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Attn: Benjamin Stewart, Transportation Compliance Review Program

RE: Cultural Resource Assessment Survey Addendum – US 41/SR 45 at CSX Grade Separation

**From S. of SR 676 to N. of SR 676
Hillsborough County, Florida
Work Program Item Segment No.: 440749-1
Federal Aid Project No.: D719-029-B**

Dear Ms. Lotane,

In January 2023, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 7 previously completed a *Cultural Resources Assessment Survey (CRAS) for the US 41/State Road (SR) 45/S. 50th Street at CSX Grade Separation Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study from South of Causeway Boulevard to North of Causeway Boulevard in Hillsborough County, Florida* (Work Program Item Segment (WPIS) No. 440749-1). The CRAS resulted in the identification of no archaeological sites and 35 historic resources, including 17 previously recorded resources and 18 newly identified resources. The previously recorded historic resources consisted of one roadway segment (8HI12129), one railway spur (8HI15054), one bridge (8HI12023), two building complexes (8HI12127 and 8HI12128), and 12 buildings (8HI12103, 8HI12105–8HI12114, and 8HI12116). The newly identified historic resources in the area of potential effects (APE) consisted of 17 structures (8HI15324–8HI15339, 8HI15375) and one mobile home park (8HI15323). As a result of the CRAS, all of the previously and newly recorded historic resources were considered National Register-ineligible. In a letter signed on February 14, 2023, the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) concurred with this recommendation and the findings of the CRAS.

The FDOT District 7 has now conducted a CRAS Addendum for the US 41/State Road (SR) 45/S. 50th Street at CSX Grade Separation PD&E Study from south of Causeway Boulevard to north of Causeway Boulevard in Hillsborough County, Florida (WPIS No. 440749-1). This CRAS Addendum includes newly proposed right-of-way (ROW) associated with minor design modifications and stormwater management facilities (three ponds and one associated outfall). The objective of this investigation is to identify any previously recorded or unrecorded cultural resources within the project APE and to assess identified resources for their eligibility for listing in the *National Register of Historic Places* (National Register) according to the criteria set forth in 36 CFR Section 60.4.

The CRAS addendum complies with Section 106 of the *National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966* (Public Law 89-665, as amended), as implemented by 36 CFR 800 -- *Protection of Historic Properties* (incorporating amendments effective August 5, 2004); Stipulation VII of the *Programmatic Agreement among the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), the Florida Division of Historical Resources (FDHR), the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), and the FDOT Regarding Implementation of the Federal-Aid Highway Program in Florida* (Section 106 Programmatic Agreement, effective March 2016, amended June 7, 2017); Section 102 of the *National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969*, as amended (42 USC 4321 et seq.), as implemented by the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) (40 CFR Parts 1500–1508); Section 4(f) of the *Department of Transportation Act of 1966*, as amended (49 USC 303 and 23 USC 138); the revised Chapters 267 and 373, *Florida Statutes (F.S.)*; and the standards embodied in the FDHR's *Cultural Resource Management Standards and Operational Manual* (February 2003), Chapter 1A-46 (*Archaeological and Historical Report Standards and Guidelines*), *Florida Administrative Code (FAC)*, and Rule 1A-32 (*Archaeological Research*), *FAC*. In addition, this report was prepared in conformity with standards set forth in Part 2, Chapter 8 (*Archaeological and Historical Resources*) of the *FDOT PD&E Manual* (effective July 1, 2020). All work also conforms to professional guidelines set forth in the *Secretary of Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archaeology and Historic Preservation* (48 FR 44716, as amended and annotated). Principal Investigators meet the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards (48 FR 44716) for archaeology, history, architecture, architectural history, or historic architecture.

The project APE was established in accordance with 36 CFR 800.16(d). The archaeological APE consisted of the footprints of the newly proposed ROW and stormwater management facilities. The historic resources APE was developed based on the improvements and took into consideration the proposed footprint of the stormwater management facilities and design modifications. The historic resources APE consisted of the footprint of the proposed ROW, ponds, and outfall; adjacent parcels to the proposed ROW for a distance of up to 150 feet; and a 150-foot buffer from the proposed ponds. For identified historic parcels which intersected the APE, historic buildings were recorded only if the buildings were located within the boundaries of the APE.

No newly or previously recorded archaeological resources were identified within the archaeological APE during the current survey. Four additional shovel tests were excavated within the archaeological APE in areas devoid of hardscape and underground utilities. No cultural material was recovered.

The historic resources survey recorded six newly identified resources including five buildings (8HI15400–8HI15404) and one mobile home park (8HI15405) within the historic resources APE for the CRAS Addendum. These six newly identified historic resources are considered National Register–ineligible under Criteria A, B, C, or D, both individually or as part of a historic district as they exhibit common architecture and design types found throughout Florida, lack known associations with significant people or events, or exhibit modifications that affect their historic physical integrity. Of the 35 historic resources addressed during the 2023 CRAS, 22 are located within the historic resources APE established for this CRAS Addendum. These include 18 buildings (8HI12103, 8HI12105, 8HI12106, 8HI12110, 8HI12113, 8HI12114, 8HI15325, 8HI15326, 8HI15328–8HI15332, 8HI15335–8HI15338, and 8HI15375), two building complexes (8HI12127 and 8HI12128), one mobile home park (8HI15323), and one road segment (8HI12129). As noted above, these resources were all determined to be National Register–ineligible by the SHPO as a result of the 2023 CRAS, and the current survey resulted in no changes to these recent determinations.

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This information is being provided in accordance with the provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended), which are implemented by the procedures contained in 36 CFR, Part 800, as well as the provisions contained in the revised Chapter 267, Florida Statutes.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 26, 2022, and executed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and FDOT.

The CRAS report is provided for your review and comment. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (813) 975-6496 or email at Lisa.Quinn@dot.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,



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Environmental Specialist IV

Enclosures: One original copy of the CRAS Addendum Report (May 2023), six FMSF forms, and one Completed Survey Log.

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The Florida State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) finds the attached Cultural Resources Assessment Survey Report complete and sufficient and concurs/ does not concur with the recommendations and findings provided in this cover letter for SHPO/FDHR Project File Number 202302849. Or, the SHPO finds the attached document contains insufficient information.

In accordance with the Programmatic Agreement among the FHWA, ACHP, FDHR, SHPO, and FDOT Regarding Implementation of the Federal-Aid Highway Program in Florida, if providing concurrence with a finding of No Historic Properties Affected for a project as a whole, or to No Adverse Effect on a specific historic property, SHPO shall presume that FHWA will proceed with a de minimis Section 4(f) finding at its discretion for the use of land from the historic property.

SHPO Comments:

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for

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State Historic Preservation Officer
Florida Division of Historical Resources

5.26.2023
Date