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TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings and County Commissioners

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DIVISION: Engineering Division

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval and execution of 1) State of Florida Department of Transportation Utility Work by Highway Contractor Agreement (at Utility Expense) Financial Project ID: 444980-1-56-04/444980-1-66-04 by and between the State of Florida Department of Transportation and Orange County; 2) Appendix: "Changes to Form Document;" and 3) Three Party Escrow Agreement for SR 91 Turnpike Taft-Vineland Interchange in the amount of \$3,804,941.89. District 3. (Engineering Division)

PROJECT: N/A

PURPOSE: The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is constructing improvements to State Road 91 Turnpike at Taft-Vineland Road Interchange and the County utility facilities must be relocated because they are in direct conflict with the proposed roadway improvements. Florida Statutes require Utility/Agency Owners to pay relocation costs for their facilities in the public right-of-way.

To optimize project execution, FDOT's construction contractor will perform the County's utility work within the project limits. The Utility Work by Highway Contractor Agreement (At Utility Expense) for FDOT Financial Project ID 444980-1-56-04/444980-1-66-04 SR 91 Turnpike at Taft-Vineland Interchange and Appendix: "Changes to Form Document" (Agreement) authorizes FDOT to include the County's necessary utility work in FDOT's highway construction contract. The County's work consists of removal of approximately 3,255 linear feet of existing 4-inch to 8-inch diameter PVC force mains and installation of approximately 5,000 linear feet of 8-inch PVC force main.

The total amount associated with utility relocations that the County is financially responsible for is \$3,804,941.89. This includes an estimated construction cost of \$3,308,645.12; a 5% administration fee of \$165,432.26; and a 10% contingency of \$330,864.51. The administration fee and contingency are required by the Agreement. The Three Party Escrow Agreement stipulates the premises and covenants under which an escrow account is established for the project.

The County Attorney's Office and Risk Management Division reviewed the agreement and find it acceptable as to form. Utilities Department staff recommends approval.

BUDGET: N/A

BCC Mtg. Date: November 18, 2025

Financial Project ID: 444980-1-56-04	Federal Project ID: N/A
Financial Project ID: 444980-1-66-04	
Financial Project ID:	
Financial Project ID:	
County:	State Road No.: 91
District Document No: 1	
Utility Agency/Owner (UAO): Orange County, a charter county and political subdivision of FL	

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into this 6th day of January, year of 2026, by and between the **STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**, hereinafter referred to as the "FDOT", and **Orange County, a charter county and political subdivision of FL**, hereinafter referred to as the "UAO";

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the **FDOT**, is constructing, reconstructing, or otherwise changing a portion of a public road or publicly owned rail corridor, said project being identified as FPID 444980-1-52-04/ 444980-2-52-04 SR 91 Turnpike @ Taft Vineland Interchange, State Road No.: 91, hereinafter referred to as the "Project"; and

WHEREAS, the **UAO** owns or desires to install certain utility facilities which are located within the limits of the Project hereinafter referred to as the "Facilities" (said term shall be deemed to include utility facilities as the same may be relocated, adjusted, installed, or placed out of service pursuant to this Agreement); and

WHEREAS, the Project requires the location (vertically and/or horizontally), protection, relocation, installation, adjustment or removal of the Facilities, or some combination thereof, hereinafter referred to as "Utility Work"; and

WHEREAS, the **FDOT** and the **UAO** desire to enter into a joint agreement pursuant to Section 337.403(1)(b), Florida Statutes for the Utility Work to be accomplished by the **FDOT's** contractor as part of the construction of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the **UAO**, pursuant to the terms and conditions hereof, will bear certain costs associated with the Utility Work;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants contained herein, the **FDOT** and the **UAO** hereby agree as follows:

