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RE: Amendment to Agency Operating Agreement (AOA) for Continuing the Efficient Transportation Decision Making Process (ETDM) Process in Florida Between U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) dated June 8, 2009

Dear Mr. Overton and Mr. Blakemore:

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 a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) executed on December 14, 2016.

Consistent with Section 5.1.4 of the MOU and Section 13 of the AOA, the AOA is amended such that, FDOT will assume FHWA's responsibilities under the AOA, except for 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 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

By signing below, each party consents to the substitution of FDOT for FHWA, as described and limited above, through Amendment to the AOA, whereby FDOT assumes FHWA's role in the

Agency Operating Agreement for Continuing the Efficient Transportation Decision Making Process in Florida. The parties further agree this Amendment to the AOA may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

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