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> DHR Project File No.: 2025-0396, Received by DHR: January 21, 2025 Project: *Hillsborough River Bridge Expansion, Leroy Selmon Expressway* County: Hillsborough

Dear Mr. White:

The Florida State Historic Preservation Officer reviewed the referenced project for possible effects on historic properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the *National Register of Historic Places*. The review was conducted in accordance with Section 106 of the *National Historic Preservation Act of 1966*, as amended, and its implementing regulations in *36 CFR Part 800: Protection of Historic Properties*. This project is subject to compliance with the United States Coast Guard (USCG).

Based on the information provided, it is the opinion of this office that the proposed project will have no effect on historic properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the NRHP. However, the permit, if issued, should include the following special condition regarding unexpected discoveries:

- If prehistoric or historic artifacts, such as pottery or ceramics, projectile points, dugout canoes, metal implements, historic building materials, or any other physical remains that could be associated with Native American, early European, or American settlement are encountered at any time within the project site area, the permitted project shall cease all activities involving subsurface disturbance in the vicinity of the discovery. The applicant shall contact the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, Compliance Review Section at (850)-245-6333. Project activities shall not resume without verbal and/or written authorization.
- In the event that unmarked human remains are encountered during permitted activities, all work shall stop immediately and the proper authorities notified in accordance with Section 872.05, Florida Statutes.

If you have any questions, please contact Michael DuBose, Historic Preservationist, by email at <u>Michael.DuBose@dos.fl.gov</u> or by telephone at 850.245.6342.

Sincerely,

Alissa Lotane Director, Division of Historical Resources & State Historic Preservation Officer



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