1. Design of Utility Work

- a. **UAO** shall prepare, at **UAO's** sole cost and expense, a final engineering design, plans, technical special provisions, a cost estimate, and a contingency Utility Work Schedule (said contingency schedule to be used in the case of a bid rejection) for the Utility Work (hereinafter referred to as the "Plans Package") on or before March 31, year of 2026.
- b. The Plans Package shall be in the same format as the **FDOT's** contract documents for the Project and shall be suitable for reproduction.
- c. Unless otherwise specifically directed in writing, the Plans Package shall include any and all activities and work effort required to perform the Utility Work, including but not limited to, all clearing and grubbing, survey work and shall include a traffic control plan.
- d. The Plans Package shall be prepared in compliance with the **FDOT's** Utility Accommodation Manual and the **FDOT's** Design Manual in effect at the time the Plans Package is prepared, and the **FDOT's** contract documents for the Project. If the **FDOT's** Design Manual has been updated and conflicts with the Utility Accommodation Manual, the Utility Accommodation Manual shall apply where such conflicts exist.

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- e. The technical special provisions which are a part of the Plans Package shall be prepared in accordance with the **FDOT's** guidelines on preparation of technical special provisions and shall not duplicate or change the general contracting provisions of the **FDOT's** Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction and any Supplemental Specifications, Special Provisions, or Developmental Specifications of the **FDOT** for the Project.
- f. **UAO** shall provide a copy of the proposed Plans Package to the **FDOT**, and to such other right of way users as designated by the **FDOT**, for review at the following stages: Phase II, Phase III, and Final . Prior to submission of the proposed Plans Package for review at these stages, the **UAO** shall send the **FDOT** a work progress schedule explaining how the **UAO** will meet the **FDOT's** production schedule. The work progress schedule shall include the review stages, as well as other milestones necessary to complete the Plans Package within the time specified in Subparagraph a. above.
- g. In the event that the **FDOT** finds any deficiencies in the Plans Package during the reviews performed pursuant to Subparagraph f. above, the **FDOT** will notify the **UAO** in writing of the deficiencies and the **UAO** will correct the deficiencies and return corrected documents within the time stated in the notice. The **FDOT's** review and approval of the documents shall not relieve the **UAO** from responsibility for subsequently discovered errors or omissions.
- h. The **FDOT** shall furnish the **UAO** such information from the **FDOT's** files as requested by the **UAO**; however, the **UAO** shall at all times be and remain solely responsible for proper preparation of the Plans Package and for verifying all information necessary to properly prepare the Plans Package, including survey information as to the location (both vertical and horizontal) of the Facilities. The providing of information by the **FDOT** shall not relieve the **UAO** of this obligation nor transfer any of that responsibility to the **FDOT**.
- i. The Facilities and the Utility Work will include all utility facilities of the **UAO** which are located within the limits of the Project, except as generally summarized as follows: N/A. These exceptions shall be handled by separate arrangement.
- j. If any facilities of the **UAO** located within the project limits are discovered after work on the project commences to be qualified for relocation at the **FDOT's** expense, but not previously identified as such, the **UAO** shall file a claim with the **FDOT** for recovery of the cost of relocation thereof. The filing of the claim shall not necessarily entitle the **UAO** to payment, and resolution of the claim shall be based on a determination of fault for the error. The discovery of facilities not previously identified as being qualified for relocation at the **FDOT's** expense shall not invalidate this Agreement.
- k. The **UAO** shall fully cooperate with all other right of way users in the preparation of the Plans Package. Any conflicts that cannot be resolved through cooperation shall be resolved in the manner determined by the **FDOT**.
- l. Upon completion of the Utility Work, the Facilities shall be deemed to be located on the public road or publicly owned rail corridor under and pursuant to the Utility Permit: Pending
(*Note: It is the intent of this line to allow either attachment of or separate reference to the permit.*)

2. Performance of Utility Work

- a. The **FDOT** shall incorporate the Plans Package into its contract for construction of the Project.
- b. The **FDOT** shall procure a contract for construction of the Project in accordance with the **FDOT's** requirements.
- c. If the portion of the bid of the contractor selected by the **FDOT** which is for performance of the Utility Work exceeds the **FDOT's** official estimate for the Utility Work by more than ten percent (10%) and

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the **FDOT** does not elect to participate in the cost of the Utility Work pursuant to Section 337.403(1)(b), Florida Statutes, the **UAO** may elect to have the Utility Work removed from the **FDOT's** contract by notifying the **FDOT** in writing within five (5) business days from the date that the **UAO** is notified of the bid amount. Unless this election is made, the Utility Work shall be performed as part of the Project by the **FDOT's** contractor.

