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May 2, 2017

Mr. Timothy Parsons  
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RE: Amendment to Agreement Implementing the Efficient Transportation Decision Making Process in Florida --\_Appendix I - Agency Operating Agreement (AOA) Between Florida Department of State - State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Funding Agreement (FA) Between SHPO, FDOT and FHWA effective December 1, 2012

Dear Mr. Parsons:

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 23 U.S.C. § 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) executed on December 14, 2016.

Consistent with Section 5.1.4 of the MOU and Article VI(1) of the FA, the AOA and FA are amended such that, FDOT will assume FHWA's responsibilities under these agreements, with the exception of the financial provisions in the FA, paragraph G of the Recitals and related audit rights under Article II, paragraph 6, 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 AOA and FA assuming 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

By signing below, each party consents to the substitution of FDOT for FHWA, as described and limited above, through Amendment to the AOA and FA whereby FDOT assumes FHWA's role in the Agency Operating Agreement and Funding Agreement for Implementing the Efficient Transportation Decision Making Process in Florida. The parties further agree this Amendment to the AOA and FA may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

**STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

By:  Date: 5-30-17

Signature

for Secretary of Transportation

Brian Blanchard

Printed Name

for Secretary of Transportation

LEGAL REVIEW:

By: 

Signature

Office of General Counsel

Date: 5/26/17

**FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION**

By:  Date: 5/25/17

Signature

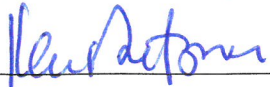
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KAREN M BURRELLE

Printed Name

Division Administrator


**STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

By:   
Signature  
Secretary of State

Date: 5/8/17

Ken Detzner  
Printed Name  
Secretary of State

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE -- STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE**

By:   
Signature  
State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: 5/15/17

Timothy Parsons  
Printed Name  
State Historic Preservation Officer



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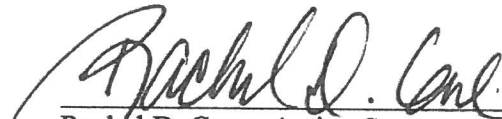
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**DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY**

I, Rachel D. Cone, Acting Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation, delegate to Brian A. Blanchard, as the Assistant Secretary for Engineering and Operations, and Thomas C. Byron, Assistant Secretary for Intermodal System Development the authority and responsibility to take action on my behalf at anytime during my absence from the Department headquarters in Tallahassee. I also rescind any prior delegations to the contrary.

  
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Rachel D. Cone, Acting Secretary  
Florida Department of Transportation  
2/1/17  
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Date