Florida Department of Transportation
PROJECT REEVALUATION FORM

I. GENERAL INFORMATION (originally approved document)

a. Reevaluation Phase:  Design Change
b. Document Type and Date of Approval:  Minor Type II Categorical Exclusion, approved Feb. 25, 2014
c. Project Numbers:  
   N/A  Pending  434688-1  N/A
   State  Federal Aid  Financial Project  Work Program
d. Project Local Name, Location and Limits: UniversityCity Prosperity Project, SW 109th Avenue from SW 10th Street (ECS Building) to SW 6th Street in Miami-Dade County.
e. Segments of Highway Being Advanced: SW 109th Avenue from approximately 700 ft south of SW 10th Street (Green Library) to SW 6th Street in Miami-Dade County.
f. Project Segment Planning Consistency: An Administrative Modification to the TIP showing the minor change to the project’s limits was approved on May 14, 2014. The STIP Modification Report will be updated automatically from the FDOT’s work program. See below and Appendix 1 for TIP/STIP details including the signed Administrative Modification.

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Name of Analyst(s): Steven Craig James, RLA – District Environmental Administrator
II. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

The above environmental document has been reevaluated as required by 23 CFR 771 or the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Manual of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). Through the reevaluation, it was determined that no substantial changes have occurred to the social, economic, or environmental impacts of the proposed action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment. Therefore, the original Administrative Action remains valid.

It is recommended that the project identified herein be advanced to the next phase of project development.

REVIEWER SIGNATURE BLOCK

[Signature]
District Intermodal Systems Development Manager

5/16/14 
Date

III. FHWA (or Lead Federal Agency) CONCURRENCE BLOCK

[Signature]
Federal Highway Administration, Division Administrator

5/11/14 
Date
## IV. CHANGES IN IMPACT STATUS OR DOCUMENT COMPLIANCE

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### D. PHYSICAL IMPACTS
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V. EVALUATION OF MAJOR DESIGN CHANGES AND REVISED DESIGN CRITERIA

The Minor Type II Categorical Exclusion (Type II MiCE) document for this project was approved on February 25, 2014. This project reevaluation documents the relocation of the pedestrian bridge currently being advanced since the originally approved Type II MiCE. The major design changes as shown on Figure 1 include the following:

1. Relocation of New Pedestrian Bridge: The proposed pedestrian bridge has been relocated to the west side of the SW 109th Avenue vehicular bridge to avoid conflicts with South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) canal maintenance requirements for the Tamiami (C-4) Canal. In addition, the pedestrian bridge landing is now located on the south side of the Tamiami Canal and a widened sidewalk will be constructed on the west side of the SW 109th Avenue vehicular bridge to facilitate the movement of pedestrian traffic. The SW 109th Avenue vehicular bridge will not be widened and the lane configuration on the vehicular bridge will remain the same as originally proposed. (See Figure 1)

2. Addition of Plaza on South Side of Tamiami Canal: The installation of the pedestrian bridge landing on the south bank of the Tamiami Canal will require a bulkhead along the canal’s southern embankment to level the walking surface and provide sufficient space for the landing stairs/elevators. The bulkhead will be constructed at the canal bank toe of slope at the request of SFWMD to match future bulkheading of the canal and is not expected to impact the conveyance of the canal. (See Figure 2)

3. Extension of project limit within the Florida International University (FIU) campus: To account for improved pedestrian movements, the southern project limit has been extended to the south along a corridor to the Green Library from SW 10th Street within the FIU campus. This expanded area has been reviewed for all potential National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) concerns and there has been no change to impact status as a result of this proposed additional work since the approved Type II MiCE.

The proposed project has been determined to be consistent with both the City of Sweetwater's Department of Community Affairs (DCA)-approved Local Government Comprehensive Plans in accordance with Chapter 163, Florida Statutes (F.S.) and FIU’s University Campus Master Plan in accordance with Chapter 1013.30, F.S. The proposed project was also determined to be consistent with local government plans including the Miami-Dade County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for fiscal years 2014-2018. The TIP project listing is described as pedestrian overpass. It is listed as Priority I on the TIP Priority List with funding for the Design, Right of Way, and Construction phases with state and federal funds. The City of Sweetwater also supports the project as stated in a resolution dated July 1, 2013. The project is included in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) with a total cost estimated at $15,372,903 (See Appendix 1 for TIP/STIP details). There have been no changes to the project’s consistency since the approved document.

VI. MITIGATION STATUS AND COMMITMENT COMPLIANCE

No mitigation is required for this project. The following commitments were made as part of this project:

a. Coordination with regulatory agencies will occur to obtain permits for the project from the SFWMD, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), and Miami-Dade County
Regulatory and Economic Resources (RER) for construction within the right-of-way and water quality impacts. Status: Several meetings and discussions have taken place with FDOT and SFWMD on the project requirements and coordination with the regulatory agencies is ongoing. Permits are to be acquired by the Design/Build firm during the design development phase.

b. The US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Eastern Indigo Snake Protection Measures and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Standard Manatee Conditions for In-Water Work will be included into the contract documents and the Contractor will be required to adhere to these conditions during construction. Status: This commitment will be included in the Design/Build Request for Proposal (RFP).

c. Staging areas and/or off-site pond areas will be reviewed for all NEPA related issues during final design. Status: To be reviewed during the Design/Build process.

d. Current National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) criteria and Best Management Practices will be implemented to avoid impacts to water quality and impacts to existing wetlands and surface waters located within and outside the project limits. Status: Water Quality requirements to be included in the Design/Build RFP. The NPDES Permit is to be acquired by the Design/Build firm prior to construction.

e. During the design-build phase, the need for Level II testing will be evaluated for all sites ranked as Medium or High contamination risk. Status: To be evaluated during the Design/Build process.

f. Maintenance of traffic and sequence of construction will be planned and scheduled so as to minimize traffic delays throughout the project. Status: To be reviewed during the Design/Build process.

g. Historic Resources Commitments

FIU will coordinate with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)/State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) during the design process to allow the SHPO the opportunity to review and comment on the pedestrian bridge design plans. Recognizing that the project alternatives have not been fully developed and that the SHPO has requested additional reviews of the proposed pedestrian bridge design in relation to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-Eligible Sweetwater Bridge (8DA3294), FIU will implement all reasonable measures to avoid adverse impacts to the Sweetwater Bridge during the development of the new pedestrian bridge. These measures shall include:

- Provide the SHPO the opportunity to review and comment on the schematic, 75% (design development), and 90% plans for the new pedestrian bridge. Status: SHPO reviewed the original conceptual plans. With the relocation of the proposed pedestrian bridge, potential impacts to the historic bridge have been minimized and additional reviews are no longer necessary.

