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April 6, 2017

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RE: Amendment to Master Agreement Between Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) & Four Water Management Districts (WMDs) Implementing the Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM) Process in Florida and Appendix M [of MA] –Agency Operating Agreement (AOA) DEP and WMDs and Funding Agreement (FA) Between FDOT, FHWA, and Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD)

Contract #: BDF72 **Amendment #:** 6 **Vendor #:** F591520101005 **FM#:** 41506432811

Dear Mr. Webster:

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, Section 20 of the MA, Part XI paragraph A of the AOA and Article IV of the FA, the MA, AOA, and FA are amended such that, FDOT will assume FHWA's responsibilities under the MA, AOA, and FA, with the exception of the financial provisions in the FA, Article 1 paragraph 4 and related audit rights under Article II, paragraph J, and 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, AOA, and FA 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

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

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

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

By: _____ Date: _____
Signature
Secretary of Transportation

Printed Name
Secretary of Transportation

LEGAL REVIEW:

By: _____ Date: _____
Signature
Office of General Counsel

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

By: _____ Date: 4/10/17
Signature
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Noah Valenstein
Printed Name
Executive Director

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

By: _____ Date: _____
Signature
Division Administrator

Printed Name
Division Administrator