- d. If the **UAO** elects to remove the Utility Work from the **FDOT's** contract in accordance with Subparagraph 2. c., the **UAO** shall perform the Utility Work separately pursuant to the terms and conditions of the **FDOT's** standard relocation agreement, the terms and conditions of which are incorporated herein for that purpose by this reference, and in accordance with the contingency relocation schedule which is a part of the Plans Package. The **UAO** shall proceed immediately with the Utility Work so as to cause no delay to the **FDOT** or the **FDOT's** contractor in constructing the Project.
- e. The **UAO** shall perform all engineering inspection, testing, and monitoring of the Utility Work to insure that it is properly performed in accordance with the Plans Package, except for the following activities: N/A and will furnish the **FDOT** with daily diary records showing approved quantities and amounts for weekly, monthly, and final estimates in accordance with the format required by **FDOT** procedures.
- f. Except for the inspection, testing, monitoring, and reporting to be performed by the **UAO** in accordance with Subparagraph 2. e., the **FDOT** will perform all contract administration for its construction contract.
- g. The **UAO** shall fully cooperate with the **FDOT** and the **FDOT's** contractor in all matters relating to the performance of the Utility Work.
- h. The **FDOT's** engineer has full authority over the Project and the **UAO** shall be responsible for coordinating and cooperating with the **FDOT's** engineer. In so doing, the **UAO** shall make such adjustments and changes in the Plans Package as the **FDOT's** engineer shall determine are necessary for the prosecution of the Project.
- i. The **UAO** shall not make any changes to the Plans Package after the date on which the **FDOT's** contract documents are mailed for advertisement of the Project unless those changes fall within the categories of changes which are allowed by supplemental agreement to the **FDOT's** contract pursuant to Section 337.11, Florida Statutes. All changes, regardless of the nature of the change or the timing of the change, shall be subject to the prior approval of the **FDOT**.

3. Cost of Utility Work

- a. The **UAO** shall be responsible for all costs of the Utility Work and all costs associated with any adjustments or changes to the Utility Work determined by the **FDOT's** engineer to be necessary, including, but not limited to the cost of changing the Plans Package and the increase in the cost of performing the Utility Work, unless the adjustments or changes are necessitated by an error or omission of the **FDOT**. The **UAO** shall not be responsible for the cost of delays caused by such adjustments or changes unless they are attributable to the **UAO** pursuant to Subparagraph 4.a.
- b. The initial estimate of the cost of the Utility Work is \$3,804,941.89. At such time as the **FDOT** prepares its official estimate, the **FDOT** shall notify the **UAO** of the amount of the official estimate for the Utility Work. Upon being notified of the official estimate, the **UAO** shall have five (5) working days within which to accept the official estimate for purposes of making deposits and for determining any possible contribution on the part of the **FDOT** to the cost of the Utility Work, or to elect to have the Utility Work removed from the **FDOT's** contract and performed separately pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in Subparagraph 2. d. hereof.
- c. At least Thirty (30) calendar days prior to the date on which the **FDOT** advertises the Project for bids, the **UAO** will pay to the **FDOT** an amount equal to the **FDOT's** official estimate; plus 5% for

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mobilization of equipment for the Utility Work, additional maintenance of traffic costs for the Utility Work, administrative costs of field work, tabulation of quantities, Final Estimate processing and Project accounting (said amounts are to be hereinafter collectively referred to as the Allowances); plus 10% of the official estimate for a contingency fund to be used as hereinafter provided for changes to the Utility Work during the construction of the Project (the Contingency Fund).