- Provide the SHPO the opportunity to participate in the design charrette for the new pedestrian bridge. Status: SHPO participated in the February 19, 2014 Design Charrette prior to the relocation of the proposed pedestrian bridge.
During the Design Phase the following considerations shall be taken into account:

- Ensure that the design of the new pedestrian bridge is sympathetic in design, scale, and massing of the Sweetwater Bridge (8DA3294). Status: This will be a consideration during the Design/Build review process but the relocation of the proposed pedestrian bridge minimizes any potential impact to the Sweetwater Bridge.

- Avoid any adverse visual impacts on the Sweetwater Bridge (8DA3294) from the new pedestrian bridge. Status: This will be a consideration during the Design/Build review process but the relocation of the proposed pedestrian bridge minimizes any potential impact to the Sweetwater Bridge.

- Consider re-using or integrating the Sweetwater Bridge (8DA3294) as part of the proposed pedestrian bridge. Status: The relocation of the proposed pedestrian bridge west of SW 109th Avenue does not allow for the integration of the Sweetwater Bridge as part of the proposed pedestrian bridge; however, the Sweetwater Bridge is planned to be used as an integral part of the Memorial Plaza as a pedestrian crossing over the Tamiami Canal to a proposed bus shelter.

- Avoid any design that would have direct impacts to the Sweetwater Bridge (8DA3294). Status: This will be a consideration during the Design/Build review process but the relocation of the proposed pedestrian bridge avoids any direct impacts to the Sweetwater Bridge. Safety and functional improvements to the Sweetwater Bridge will be performed under a separate contract through the City of Sweetwater.

During the construction phase the following methods shall be used to avoid impacts:

- Implement low-vibratory construction methods to avoid damaging the Sweetwater Bridge. Status: This will be a consideration during the Design/Build review process and a requirement in the RFP for the selected Design/Build firm to follow.

- Implement staging in a way that will avoid impacting the Sweetwater Bridge. Status: This will be a consideration during the Design/Build review process and a requirement in the RFP for the selected Design/Build firm to follow.

VII. PERMITS STATUS

As previously identified, the following permits will need to be applied for in association with this project:

1. **South Florida Water Management District**: A Right of Way permit was issued to Miami-Dade County Department of Public Works on June 9, 1994 (Permit Number 10107)
authorizing the relocation of the existing wooden bridge and construction of a new vehicular bridge over the Tamiami (C-4) Canal. As a co-applicant with Miami-Dade County, modification of this permit will be required for construction of the new pedestrian bridge. An Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) may also be required for modifications to the stormwater drainage system.

2. **Miami-Dade County Regulatory and Economic Resources**: A Class II Water Quality Permit was issued to the City of Sweetwater for stormwater improvements between SW 112th Avenue and SW 107th Avenue and SW 8th Street and West Flagler Street (Permit Number CLII-20120045). Modification of the drainage system will require a modification of this permit.

3. **Florida Department of Environmental Protection**: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Notice of Intent to use Construction Generic Permit (CGP).

4. **Florida Department of Transportation**: Right of Way Permit for construction over FDOT right of way.

In addition, permits and/or approvals will be required from Miami-Dade County Department of Public Works for any modifications to the SW 109th Avenue vehicular bridge and a Section 408 review will be required from the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for potential modifications of the Tamiami (C-4) Canal since it was constructed as part of the USACE Central and South Florida (C&SF) federal flood control project.
Figure 1. Site Location Map

University City Prosperity Project
Site Location Map

Legend
- Tiger Grant Extents
- Roadway
- James M. Beasley Linear Park
- Future University Improvements
- Pedestrian Bridge (Proposed)

City of Sweetwater
Miami-Dade Co., FL

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[8]
A. SOCIAL

A.1 LAND USE CHANGES

There has been no change in the land use impact status as a result of proposed additional work. The impact determination remains No Involvement for Land Use Changes.

A.2 COMMUNITY COHESION

There has been no change in community cohesion impact status as a result of proposed additional work. The impact determination remains None for Community Cohesion.

A.3 RELOCATION POTENTIAL

There has been no change in relocation potential impact status as a result of proposed additional work. The impact determination remains None for Relocation Potential.

A.4 COMMUNITY SERVICES

There has been no change in community services impact status as a result of proposed additional work. The impact determination remains None for Community Services.

A.5 TITLE VI CONSIDERATIONS

There has been no change in Title VI Considerations impact status as a result of proposed additional work. The impact determination remains None for Title VI Considerations.

A.6 CONTROVERSY POTENTIAL

There has been no change in controversy potential impact status as a result of proposed additional work. The impact determination remains None for Controversy Potential.

A.7 UTILITIES AND RAILROADS

There has been no change in utilities and railroads impact status as a result of proposed additional work. The impact determination remains Not Significant for Utilities and Railroads.

B. CULTURAL

B.1 SECTION 4(F)

The relocation of the proposed pedestrian bridge associated with the project allows for the landing of the bridge on the south side of the Tamiami Canal which will avoid impacts to the James M. Beasley Linear Park from the pedestrian bridge. Widening of the sidewalk on the north side of SW 7th Terrace west of the SW 109th Avenue vehicular bridge is proposed but no work west of the vehicular bridge would occur within the linear park on the south side. On the
east side of SW 109th Avenue, the proposed Memorial Plaza would still extend into the limits of the existing linear park that will enhance bicycle and pedestrian access to the park by providing a connection to the City’s complete streets improvements.

