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Attn: Ms. Alyssa McManus, Transportation Compliance Review Program

RE: Cultural Resource Assessment Survey
SR 5 (US 17/ N. Main Street) from Airport Center Drive to Max Leggett Parkway
Duval County, Florida
Financial Management No.: 209411-9

Dear Ms. Lotane,

Enclosed please find one copy of the report titled *Cultural Resource Assessment Survey for SR 5 (US 17/ N. Main Street) from Airport Center Drive to Max Leggett Parkway Duval County, Florida*. This report presents the findings of a cultural resource assessment survey (CRAS) conducted in support of the proposed improvements to SR 5 (US 17/ N. Main Street) in Duval County, Florida. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District 2, is proposing improvements to SR 5 (US 17/ N. Main Street) from Airport Center Drive north to Max Leggett Parkway. The project also includes road reconstruction and the widening of SR 5 from two to four lanes along the length of the corridor. This project is locally funded for construction in 2026.

The project Area of Potential Effects (APE) was defined to include the existing right-of-way and was extended to the back or side property lines of parcels adjacent to the project or a distance of no more than 330 feet from the existing right-of-way. The archaeological survey was limited to the project construction area (i.e. the existing right-of-way) and the architectural history survey included the entire APE.

This CRAS was conducted in accordance with Chapter 267 of the Florida Statutes and Rule Chapter 1A-46, Florida Administrative Code and Section 267.12, Florida Statutes, Chapter 1A-32. All work was performed in accordance with Part 2, Chapter 8 of FDOT's PD&E Manual (revised July 2023), FDOT's Cultural Resources Management Handbook, and the standards stipulated in the Florida Division of Historical Resources' (FDHR) Cultural Resource Management Standards & Operations Manual, Module Three: Guidelines for Use by Historic

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Preservation Professionals. The Principal Investigator for this project meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation (48 FR 44716-42).

The archaeological survey included one negative and 4 shovel tests within SR 5 (US 17) right-of-way. Buried utilities precluded the excavation of subsurface tests along most of the corridor though subsurface testing was conducted at the pond locations. Three shovel tests were conducted within the associated pond footprints and one in the northern end of the corridor. No artifacts were recovered, and no archaeological sites or occurrences were identified within the APE. SEARCH recommends no further archaeological survey in support of the proposed SR 5 improvements.

The architectural history survey resulted in the evaluation of 13 historic resources, 10 historic buildings and three resource groups. Nine previously recorded resources were determined to have been demolished or removed since the original forms were recorded with the FMSF (8DU16130, 8DU16132, 8DU16137, 8DU16138, 8DU16139, 8DU16140, 8DU16144, 8DU16145, 8DU16146). The extant resources within the APE included two buildings and two linear resources. Resources 8DU16142 and 8DU14163, the two buildings, lack the architectural distinction and significant historical associations necessary to be considered for listing in the NRHP and are recommended ineligible. Resources 8DU21308 and 8DU21309, the linear resources, have segments that are recommended as ineligible for listing in the NHRP, there is insufficient information to make an evaluation of eligibility for the resources as a whole. Therefore, they were presumed eligible for listing in the NRHP for the purposes of this project only. No existing or potential historic districts were identified. No further architectural history survey is recommended. No existing or potential historic districts were identified. No further architectural history survey is recommended.

SEARCH recommends that this project will result in No Adverse Effect to historic properties. No further cultural resources work is recommended.

I respectfully request your concurrence with the findings of the enclosed report.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact Ian Pawn at (386) 961-7886.

Sincerely,

Ian Pawn, Ph.D.
Cultural Resources Coordinator

cc: Terri Newman, Environmental Administrator, FDOT
Lindsay Rothrock, OEM

The Florida Division of Historical Resources finds the attached Cultural Resource Assessment Report complete and sufficient and ☐ concurs / ☐ does not concur with the determinations of historic significance provided in this cover letter and ☐ does / ☐ does not find applicable the determinations of effects provided in this cover letter for SHPO/FDHR Project File Number _____.

FDHR Comments:

Alissa S. Lotane, Director

Date

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