- d. Payment of the funds pursuant to this paragraph will be made (choose one):
- directly to the **FDOT** for deposit into the State Transportation Trust Fund.
 - as provided in the attached Three Party Escrow Agreement between **UAO**, **FDOT** and the State of Florida, Department of Financial Services, Division of Treasury. Deposits of less than \$100,000.00 must be pre-approved by the **FDOT** Comptroller's Office prior to execution of this agreement.
- e. If the portion of the contractor's bid selected by the **FDOT** for performance of the Utility Work exceeds the amount of the deposit made pursuant to Subparagraph c. above, then subject to and in accordance with the limitations and conditions established by Subparagraph 2. c. hereof regarding **FDOT** participation in the cost of the Utility Work and the **UAO's** election to remove the Utility Work from the Project, the **UAO** shall, within fourteen (14) calendar days from notification from the **FDOT** or prior to posting of the accepted bid, whichever is earlier, pay an additional amount to the **FDOT** to bring the total amount paid to the total obligation of the **UAO** for the cost of the Utility Work, plus Allowances and 10% Contingency Fund. The **FDOT** will notify the **UAO** as soon as it becomes apparent the accepted bid amount plus allowances and contingency is in excess of the advance deposit amount; however, failure of the **FDOT** to so notify the **UAO** shall not relieve the **UAO** from its obligation to pay for its full share of project costs on final accounting as provided herein below. In the event that the **UAO** is obligated under this Subparagraph 3.e. to pay an additional amount and the additional amount that the **UAO** is obligated to pay does not exceed the Contingency Fund already on deposit, the **UAO** shall have sixty (60) calendar days from notification from the **FDOT** to pay the additional amount, regardless of when the accepted bid is posted.
- f. If the accepted bid amount plus allowances and contingency is less than the advance deposit amount, the **FDOT** will refund the amount that the advance deposit exceeds the bid amount, plus allowances and contingency if such refund is requested by the **UAO** in writing and approved by the Comptroller of the **FDOT** or his designee.
- g. Should contract modifications occur that increase the **UAO's** share of total project costs, the **UAO** will be notified by the **FDOT** accordingly. The **UAO** agrees to provide, in advance of the additional work being performed, adequate funds to ensure that cash on deposit with the **FDOT** is sufficient to fully fund its share of the project costs. The **FDOT** shall notify the **UAO** as soon as it becomes apparent the actual costs will overrun the award amount; however, failure of the **FDOT** to so notify the **UAO** shall not relieve the **UAO** from its obligation to pay for its full share of project costs on final accounting as provided herein below.
- h. The **FDOT** may use the funds paid by the **UAO** for payment of the cost of the Utility Work. The Contingency Fund may be used for increases in the cost of the Utility Work which occur because of quantity overruns or because of adjustments or changes in the Utility Work made pursuant to Subparagraph 2. h. Prior to using any of the Contingency Fund, the **FDOT** will obtain the written concurrence of the person delegated that responsibility by written notice from the **UAO**. The delegatee shall respond immediately to all requests for written concurrence. If the delegatee refuses to provide written concurrence promptly and the **FDOT** determines that the work is necessary, the **FDOT** may proceed to perform the work and recover the cost thereof pursuant to the provisions of Section 337.403(3), Florida Statutes. In the event that the Contingency Fund is depleted, the **UAO** shall, within fourteen (14) calendar days from notification from the **FDOT**, pay to the **FDOT** an additional 10% of the total obligation of the **UAO** for the cost of the Utility Work established under Subparagraph 3. e. for future use as the Contingency Fund.