The proposed extension of the Memorial Plaza would include the installation of hardscape over the existing artificial turf and asphalt path. This activity is considered an enhancement to the park facility and would continue to provide the same level of access to and use of the park for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Previous coordination with FHWA resulted in an Exception to Section 4(f) for the proposed work in the linear park, under 23 CFR 774.13(g)(1)&(2) due to the proposed enhancements to the park. Since the proposed work within or adjacent to the linear park has been reduced, the impact determination remains None for Section 4(f).

The extension of the project to the Green Library within the FIU campus was also evaluated for Section 4(f) applicability, and the function and designation of the area adjacent to the proposed project corridor does not qualify as a recreational facility. The origin of the lake at the Green Library dates to the excavation of fill for the Green Library in 1975. Since removal of the fill, the area has served as a stormwater retention pond. In accordance with the FIU Campus Master Plan (January 20, 2014), the area is designated as “Multi-use Open Space” which is defined as “areas that are not programmed and intended for a variety of activities and users”. Therefore, it does not function as a park and is not a designated recreational facility. A letter attesting to this designation and use has been provided by FIU (see Appendix 2).

**B.2 Historic Sites**

The previous historic resources survey resulted in the identification of a total of seven historic resources within the historic resources Area of Potential Effect (APE). The historic resources consist of one canal, one roadway, one bridge, and four buildings. The canal (8DA6453) and roadway (8DA6510) were previously recorded, while the bridge (8DA3294) and four buildings (8DA13869–8DA13872) were newly identified.

One of the previously recorded historic resources, Tamiami Canal (8DA6453), has been determined eligible for inclusion in the National Register by the SHPO. The second previously recorded historic resource, Tamiami Trail (8DA6510), within the current project APE is not considered eligible for the National Register on an individual basis or as part of the overall Tamiami Trail Historic Linear Resource due to extensive non-historic alterations which compromise historic integrity.

One additional resource, Sweetwater Bridge (8DA3294), was considered eligible for inclusion in the National Register. The Sweetwater Bridge was also locally designated as a Miami-Dade County Historic Site in 1984. The four remaining historic resources (8DA13869–8DA13872) are all considered ineligible for inclusion in the National Register, either individually or as part of a historic district.
Due to the presence of resources eligible for inclusion in the National Register, coordination with the SHPO was conducted in order to be compliant with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and Section 106 (16 U.S.C. 470). The proposed project was determined to have no adverse effect on the National Register-eligible Tamiami Canal. Although the canal will not be crossed by the new pedestrian bridge, the landing of the new bridge will be placed on the southern embankment along with a retaining wall. These improvements will not affect the canal to such a degree that it can no longer convey its significance in the areas of engineering, and its integrity will not be notably compromised.

Although the Sweetwater Bridge is significant historically for its role in the development of the City of Sweetwater, it is functionally obsolete and the bridge has little architectural or engineering significance. The bridge continues to convey its simple appearance and the bridge continues to cross the Tamiami Canal, but the integrity of its setting has evolved and the historic setting is no longer visible.

A finding of no adverse effect to the historic bridge was approved on January 17, 2014 by FHWA and SHPO concurred on January 24, 2014 conditioned upon a number of commitments identified in the Type II MiCE. On April 3, 2014, FHWA forwarded a graphic showing the new pedestrian bridge location to SHPO with the request that SHPO concur with FHWA’s finding of no adverse effect. SHPO’s office concurred with FHWA’s finding of no adverse effect in an e-mail dated April 4, 2014 (Appendix 3). The impact determination remains Not Significant for Historic Sites.

B.3 ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES

There has been no change in archaeological sites impact status as a result of proposed additional work. The impact determination remains No involvement for archaeological sites.

B.4 RECREATIONAL AREAS

The James M. Beasley Linear Park is the only recreational facility within the study area. This linear park is located along the north bank of the Tamiami Canal (C-4) and SW 7th Terrace between the Homestead Extension of Florida’s Turnpike (HEFT) and SW 107th Avenue. The linear park is owned and maintained by the City of Sweetwater. Although the relocation of the proposed pedestrian bridge now allows for the landing of the bridge on the south side of the Tamiami Canal, a portion of the Memorial Plaza still extends into the limits of the existing linear park to enhance bicycle and pedestrian access to the park by providing a connection to the pedestrian bridge and the City’s complete streets improvements. Widening of the sidewalk on the north side of SW 7th Terrace west of the SW 109th Avenue vehicular bridge is proposed but no work west of the vehicular bridge would occur within the linear park on the south side.

The proposed extension of the Memorial Plaza would include the installation of hardscape over the existing artificial turf and asphalt path. This activity is considered an enhancement to the park facility and would continue to provide the same level of access to and use of the park for pedestrians and bicyclists. The Mayor of the City of Sweetwater previously issued a letter stating the City’s support and agreement to the proposed enhancements to the linear park.
The function and designation of the area adjacent to the proposed extension of the project to the Green Library within the FIU campus does not qualify as a recreational facility. The origin of the lake at the Green Library dates to the excavation of fill for the Green Library in 1975. Since removal of the fill, the area has served as a stormwater retention pond. In accordance with the FIU Campus Master Plan (January 20, 2014), the area is designated as “Multi-use Open Space” which is defined as “areas that are not programmed and intended for a variety of activities and users”. Therefore, it does not function as a park and is not a designated recreational facility.

No existing recreational areas will be negatively impacted by the proposed project and the impact determination remains None for Recreational Areas.

**B.5 Pedestrian/Bicycle Facilities**

There has been no change in pedestrian/bicycle facilities impact status as a result of proposed additional work. The proposed project continues to enhance these opportunities and the impact determination remains None for Pedestrian/Bicycle Facilities.

