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RE: Florida Department of Transportation's Application to participate in the Surface Transportation Project Delivery Program pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §327, and Draft Memorandum of Understanding

Gentlemen:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) appreciates the opportunity afforded by Congress allowing states to assume the responsibilities of the U.S. Secretary of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and related laws. FDOT is pleased to submit the attached final application for participation in the Surface Transportation Project Delivery Program (NEPA Assignment Program) consistent with the requirements established in 23 C.F.R. 773.

The draft application was publicly noticed on April 15, 2016 for a 30-day comment period in the Florida Administrative Register and on the FDOT agency website. FDOT also sent letters to federal and state regulatory and resource agencies and Native American Tribes inviting them to comment on the draft application. Comments received and responses are included in the final application.


FDOT is committed to successfully implementing the responsibilities being requested under the NEPA Assignment Program and looks forward to finalizing the related Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). To that end, the initial draft of the MOU is enclosed and we look

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forward to its expeditious finalization. Consistent with our discussions and joint expectations, FDOT is committed to having this MOU executed on or before December 1st of this year.

FDOT appreciates the support FHWA has provided during the application process and looks forward to our continued collaboration in finalizing FDOT's assumption of the NEPA Assignment Program.

Sincerely,


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Secretary

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