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- i. Upon final payment to the Contractor, the **FDOT** intends to have its final and complete accounting of all costs incurred in connection with the work performed hereunder within three hundred sixty (360) days. All project cost records and accounts shall be subject to audit by a representative of the **UAO** for a period of three (3) years after final close out of the Project. The **UAO** will be notified of the final cost. Both parties agree that in the event the final accounting of total project costs pursuant to the terms of this agreement is less than the total deposits to date, a refund of the excess will be made by the **FDOT** to the **UAO** in accordance with Section 215.422, Florida Statutes. In the event said final accounting of total project costs is greater than the total deposits to date, the **UAO** will pay the additional amount within forty (40) calendar days from the date of the invoice. The **UAO** agrees to pay interest at a rate as established pursuant to Section 55.03, Florida Statutes, on any invoice not paid within the time specified in the preceding sentence until the invoice is paid.

4. Claims Against UAO

- a. The **UAO** shall be responsible for all costs incurred as a result of any delay to the **FDOT** or its contractors caused by errors or omissions in the Plans Package (including inaccurate location of the Facilities) or by failure of the **UAO** to properly perform its obligations under this Agreement in a timely manner.
- b. In the event the **FDOT's** contractor provides a notice of intent to make a claim against the **FDOT** relating to the Utility Work, the **FDOT** will notify the **UAO** of the notice of intent and the **UAO** will thereafter keep and maintain daily field reports and all other records relating to the intended claim.
- c. In the event the **FDOT's** contractor makes any claim against the **FDOT** relating to the Utility Work, the **FDOT** will notify the **UAO** of the claim and the **UAO** will cooperate with the **FDOT** in analyzing and resolving the claim within a reasonable time. Any resolution of any portion of the claim directly between the **UAO** and the **FDOT's** contractor shall be in writing, shall be subject to written **FDOT** concurrence and shall specify the extent to which it resolves the claim against the **FDOT**.
- d. The **FDOT** may withhold payment of surplus funds to the **UAO** until final resolution (including any actual payment required) of all claims relating to the Utility Work. The right to withhold shall be limited to actual claim payments made by the **FDOT** to the **FDOT's** contractor.

5. Out of Service Facilities

No Facilities shall be placed out of service unless specifically identified as such in the Plans. The following terms and conditions shall apply to Facilities placed Out-of-Service:

- a. The **UAO** acknowledges its present and continuing ownership of and responsibility for out of service Facilities.
- b. The **FDOT** agrees to allow the **UAO** to leave the Facilities within the right of way subject to the continuing satisfactory performance of the conditions of this Agreement by the **UAO**. In the event of a breach of this Agreement by the **UAO**, the Facilities shall be removed upon demand from the **FDOT** in accordance with the provisions of Subparagraph e. below.
- c. The **UAO** shall take such steps to secure the Facilities and otherwise make the Facilities safe in accordance with any and all applicable local, state or federal laws and regulations and in accordance with the legal duty of the **UAO** to use due care in its dealings with others. The **UAO** shall be solely responsible for gathering all information necessary to meet these obligations.
- d. The **UAO** shall keep and preserve all records relating to the Facilities, including, but not limited to, records of the location, nature of, and steps taken to safely secure the Facilities and shall promptly respond to information requests of the **FDOT** or other permittees using or seeking use of the right of way.

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- e. The **UAO** shall remove the Facilities at the request of the **FDOT** in the event that the **FDOT** determines that removal is necessary for **FDOT** use of the right of way or in the event that the **FDOT** determines that use of the right of way is needed for other active utilities that cannot be otherwise accommodated in the right of way. Removal shall be at the sole cost and expense of the **UAO** and without any right of the **UAO** to object or make any claim of any nature whatsoever with regard thereto. Removal shall be completed within the time specified in the **FDOT's** notice to remove. In the event that the **UAO** fails to perform the removal properly within the specified time, the **FDOT** may proceed to perform the removal at the **UAO's** expense pursuant to the provisions of Sections 337.403 and 337.404, Florida Statutes.
- f. Except as otherwise provided in Subparagraph e. above, the **UAO** agrees that the Facilities shall forever remain the legal and financial responsibility of the **UAO**. The **UAO** shall reimburse the **FDOT** for any and all costs of any nature whatsoever resulting from the presence of the Facilities within the right of way. Said costs shall include, but shall not be limited to, charges or expenses which may result from the future need to remove the Facilities or from the presence of any hazardous substance or material in or discharging from the Facilities. Nothing in this paragraph shall be interpreted to require the **UAO** to indemnify the **FDOT** for the **FDOT's** own negligence; however, it is the intent that all other costs and expenses of any nature be the responsibility of the **UAO**.