**C. Natural**

**C.1 Wetlands**

Potential wetland areas within the study area were evaluated using existing information such as aerial photography and SFWMD and National Wetland Inventory (NWI) land use mapping, coupled with groundtruthing. The Tamiami (C-4) Canal provides minimal littoral habitat because it is frequently maintained and has steep side slopes and is not defined as a wetland by US Department of Transportation Order 5660.1A or 33 CFR 328.3(b) or as defined by the USACE in administering the Section 404 permit program.

The proposed improvements would involve construction of a bulkhead along the embankment of the Tamiami (C-4) Canal in the vicinity of the bridge landing on the south side to level the walking surface and provide sufficient space for the landing stairs/elevators. The bulkhead will be constructed at the canal bank toe of slope to match future SFWMD bulkheading of the canal. Although no wetlands were identified within the project area; Other Surface Waters (OSW) would be impacted; therefore, the impact determination has been changed from No Involvement to None for wetlands.

Potential water quality impacts resulting from construction along the embankment will be controlled in accordance with best management practices as required by the FDEP via the NPDES Program, such as floating turbidity barriers along the canal bank to contain any potential discharge of sedimentation or turbidity.
C.2 **AQUATIC PRESERVES**

There has been no change in Aquatic Preserves impact status as a result of proposed additional work. The impact determination remains *No Involvement* for Aquatic Preserves.

C.3 **WATER QUALITY**

There has been no change in water quality impact status as a result of proposed additional work. The impact determination remains *None* for Water Quality.

C.4 **OUTSTANDING FLORIDA WATERS**

There has been no change in Outstanding Florida Waters impact status as a result of proposed additional work. The impact determination remains *No Involvement* for Outstanding Florida Waters.

C.5 **WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS**

There has been no change in Wild and Scenic Rivers impact status as a result of proposed additional work. The impact determination remains *No Involvement* for Wild and Scenic Rivers.

C.6 **FLOODPLAINS**

As previously indicated, the proposed improvements would involve construction of a bulkhead along the southside of the embankment of the Tamiami (C-4) Canal. The C-4 Canal was constructed as part of the USACE Central and South Florida (C&SF) federal flood control project. The bulkhead will be constructed at the canal bank toe of slope and is not expected to impact the conveyance of the canal or its capacity to carry floodwater. SFWMD has indicated in an April 4, 2014 letter to FIU that the proposed improvements are permittable in this location (Appendix 4). The USACE will review the project under the 33 C.S.C. Section 408. Depending on the intensity of the proposed work on a C&SF facility, either a minor or major engineering review is required. It is anticipated that a minor review would be conducted for this project and permitted by the District Engineer. The impact determination remains *None* for Floodplains.

C.7 **COASTAL ZONE CONSISTENCY**

There has been no change in Coastal Zone Consistency impact status as a result of proposed additional work. The impact determination remains *None* for Coastal Zone Consistency.

C.8 **COASTAL BARRIER ISLANDS**

There has been no change in Coastal Barrier islands impact status as a result of proposed additional work. The impact determination remains *No Involvement* for Coastal Barrier islands.

C.9 **WILDLIFE AND HABITAT**

There has been no change in wildlife and habitat impact status as a result of proposed additional work. The impact determination remains *Not Significant* for Wildlife and Habitat.
C.10  **Essential Fish Habitat**

There has been no change in Essential Fish Habitat impact status as a result of proposed additional work. The impact determination remains *No Involvement* for Essential Fish Habitat.

C.11  **Farmlands**

There has been no change in farmlands impact status as a result of proposed additional work. The impact determination remains *No Involvement* for Farmlands.

C.12  **Visual/Aesthetics**

There has been no change in visual/aesthetics impact status as a result of proposed additional work. The impact determination remains *None* for Visual/Aesthetics.

D. **Physical**

D.1  **Noise**

There has been no change in noise impact status as a result of proposed additional work. The impact determination remains *No Involvement* for Noise.

D.2  **Air**

There has been no change in air quality impact status as a result of proposed additional work. The impact determination remains *No Involvement* for Air Quality.

D.3  **Construction**

There has been no change in construction impact status as a result of proposed additional work. The impact determination remains *None* for Construction.

D.4  **Contamination**

There has been no change in contamination impact status as a result of proposed additional work. The impact determination remains *Not Significant* for Contamination.

D.5  **Navigation**

There has been no change in navigation impact status as a result of proposed additional work. The impact determination remains *No Involvement* for Navigation.
APPENDIX 1

Planning Consistency Information
Mrs. Irma San Roman, Executive Director,
Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization
111 Northwest 1st Street, Suite 920
Miami, Florida 33128

Subject: Administrative Modification to the FY 2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Disclose Minor Adjustments to the Limits of the FIU University City Prosperity Project, FM 4346881

Dear Mrs. San Roman,

The Department requests your approval of an administrative modification to the FY 2014 TIP to disclose minor adjustments to the limits of the FIU University City Prosperity Project, FM 4346881.

The project has received funding under the federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant program and was added to the 2035 LRTP and FY 2014 TIP by way of amendments to those documents on February 20, 2014, Resolution #01-14. Recently, it was determined that minor adjustments to the project limits were necessary to provide connectivity for pedestrians along a project corridor from SW 10th Street to the Green Library on the FIU Campus. Presently, there is no connectivity from south of the Engineering and Computer Science (ECS) Building to the Green Library.

The Department coordinated with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to review the change to the project against the criteria which would trigger a TIP/STIP amendment. FHWA has concurred that the minor adjustment can be disclosed by an administrative modification since it will not result in a change in project capacity, type of work, priority order of the project in the TIP/STIP/LRTP, nor will any other project be negatively impacted.

Please acknowledge your approval of this administrative modification by signing in the space provided at the end of this letter and returning same to our office. Please keep a copy for your records. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and please contact me if you have any questions at (305) 470-5464.

