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Attn: Transportation Compliance Review Program

**RE: Cultural Resource Assessment Survey  
Project Development and Environment Study (PD&E)  
SR 70 from Lorraine Road to CR 765/Waterbury Road  
Manatee County, Florida  
FPID No.: 414506-2-22-01; ETDM: 14263**

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Dear Dr. Parsons:

A Cultural Resource Assessment Survey (CRAS) was performed within the area of potential effect (APE) for the SR 70 project in Manatee County, Florida. This study was performed to evaluate the proposed widening of 6.1 miles of State Road (SR) 70 from Lorraine Road (MP 9.478) to County Road (CR) 675/Waterbury Road (MP 15.567), including one regional pond site, three Floodplain Compensation (FPC) sites, and seven roundabouts. Within the limits of this study, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is evaluating one project build alternative and three project segments: Segment A extends from Lorraine Road to east of Greenbrook Boulevard, Segment B extends from east of Greenbrook Boulevard to Bourneside Boulevard, and Segment C extends from Bourneside Boulevard to the eastern project limit at CR 675. The proposed action is to increase the capacity of the existing two-lane undivided roadway by widening it to a four or six-lane divided roadway

The archaeological APE was defined as the footprint of the proposed improvements within the existing and proposed right-of-way (ROW) for the SR 70 corridor and the area contained within the one regional pond and three FPC sites; and the historic/architectural APE was defined as the archaeological APE and adjacent parcels.

This CRAS was conducted in accordance with the requirements set forth in 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 investigations were carried out in accordance with Part 2, Chapter 8 (Archaeological and Historical Resources) of the FDOT's PD&E Manual, FDOT's Cultural Resources Manual, and the standards contained in the Florida Division of Historical Resources (FDHR) Cultural Resource Management Standards and Operations Manual (FDHR 2003). In addition, this survey meets the specifications set forth in Chapter 1A-46, Florida Administrative Code.

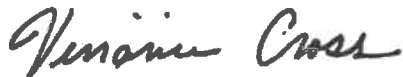
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Background research revealed that no archaeological sites were previously recorded within or adjacent to the APE and the background research also suggested the project had a low potential for aboriginal site occurrence. No historic period archaeological sites were expected. In addition, the APE is highly disturbed with ditches, fill, utilities, and pavement; thus, the likelihood of finding intact cultural resources was considered low.

Historical background research indicated that portions of three previously recorded historic linear resources (50 years of age or older) are within the project APE: 8MA01814, a segment of an abandoned rail bed once associated with the East & West Coast Railway, 8MA01815 (the Lakewood Ranch Canal #2), and 8MA01816 (the Lakewood Ranch Canal #3). Portions of 8MA01814 have been determined eligible for listing in the NRHP by the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO); however, the portions of railbed adjacent and within the APE was determined not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) by the SHPO. In addition, 8MA01815 and 8MA01816 were also determined not eligible for listing in the NRHP by the SHPO. Background research did reveal that portions of SR 70 have been recorded in Manatee County and determined not eligible for listing in the NRHP; but the segment of SR 70 within the APE has not been recorded. Thus, 8MA01906 was updated to reflect the segment of SR 70 within the APE. This portion of SR 70 also does not appear to be eligible for listing in the NRHP.

Based on the results of the background research and field survey, there are no significant historic or prehistoric archaeological sites or historic resources within the APE. Thus, it appears that the proposed undertaking will have no effect on any NRHP listed, determined eligible, or potentially eligible resources within the APE.

The CRAS Report is provided for your review and comment. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 863.519.2805 or [vivianne.cross@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:vivianne.cross@dot.state.fl.us).



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Enclosures: One original copy of the CRAS (April 2019); One FMSF Form, 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 ~~2019-3278AN~~. Or, the SHPO finds the attached document contains  insufficient information.  2016-3278 C

SHPO Comments:


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State Historic Preservation Officer  
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5/29/2019  
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