6. Default

- a. In the event that the **UAO** breaches any provision of this Agreement, then in addition to any other remedies which are otherwise provided for in this Agreement, the **FDOT** may exercise one or more of the following options, provided that at no time shall the **FDOT** be entitled to receive double recovery of damages:
 - (1) Terminate this Agreement if the breach is material and has not been cured within sixty (60) days from written notice thereof from **FDOT**.
 - (2) Pursue a claim for damages suffered by the **FDOT**.
 - (3) If the Utility Work is reimbursable under this Agreement, withhold reimbursement payments until the breach is cured. The right to withhold shall be limited to actual claim payments made by **FDOT** to third parties.
 - (4) If the Utility Work is reimbursable under this Agreement, offset any damages suffered by the **FDOT** or the public against payments due under this Agreement for the same Project. The right to offset shall be limited to actual claim payments made by **FDOT** to third parties.
 - (5) Suspend the issuance of further permits to the **UAO** for the placement of Facilities on **FDOT** property if the breach is material and has not been cured within sixty (60) days from written notice thereof from **FDOT**.
 - (6) Pursue any other remedies legally available.
 - (7) Perform any work with its own forces or through contractors and seek repayment for the cost thereof under Section 337.403(3), Florida Statutes.
- b. In the event that the **FDOT** breaches any provision of this Agreement, then in addition to any other remedies which are otherwise provided for in the Agreement, the **UAO** may exercise one or more of the following options:
 - (1) Terminate this Agreement if the breach is material and has not been cured within sixty (60) days from written notice thereof from the **UAO**.

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- (2) If the breach is a failure to pay an invoice for Utility Work which is reimbursable under this Agreement, pursue any statutory remedies that the **UAO** may have for failure to pay invoices.
 - (3) Pursue any other remedies legally available.
- c. Termination of this Agreement shall not relieve either party from any obligations it has pursuant to other agreements between the parties nor from any statutory obligations that either party may have with regard to the subject matter hereof.

7. Force Majeure

Neither the **UAO** nor the **FDOT** shall be liable to the other for any failure to perform under this Agreement to the extent such performance is prevented by an act of God, war, riots, natural catastrophe, or other event beyond the control of the non-performing party and which could not have been avoided or overcome by the exercise of due diligence; provided that the party claiming the excuse from performance has (a) promptly notified the other party of the occurrence and its estimate duration, (b) promptly remedied or mitigated the effect of the occurrence to the extent possible, and (c) resumed performance as soon as possible.

8. Indemnification

FOR GOVERNMENT-OWNED UTILITIES,

To the extent provided by law, the **UAO** shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the **FDOT** and all of its officers, agents, and employees from any claim, loss, damage, cost, charge, or expense arising out of any acts, action, error, neglect, or omission by the **UAO**, its agents, employees, or contractors during the performance of the Agreement, whether direct or indirect, and whether to any person or property to which **FDOT** or said parties may be subject, except that neither the **UAO**, its agents, employees, or contractors will be liable under this section for damages arising out of the injury or damage to persons or property directly caused by or resulting from the negligence of the **FDOT** or any of its officers, agents, or employees during the performance of this Agreement.