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Mrs. San Roman  
Administrative TIP Modification  
FM 4346881  
May 14, 2014  
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Please acknowledge your approval of this administrative modification by signing in the space provided at the end of this letter and returning same to our office. Please keep a copy for your records. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and please contact me if you have any questions at (305) 470-5464.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Harold Desdunes, P.E.  
District Director of Transportation Development

Approved:

[Signature]

Irma San Roman  
Executive Director,  
Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Kenneth Jessell, Ph. D., Florida International University  
Carlos Roa, Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Gus Pego, P.E., Florida Department of Transportation  
Debora Rivera, P.E., Florida Department of Transportation  
Carl Filer, P.E., Florida Department of Transportation  
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STIP Amendments

Fiscal Year: 2014
STIPS Listed: Ready for Signature
STIP Amendment #: 14-08

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Transportation Improvement Program Amendment FY2013/14 - 2017/18
** This STIP is in an MPO Area **

STIP Amendment Number: 14-08
TIP Page Number: 487

On Thursday, February 20, 2014, the MiamiDade MPO Metropolitan Planning Organization amended the Transportation Improvement Program that was developed and adopted in compliance with Title 23 and Title 49 in a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process as a condition to the receipt of federal assistance. By signature below, the MPO representative certifies that the TIP amendment was adopted by the MPO Board as documented in the supporting attachments. This amendment will be subsequently incorporated into the MPOs TIP for public disclosure.

The amendment does not adversely impact the air quality conformity or financial constraints of the STIP.

The STIP Amendment is consistent with the Adopted Long Range Transportation Plan. (Page Number 4-58)

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Metropolitan Planning Organization Chairman or Designee

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Federal Highway Authorization

STIP amendment criteria:

A - The change adds new individual projects to the current STIP

An air conformity determination must be made by the MPO on amended projects within the non-attainment or maintenance areas

E - The MPO is not in an air quality non-attainment or maintenance area.

### Project Name
*FIU University City Prosperity Project FM# 434688-1*

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NOTE: ** 3 Attached documents found **

- [434688-1 AGN.PDF (Size: 204 Kbytes)]
- [434688-1 TIP.PDF (Size: 20 Kbytes)]
- [434688-1 LRTP.PDF (Size: 522 Kbytes)]

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INFONET
RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) AND THE FY 2014 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) TO ADD THE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY (FIU) UNIVERSITY CITY PROSPERITY PROJECT, FM #434688-1

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement creating and establishing the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Miami Urbanized Area requires that the MPO provide a structure to evaluate the adequacy of the transportation planning and programming process; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Planning Council (TPC) has been established and charged with the responsibility and duty of fulfilling the aforementioned functions; and

WHEREAS, the TPC has reviewed the amendment to the LRTP and TIP, made a part hereof and finds it consistent with the goals and objectives of the Transportation Plan for the Miami Urbanized Area,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA, that the attached amendment to the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the FY 2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the Florida International University (FIU) University City Prosperity Project, FM #434688-1 is hereby approved.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was moved by Board Member Juan C. Zapata. The motion was seconded by Board Member Sally A. Heyman, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa-Aye
Vice Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III - Absent

Board Member Bruno A. Barreiro - Aye
Board Member Lynda Bell - Aye
Board Member Esteban Bovo Jr. - Absent
Board Member Jose "Pepe" Diaz - Absent
Board Member Audrey M. Edmonson - Aye
Board Member Maurice Ferre - Aye
Board Member Perla Tabares Hantman - Aye
Board Member Carlos Hernandez - Absent
Board Member Sally A. Heyman - Aye
Board Member Barbara J. Jordan - Aye
Board Member Philip Levine - Absent
Board Member Dennis C. Moss - Aye
Board Member Jeff Porter - Aye
Board Member Javier D. Souto - Absent
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The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this 20th day of February, 2014.
Date: February 10, 2014

To: Honorable Chairwoman Rebecca Sosa and Members
MPO Governing Board

From: Irma San Roman, Chairperson
Transportation Planning Council

Subject: Amendment to the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the FY 2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): Addition of the FIU University City Prosperity Project

RECOMMENDATION

The Transportation Planning Council (TPC) recommends approval of an amendment to the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the current Fiscal Year 2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the Florida International University (FIU) University City Prosperity Project, FM #434688-1.

BACKGROUND

The proposed amendment will add $11,397,120.00 in federal TIGER Grant funds and $1,000,000.00 from the Transportation Alternatives Program. Additionally, these federal funds will be matched with local and state support dollars in the amount of $2,975,783.00 for a grand total funding package of $15,372,903.00. These TIGER funds will be used to construct a new pedestrian bridge over SW 8th Street which is a busy arterial road and will provide support to an innovative package of technology, streetscaping and transit improvements that will connect the City of Sweetwater to the FIU South campus. It also will link two portions of the campus that are currently disconnected. These infrastructure improvements will support the economic growth of a major public research university and an adjacent small city.

Attached is correspondence from FDOT District 6 providing additional information.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

The proposed amendment will add $15,372,903.00 to the TIP for the subject project. These funds include: $11,397,120.00 in federal TIGER Grant funds, $1,000,000.00 from the Transportation Alternatives Program and $3,975,783.00 in Local (FIU and City of Sweetwater) and State matched funds. The total project cost is estimated at $123,397,120.00. No other projects in the TIP will be negatively affected by this amendment.

TRACK RECORD/MONITOR

This item is sponsored by FDOT District 6 and Mr. Harold Desdunes, Director of Transportation Development, is responsible for monitoring this project.
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Board Member Barbara J. Jordan -

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this 20th day of February, 2014.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
M.P.O.

By _____________________________
Zainab Salim, Clerk
MPO
December 23, 2013

Ms. Irma San Roman, Executive Director
Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization
111 Northwest 1st Street, Suite 920
Miami, Florida 33128

Subject: Amendment to 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the FY 2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the FIU University City Prosperity Project, FM# 434688-1

Dear Ms. San Roman,

The Department requests an amendment to the adopted 2035 LRTP and the 2014 TIP to add the FIU University City Prosperity Project, FM# 434688-1.

