Division Administrator

DISTRICT APPROVAL	INITIALS	DATE
LEGAL	<u>GC</u>	<u>5-17-17</u>
RISK MGMT		
CONTRACTS	<u>MM</u>	<u>5-18-17</u>
BUREAU CHIEF	<u>N/A</u>	<u>5-19-17</u>
DIRECTOR	<u>GC</u>	<u>5/19/17</u>
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