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December 11, 2006

Mr. Donald J. Skelton
District Seven Secretary
Florida Department of Transportation
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Tampa, Florida 33612

Attention: Mr. Waddah Farah

Subject: Amendment to the Environmental Assessment (EA) with Finding of No Significant
Impact (FONSI), SR 39, from I-4 to U.S. 301

Federal-Aid Project Nos.: 3211 (4)

FIN: Nos.: 255099 1 & 256289 1

Hillsborough and Pasco Counties

Dear Mr. Skelton:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has reviewed and concurs with your September 11, 2006, letter to amend our November 14, 2000, partial Location and Design Acceptance (LDA) letter for the subject project limits. With this letter we are granting full LDA approval of SR 39 from I-4 Road to U.S.-301, excluding the following roadway and bridge sections:

1. I-4 to Knight-Griffin Road,
2. Blackwater Creek Bridges and Approaches and,
3. Central Avenue to Chancey Road.

The sections excluded above were approved for LDA when the Environmental Assessment for the project limit was approved in November 2000. In November 2000, it was our understanding that most of the project limits between Knight-Griffin Road and U.S.-301, were not included in a cost feasible Long Range Transportation Plan. It is our understanding from staff, that the EA limits are now included in a cost feasible plan.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this approval, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

For: David C. Gibbs
Division Administrator

cc: Mr. Rick Adair FDOT, District Seven



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September 11, 2006

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Attention: Mr. Marvin L. Williams, Urban Transportation Engineer

RE: FP No. 255099 1 & 256289 1
FAP No. F-321-1(4)
S.R. 39 from I-4 to U.S. 301, Hillsborough and Pasco Counties

Dear Mr. Gibbs:

On Nov. 14, 2000 the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) granted approval of the Location and Design Concept Acceptance (LDA) for portions of the subject Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study. (See attached letter from James E. St. John, FHWA's Division Administrator to Jeraldo Comellas.) The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) requested the partial LDA, even though the PD&E Study evaluated the entire corridor in detail, because the remainder of the project was not included in the cost feasible Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) at that time.

FDOT now would like to amend the original request and ask that FHWA grant approval of the LDA for the remainder of the S.R. 39 corridor. Reason for this request is, that the SR 39 corridor is undergoing rapid development. Under FDOT's public-private partnership policy, we want to be in the position to provide developers approved plans should they want to participate in constructing parts of the facility.

If you need additional information, please contact me at 813-975-6455 or by e-mail at gabor.farkasfalvy@dot.state.fl.us. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gabor I. Farkasfalvy
Project Manager

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Cc: B. Clifford, W. Farah, K. Bogen

Attachment