The project will facilitate transit use and safety pedestrian-oriented transit access via an advanced and comprehensive electronic wayfinding system. Also, the project will provide complete streets improvement along SW 109 Avenue from SW 10 Street (Engineering & Computer Building) to SW 6 Street, and a pedestrian-oriented, shared-use bridge across SR 90/US 41/SW 8 Street.

The funding for this project became available through the federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) and the Transportation Alternatives (TALU) Program. The federal funds are being matched locally and with State support dollars. No other project will be negatively impacted by this amendment.

The proposed project description in the usual LRTP and TIP forms are attached. The Department appreciates your expeditious handling of this request. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and if you have any questions, please contact me at (305) 470-5464.

Sincerely,

Harold Desdunes, P.E.
District Director of Transportation Development

www.dot.state.fl.us
Attachment

cc:  Karen Brunelle, Federal Highway Administration
     Stacie Blizzard, Federal Highway Administration
     Kenneth Jessell, Ph.D., Florida International University
     Carlos Roa, Metropolitan Planning Organization
     Gus Pego, P.E., Florida Department of Transportation
     Debora Rivera, P.E., Florida Department of Transportation
     Carl Filer, P.E., Florida Department of Transportation
     Aileen Boucle, AICP, Florida Department of Transportation
     Linda Glass Johnson, Florida Department of Transportation
     Phil Steinmiller, Florida Department of Transportation
Date Submitted: 12/23/13  Submitted by: Harold Desdunes, P.E.

Project Current LRTP Priority: N/A  Origin of Request: FDOT

Project Title: FIU University City Prosperity Project

Project Estimated Cost: $15,372,903

Amendment Proposed: Add Project to the adopted 2035 LRTP as Priority I

Change to Existing LRTP Project:  Addition of New LRTP Project: Yes

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Justification for the Amendment: Funds became available through the federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program and the Transportation Alternatives (TALU) Program for the above project to facilitate transit use and safe pedestrian-oriented transit access via an advanced and comprehensive electronic wayfinding system. The federal funds are being matched locally and with State support dollars. Also, the project will provide complete streets improvement along SW 109 Avenue from SW 10 Street (Engineering & Computer Science Building) to SW 6 Street, and a pedestrian-oriented, shared-use bridge across SR 90/US 41/SW 8 Street.

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Project ID#: 434688-1  Submitted by: Harold Desdunes, P.E.

Project Title: FIU University City Prosperity Project

Project Estimated Cost: 15,372,903

Project Description (brief): Funds became available through the federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program and the Transportation Alternatives (TALU) Program for the above project to facilitate transit use and safe pedestrian-oriented transit access via an advanced and comprehensive electronic wayfinding system. The federal funds are being matched locally and with State support dollars. Also, the project will provide complete streets improvement along SW 109 Avenue from SW 10 Street (Engineering & Computer Science Building) to SW 6 Street, and a pedestrian-oriented, shared-use bridge across SR 90/US 41/SW 8 Street.

Project Schedule (include Year funding requested; estimated completion or implementation date): Funding requested for FY 2013-2014 and 2014-2015, Estimated completion date: April 2017

Project Source of Local Matching Funds: Local Funds by Florida International University and City of Sweetwater

Project Environmental Action Type and Status: Minor Type II Categorical Exclusion

Date of Environmental Assessment (EA) or expected EA approval Date: N/A

If a capital project, provide 2035 LRTP Page Reference: N/A

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Florida International University

DATE: 11/08/2013

SCALE: 0-450

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY - MM CAMPUS
SITE PLAN ANALYSIS
FILE: WPRODOAM-UNIVERSITY CITY PROSPERITY PROJECT SITE
**MIAMI-DADE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**
**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

**Agency Requesting Amendment:** FDOT

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**MPO Project Num:** UT4346881  
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**District:** 6

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**Project Description:** FIU University City Prosperity Project  
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**RESPONSIBLE AGENCY:** Managed by FDOT

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* FDOT Support  
** TALU: Transportation Alternative- Federal funds
MEETING OF THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2014 AT 2:00 PM

MPO GOVERNING BOARD

STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER
111 NW FIRST STREET
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

AGENDA

1. ROLL CALL
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. ACTION ITEMS
   A. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM(S)
   1. AMENDMENT TO THE 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) AND THE FY 2014 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP): ADDITION OF THE FIU UNIVERSITYCITY PROSPERITY PROJECT
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**RESPONSIBLE AGENCY:** Managed by FDOT

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APPENDIX 2

FIU 4(f) Coordination Letter
May 9, 2014

Steven Craig James  
District Environmental Administrator  
Intermodal Systems Development Office  
Florida Department of Transportation, District Six  
Adam Leigh Cann Building  
1000 NW 111th Avenue, Room 6109  
Miami, Florida 33172

RE: Re-Evaluation Request

Dear Mr. James:

Please accept this letter from Florida International University (FIU) confirming that no elements of the proposed work associated with the University City Prosperity Project at the FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus are within a designated recreational area.

Regarding the significance of the FIU campus area adjacent to the Green Library for purposes of Section 4(f) applicability, we have evaluated the function and designation of the area and determined that the land in question does not qualify as a recreational facility. In accordance with the FIU Campus Master Plan (January 20, 2014), the area is designated as “Multi-Use Open Space” which is defined as “areas that are not programmed and intended for a variety of activities and users” (see attached excerpt from the plan).

The origin of the lake at the Green Library dates to the excavation of fill for the Green Library in 1975. After removal of the fill, the area has served as a stormwater retention pond. Therefore, it does not function as a park and is not a designated recreational facility.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact my office at 305-348-2101.