When the **FDOT** receives a notice of claim for damages that may have been caused by the **UAO** in the performance of services required under this Agreement, the **FDOT** will immediately forward the claim to the **UAO**. The **UAO** and the **FDOT** will evaluate the claim and report their findings to each other within fourteen (14) working days and will jointly discuss options in defending the claim. After reviewing the claim, the **FDOT** will determine whether to require the participation of the **UAO** in the defense of the claim or to require the **UAO** to defend the **FDOT** in such claim as described in this section. The **FDOT's** failure to notify the **UAO** of a claim shall not release the **UAO** from any of the requirements of this section. The **FDOT** and the **UAO** will pay their own costs for the evaluation, settlement negotiations, and trial, if any. However, if only one party participates in the defense of the claim at trial, that party is responsible for all costs.

FOR NON-GOVERNMENT-OWNED UTILITIES,

The **UAO** shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the **FDOT** and all of its officers, agents, and employees from any claim, loss, damage, cost, charge, or expense arising out of any acts, action, error, neglect, or omission by the **UAO**, its agents, employees, or contractors during the performance of the Agreement, whether direct or indirect, and whether to any person or property to which **FDOT** or said parties may be subject, except that neither the **UAO**, its agents, employees, or contractors will be liable under this section for damages arising out of the injury or damage to persons or property directly caused by or resulting from the negligence of the **FDOT** or any of its officers, agents, or employees during the performance of this Agreement.

The **UAO's** obligation to indemnify, defend, and pay for the defense or at the **FDOT's** option, to participate and associate with the **FDOT** in the defense and trial of any damage claim or suit and any related settlement negotiations, shall arise within fourteen (14) days of receipt by the **UAO** of the **FDOT's** notice of claim for

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indemnification to the **UAO**. The notice of claim for indemnification shall be served by certified mail. The **UAO's** obligation to defend and indemnify within fourteen (14) days of such notice shall not be excused because of the **UAO's** inability to evaluate liability or because the **UAO** evaluates liability and determines the **UAO** is not liable or determines the **FDOT** is solely negligent. Only a final adjudication of judgment finding the **FDOT** solely negligent shall excuse performance of this provision by the **UAO**. The **UAO** shall pay all costs and fees related to this obligation and its enforcement by the **FDOT**. The **FDOT's** delay in notifying the **UAO** of a claim shall not release **UAO** of the above duty to defend.

9. Miscellaneous

- a. Time is of essence in the performance of all obligations under this Agreement.
- b. The Facilities shall at all times remain the property of and be properly protected and maintained by the **UAO** in accordance with the current Utility Accommodation Manual in effect at the time the Plans Package is prepared and the current utility permit for the Facilities; provided, however, that the **UAO** shall not be obligated to protect or maintain any of the Facilities to the extent the **FDOT's** contractor has that obligation as part of the Utility Work pursuant to the **FDOT's** specifications.
- c. The **FDOT** may unilaterally cancel this Agreement for refusal by the **UAO** to allow public access to all documents, papers, letters, or other material subject to the provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and made or received by the **UAO** in conjunction with this Agreement.
- d. This Agreement constitutes the complete and final expression of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements, understandings, or negotiations with respect thereto, except that the parties understand and agree that the **FDOT** has manuals and written policies and procedures which may be applicable at the time of the Project and the relocation of the Facilities.
- e. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Any provision hereof found to be unlawful or unenforceable shall be severable and shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.
- f. All notices required pursuant to the terms hereof may be sent by first class United States Mail, facsimile transmission, hand delivery, or express mail and shall be deemed to have been received by the end of five business days from the proper sending thereof unless proof of prior actual receipt is provided. The **UAO** shall have a continuing obligation to notify each District of the **FDOT** of the appropriate persons for notices to be sent pursuant to this Agreement. Unless otherwise notified in writing, notices shall be sent to the following addresses:

If to the **UAO**:
Orange County, ATTN: Utilities Director

9150 Curry Ford Road

Orlando, Florida 32825

If to the **FDOT**:
Joe Bitar, Turnpike Utility Administrator

Florida's Turnpike Mile Post 263, Building 5315

Ocoee, Florida 34761

10. Certification

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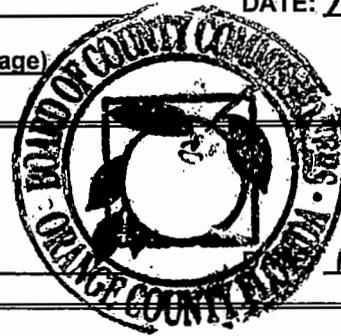
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement effective the day and year first written.

