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Mr. Robert F. Bendus
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Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Attention: Transportation Compliance Review Program

RE: WPI Segment No.: 415348-1
     Westshore Regional Multimodal Center
     Hillsborough County

Dear Mr. Bendus:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Seven is conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study to determine the configuration, benefits, costs, and impacts of developing and operating a Westshore Regional Multimodal Center (WRMC) within the Westshore Business District area of Tampa, Florida. This is a state funded study that will result in a State Environmental Impact Report (SEIR). The WRMC will be a central hub for public and private local and regional transportation services, including: rail, buses, taxis, hotel shuttles, bicyclists and pedestrians. Plans for the multimodal center may include a park-and-ride facility, bus layover zone, auto drop-off and pick-up facilities, operations control center, operator lounges, police substation, convenience store (as a part of the WRMC joint development effort), public restrooms, and a customer service center that could provide information about local and regional public and private transportation services and to purchase transit passes. Based on the PD&E Study, Site C has been identified as the Recommended Site. Site C would be a part of a redevelopment of the strip of parcels north of I-275 between Trask Street and Manhattan Avenue and would utilize the parcel where Charley's Restaurant is currently located.

Enclosed for your review is a Cultural Resource Assessment Survey (CRAS) Technical Memorandum (June 2014) for the proposed Recommended Site C. Also enclosed are two original Florida Master Site File (FMSF) forms (8HI12222 and 8HI12223), one Survey Log Sheet, and a CD containing pdf files of the CRAS, FMSF forms, Survey Log Sheet and jpg files of the FMSF photos. The Area of Potential Effect (APE) for archaeological resources has been defined as the land within Site C. The APE for historic resources extends to include

properties immediately adjacent to Site C to take into account potential indirect effects such as visual and access.

Based on background research and due to the extensive disturbance associated with the development history of Site C, no archaeological subsurface testing was conducted at Site C. Based on background research and historic resources field survey, two historic structures (8HI12222 and 8HI12223) were identified and recorded. These are typical commercial buildings constructed in the 1960s and do not appear to meet the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

This information is being provided in accordance with the provisions contained in the revised Chapter 267, Florida Statutes. Provided you approve the recommendations and findings in this letter, please provide concurrence that the proposed project will have no effect on archaeological sites or historic resources that are listed or eligible for listing in the NRHP. If you have any questions, please contact me at (813) 975-6456 or todd.bogner@dot.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

Todd Bogner
Cultural Resources Coordinator

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Enclosure

cc: Robin Rhinesmith, FDOT; Kimberly Warren, Atkins; Rebecca Spain Schwarz, Atkins

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The Florida Division of Historical Resources Director/State Historic Preservation Officer finds the attached Cultural Resource Assessment Survey Technical Memorandum complete and sufficient and concurs ✓/ does not concur ___ with the recommendations and findings provided in this cover letter for SHPO/DHR Project File Number 2014-2488.

Comments:

/s/
Robert F. Bendus, Director   Date 6/26/14
Division of Historical Resources
and State Historic Preservation Officer