Sincerely,

Kenneth A. Jessell, Ph.D.  
Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer
8.0 RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT

Developing new recreational facilities and fields, as well as enhancing existing open space, remains an important aspect of campus design. As full-time student enrollment increases, there an increased demand for both adequate housing and access to recreation fields and open space. These facilities also provide a critical benefit to commuting students. Whether for passive, informal, club sports, intercollegiate or intramural activities, students need these amenities to remain connected to the University (see Element 8.1: Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Element 8.2: Engineering Center and Element 8.3: Biscayne Bay Campus for the location of recreational facilities and open space).

The 2020 Campus Master Plan Update identifies the need for additional on-campus recreation facilities as well as the improvement and preservation of significant open space to support the projected growth in student enrollment. Due to the increasing pressure at Modesto A. Maidique to use its available land for academic facilities, active recreational activities are limited to the western edge of campus. These are, in turn, experiencing yet further constraints due to the pressure for additional support facilities. This has forced the University to limit its long-range growth in on-campus recreation and look for off-campus joint use facilities. Negotiations with Miami-Dade County for possible joint use of Tamiami Park and Miami-Dade Youth Fair and Exposition property should remain as a constant tool for additional recreational facilities. FIU should continue to work with the Miami-Dade County Parks Recreation and Open Spaces regarding recreation and open space needs for both the University and Miami-Dade County. Underutilized open space at the Engineering Center should be converted to recreational fields as a short term solution.

Biscayne Bay Campus has available land to accommodate its growing student population’s desire and need for recreation and athletic facilities. Recreational fields and facilities should be located at the northern portion of the campus while the southern portion remains multi-purpose open space with additional fields and facilities located south of the Magnet School.

The 2020 Open Space Concept Plan (See Element 8.1 Modesto A. Maidique Campus, 8.2 Engineering Center and 8.3 Biscayne Bay Campus) identifies six categories of open space including:

- Multi-purpose open space
- Athletics
- Special purpose landscape
- Recreational open space
- Courtyard/plaza and
- Campus gateways

Recreational space refers to structured recreation and athletic spaces. Multi-purpose open space refers to areas that are not programmed and intended for a variety of activities and users. Special Purpose Landscapes refer to open spaces that can be used for teaching or research. Campus Gateways aim to create a landmark entrance into campus and denote
primary entrance locations. The remaining categories of spaces include those which are integral to the surrounding built campus environment. (Refer to Figures 16.1 Modesto A. Maidique, 16.2 Engineering Center and 16.3 Biscayne Bay Campus for greater definition of the open space category.)

Open spaces on each campus have been created to become an integral part of the overall urban design campus plan. Development that would encroach on these open spaces is discouraged in order that the natural resources of each campus are protected. Architectural and landscape design guidelines will ensure that appropriate open spaces, plazas and gathering spaces are provided with all new construction.

**GOAL 1:** Protect, enhance and develop adequate recreation facilities and open space amenities necessary to serve projected student enrollments.

**Objective 1.1** Meet Demand for Quality and Quantity of Recreation Facilities: Coordinate public and private resources to ensure the timely and efficient provision of recreation facilities to meet projected needs.

**Policy 1.1.1** UNIVERSITY-WIDE
Assess the needs of the students for on-campus recreational fields and facilities. Recreational fields displaced by new construction will be replaced either on FIU property or in partnership with the community.

**Policy 1.1.2** Ensure that adequate open and recreation space is provided beyond Miami-Dade County standards. Utilize guidelines and criteria set forth by either FIU peers or NIRSA Standards for large urban universities.

**Policy 1.1.3** Phase and time development of open space improvements consistent with 14.0 Capital Improvement.

**Policy 1.1.4** MODESTO A. MAIDIQUE CAMPUS
Discussions for the modification of the stadium and its use will include input from MDPR and Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**Policy 1.1.5** To address the needs of the projected student growth and lack of developable land on campus, investigate FIU expansion to Miami-Dade Youth Fair and Exposition property to house needed recreation facilities.

**Policy 1.1.6** Renovate and improved roadways to incorporate Florida's DOT standards for to bike lanes and lane dimensions. Connect to bicycle and pedestrian routes developed by host communities. Promote bicycle, pedestrian and mass transit connectivity between the university community and recreational facilities.
Policy 1.1.7  ENGINEERING CENTER
Given the need for additional recreation facilities, land that is currently underutilized in the northeast corner of campus should be utilized for the creation of needed recreational fields and support facilities.

Policy 1.1.8  BISCAYNE BAY CAMPUS
Cluster new and relocated athletic and fields and facilities in the northeast corner of the campus. Additional multi-purpose fields and tennis courts should be located south of the Magnet School. Develop joint use agreements with the proposed Magnet School for the softball field.

Policy 1.1.9  Preserve multi-purpose, pedestrian, open space and bike paths along Biscayne Bay. Strengthen the character and quality of informal open space.

Policy 1.1.10  Strengthen public venues along the bay. Develop an amphitheater adjacent to the Kovens Center and a dock next to the proposed Wildlife Center.

Objective 1.2  Develop Signature and Sustainable Open Space:
Protect and/or enhance present open space resources.

Policy 1.2.1  UNIVERSITY-WIDE
Select sites for infrastructure and academic and support facilities, which are designed to strengthen the viability and character of campus open space.

Policy 1.2.2  Maintain densities and intensities for the development of the campus which maximize the retention of open space. These densities and intensities are established in 4.0 Land Use Element.

Policy 1.2.3  Maintain the Campus Master Plan figure/ground relationships and urban design framework for the purpose of designating and creating high quality and diverse landscaped open space.

Policy 1.2.4  Protect designated landscaped open spaces from development and create an interconnected framework of malls, quadrangles, courtyards, plazas and open space.

Policy 1.2.5  Create, enhance and maintain new and existing primary entry points into campus with identifiable, signature campus gateways (see 16.0 Landscape Design Guidelines Element).
Policy 1.2.6 MODESTO A. MAIDIQUE CAMPUS
Any development within the Preserve, as indicated by Table 14.1: Capital Improvement Plan, will be coordinated with the most recent development study of the Preserve. FIU will coordinate with Miami-Dade County DERM biologists as appropriate or required by law. Protected areas will be integrated within the existing wooded areas, with sensitively placed buildings, paths, seating areas, interpretative displays and amenities. Wooded areas will be retained for the benefit of existing species, to provide shelter and for their natural characteristics.

