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September 22, 2017

Re: Tampa Interstate Study (TIS)
Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)
I-275 from the Howard Frankland Bridge to north of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard
and I-4 from I-275 to east of 50th Street
Work Program Item Segment Number: 258337-2
and
Northwest (Veterans) Expressway Design Change Reevaluation
From north of Cypress Street to north of Independence Parkway
Work Program Item Segment Number: 258736-1
Hillsborough County, Florida
Alternatives Public Workshop & Section 106 Historic Resources Information Meeting

Dear Property Owners, Business Owners, and Interested Persons:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Seven, invites you to attend and participate in a public workshop for the above referenced studies. FDOT is holding this public workshop on two separate dates and locations to allow for maximum participation. The information at each workshop will be identical. The dates and locations are as follows:

Date:	October 9, 2017	October 10, 2017
Place:	Tampa Marriott Westshore 1001 N. Westshore Blvd. Tampa, FL 33607	Hilton Tampa Downtown 211 N. Tampa St. Tampa, FL 33602
Time:	4 p.m. – 7 p.m.	4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Hilton Tampa Downtown Parking: Fort Brooke Garage, 107 North Franklin Street, Tampa, FL 33607. Whiting Street entrance. From the parking garage take the elevator to the third floor and use the walk over bridge to One City Center and the Hilton Hotel. Parking voucher will be provided at workshop sign-in table.

RESCHEDULED

Historic Resources Information Meeting

I-275 from the Howard Frankland Bridge to north of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and I-4 from I-275 to east of 50th Street
WPI Segment Number: 258337-2

The purpose of this meeting is to provide information to residents, local public officials, and interested persons and organizations relative to the process and schedule for identifying and evaluating historic resources, determining significant historic properties, and eventually evaluating potential impacts to significant historic properties.



The purpose of this workshop is to involve the public in the preparation of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) that will be prepared for the Tampa Interstate Study (TIS). The SEIS will focus on the downtown Tampa and Westshore interchanges, and the section of I-275 between those areas. The SEIS is a fresh look at the long-standing plan to improve and modernize Tampa's interstate system, originally called the TIS. The workshop will also serve as an opportunity for the public to provide comments on the design changes to the Northwest Expressway as part of the Northwest (Veterans) Expressway Design Change Reevaluation.

Please understand this is an informal meeting, not a public hearing, and the first of several to be included throughout the process. The meetings will be held in an informal open house format. There will be no formal presentation. During the meeting, representatives of the FDOT will be available to discuss the process, answer questions, and receive comments specific to these studies. Written or emailed comments not received at the meeting must be postmarked or emailed by October 31, 2017 to be included in the official meeting record. Written comments can be mailed to: Ashley Henzel, P.E., PD&E Senior Project Manager, Florida Department of Transportation, MS 7-500, 11201 N. McKinley Drive, Tampa, FL, 33612, or emailed to: Ashley.Henzel@dot.state.fl.us. See the map on the first page showing the meeting locations.

A Historic Resources Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Alternatives Workshop. This meeting was rescheduled due to hurricane Irma. The purpose of this meeting is to provide information to residents, local public officials, and interested persons and organizations relative to the process and schedule for identifying and evaluating historic resources, determining significant historic properties, and eventually evaluating potential impacts to significant historic properties.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act to participate in this informational meeting, or persons who require translation services (free of charge) are asked to notify the agency at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting by contacting: Chris Speese, at Christopher.Speesee@dot.state.fl.us, (800) 226-7220 or (813) 975-6405.

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 FDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 14, 2016 and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.

Comuníquese con nosotros: Nos importa mucho la opinión del público sobre el proyecto. Si tiene preguntas o comentarios, o simplemente desea más información, por favor comuníquese con nosotros. Nuestra representante en español es: Lilliam Escalera, Lilliam.Escalera@dot.state.fl.us or (813) 975-6445.

If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, (800) 955-8771 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (Voice).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kirk Bogen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kirk" being more prominent than the last name "Bogen".

Kirk Bogen, P.E.

District Seven Environmental Management Engineer

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