The Preserve will continue to be used for teaching and outdoor recreation purposes. Past design charrettes conducted by FIU, along with recent additions and alteration to those recommendations, provide a plan for utilizing the Preserve for these and other uses.

Policy 1.2.7 Maintain and enhance streetscapes along SW 8th Street and SW 107th Street to brand the campus perimeter and to provide additional pedestrian and vehicular separation (see 16.0 Landscape Design Guidelines Element).

Policy 1.2.8 Coordinate with Miami-Dade County Parks Recreation and Open Spaces for the joint utilization of open space to meet recreation and open space needs.

Policy 1.2.9 ENGINEERING CENTER
Enhance existing open space along SW 107th Avenue with additional streetscaping and the creation of a campus gateway.

Policy 1.2.10 Enhance open space bordering West Flagler Street with the creation of a campus gateway and streetscape.

Policy 1.2.11 Create an enhanced transit stop with one articulated and one regular bus stop with covered seating and landscape along SW 107th Avenue to allow for enhanced connectivity to public transportation.

Policy 1.2.12 Utilize existing open space to form an interior quadrangle around which to organize future academic and research facilities.

Policy 1.2.13 Establish a north/south pedestrian spine to connect Flagler, existing buildings and potential development to the north.

Policy 1.2.14 Preserve setbacks and open around the Wall of Wind to provide protection from research activities.
Policy 1.2.15  BISCAYNE BAY CAMPUS
Protect environmentally sensitive and bayfront open spaces from
development encroachment. Strictly enforce placement of future
buildings, parking, infrastructure and other man-made improvements
consistent with the land use plan.

Coordinate closely with the City of North Miami and Miami-Dade
County's Department of Environmental Protection (DERM) on any
future campus development

Policy 1.2.16  Enhance key symbolic campus open spaces including the main entry
into campus, to the north and south of Academic One and Two/Wolfe
University Center and to the east of the Conference Center (see 16.0
Landscape Design Guidelines Element).
APPENDIX 3

SHPO Coordination
Colin Henderson

Subject: FW: FIU Sweetwater 106 Addendum

From: Jones, Ginny L. [mailto:Ginny.Jones@DOS.MyFlorida.com]
Sent: Friday, April 04, 2014 11:40 AM
To: Cathy.Kendall@dot.gov
Cc: Jorge.Rivera@dot.gov; Jackson, Roy; James, Steven C.; Culhane, Barbara J
Subject: RE: FIU Sweetwater 106 Addendum

Cathy – The SHPO concurs with FHWA’s finding of no adverse effect based on the new project proposal illustrated in the attachment.

If you should have any questions about our concurrence, please contact me.

Ginny Jones

Architectural Historian | Bureau of Historic Preservation | Division of Historical Resources | Florida Department of State | 500 South Bronough Street | Tallahassee, Florida 32399 | 850.245.6333 | 1.800.847.7278 | Fax: 850.245.6439 | Ginny.Jones@dos.myflorida.com | www.flheritage.com

From: Cathy.Kendall@dot.gov [mailto:Cathy.Kendall@dot.gov]
Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2014 5:44 PM
To: Jones, Ginny L.
Cc: Jorge.Rivera@dot.gov; Roy.Jackson@dot.state.fl.us; Steven.James@dot.state.fl.us; Barbara.Culhane@dot.state.fl.us
Subject: FIU Sweetwater 106 Addendum

Ginny,

As discussed with you previously, FIU has revised the location of their new pedestrian bridge. The revised location will be located away from the historic pedestrian bridge, and will completely span the historic canal. The map in the attachment illustrates this new location.

As we discussed in our phone conversations, FHWA finds that the proposed relocation would have no adverse effect on resources on or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Your office provided an opinion of a conditional no adverse effect on the previous project proposal on January 24, 2014. Please let me know that you concur with FHWA’s finding on the revised proposal of no adverse effect.

This request is in accordance with the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

If there are additional materials that you need for your concurrence determination, please let me know.
Cathy Kendall
Senior Environmental Specialist
FHWA - FL, PR and VI
545 John Knox Road, Suite 200
Tallahassee, FL 32303
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APPENDIX 4

SFWMD Coordination
LAN 08-02
1010/C-4

April 4, 2014

Mr. Stuart M. Grant, Facilities Planning Coordinator
Florida International University
MMC Campus, CSC 142C
11555 SW 17th Street
Miami, Florida 33199

Dear Mr. Grant:

Subject: University City Prosperity Project, Pedestrian Bridge

This letter will acknowledge receipt of the current drawing (plan view) depicting the location of the proposed pedestrian bridge cross over Tamiami Trail (SW 8th Street) and located outside the District’s right of way limits. I’ve attached a copy of the drawing for reference purposes.

Since meeting on several different occasions to discuss the District’s access requirements, the current location of the bridge appears to be the best solution as it no longer has an effect on the District’s Routine/Emergency Canal Operation and Maintenance activities and also accomplishes Florida International Universities (FIU) mission to allow their students to crossing Tamiami Trail safely, therefore, the District favors the current proposed location of the bridge.

With regard to the crossing being located outside the District’s jurisdiction, it will no longer require the issuance of a SFWMD Right of Way Occupancy Permit, unless, the design incorporates stabilization such as, bulkheading or other encroachments that may be proposed within the District’s north or south right of way of C-4, then only that portion of the project would require a permit. Specific details regarding the installation of a bulkhead wall would need to addressed, but it is a permittable installation. In addition to a Right of Way Permit review, a 408 review by the USACOE would be required.
We appreciate all the coordination on this project with FIU, as we feel it was essential that a mutual agreement resulted in a project that would work for the University and this Agency.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Beverly Miller
Right of Way Permitting
South Florida Water Management District

/bm
Attachments

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