UTILITY: Orange County, a charter county and political subdivision of FL

BY: (Signature) *Brynn Brooks* DATE: 12/17/25

(Typed Name: See attached APPENDIX for Signature Page)

(Typed Title: Orange County Mayor)



Recommend Approval by the District Utility Office

BY: (Signature) *Joe Bizar* DATE: 12/2/2025

FDOT Legal review

BY: (Signature) *[Signature]* DATE: 12/30/2025
District Counsel

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

BY: (Signature) *Nicola A. Liquori* DATE: 1/6/2026

(Typed Name: Nicola A. Liquori, CPA)

(Typed Title: Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer)

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (if applicable)

BY: _____ DATE: _____

(Typed Name: _____)

(Typed Title: _____)

BCC Mtg. Date: November 18, 2025

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APPENDIX: "CHANGES TO FORM DOCUMENT"

The following changes are hereby made to the UTILITY WORK BY HIGHWAY CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT (AT UTILITY EXPENSE), between the **State of Florida Department of Transportation** (the "FDOT") and **Orange County, a Charter County and political subdivision of FL** (the "UAO") dated the day of January 6th, 2026 for the project identified as Financial Project Identification Number FPID 444980-1-56-04 / 444980-1-66-04

1. **Subparagraph 1.g. is amended to read as follows:**

"In the event that the **FDOT** finds any deficiencies in the Plans Package during the reviews performed pursuant to Subparagraph f. above, the **FDOT** will notify the **UAO** in writing of the deficiencies and the **UAO** will correct the deficiencies and return corrected documents within the time stated in the notice, which shall not be less than fourteen (14) calendar days. The **FDOT's** review and approval of the documents shall not relieve the **UAO** from responsibility for subsequently discovered errors or omissions."

2. **Subparagraph 3.b. is amended to read as follows:**

"The initial estimate of the cost of the Utility Work is **\$3,804,941.89**. This amount is for internal processing purposes of the UAO only and is not intended as limiting the obligations of the UAO under this Agreement. At such time as the **FDOT** prepares its official estimate, the **FDOT** shall notify the **UAO** of the amount of the official estimate for the Utility Work. Upon being notified of the official estimate, the **UAO** shall have five (5) working days within which to accept the official estimate for purposes of making deposits and for determining any possible contribution on the part of the **FDOT** to the cost of the Utility Work, or to elect to have the Utility Work removed from the **FDOT's** contract and performed separately pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in Subparagraph 2. d. hereof."

3. **Subparagraph 3.e. is amended to read as follows:**

"If the portion of the contractor's bid selected by the **FDOT** for performance of the Utility Work exceeds the amount of the deposit made pursuant to Subparagraph 2 c. above, then subject to and in accordance with the limitations and conditions established by Subparagraph 2. c. hereof regarding **FDOT** participation in the cost of the Utility Work and the **UAO's** election to remove the Utility Work from the Project, the **UAO** shall, within sixty (60) calendar days from notification from the **FDOT**, pay an additional amount to the **FDOT** to bring the total amount paid to the total obligation of the **UAO** for the cost of the Utility Work, plus Allowances and 10% Contingency Fund. The **FDOT** will notify the **UAO** as soon as it becomes apparent the accepted bid amount plus allowances and contingency is in excess of the advance deposit amount; however, failure of the **FDOT** to so notify the **UAO** shall not relieve the **UAO** from its obligation to pay for its full share of project costs on final accounting as provided herein below. In the event that the **UAO** is obligated under

this Subparagraph 3.e. to pay an additional amount and the additional amount that the **UAO** is obligated to pay does not exceed the Contingency Fund already on deposit, the **UAO** shall have sixty (60) calendar days from notification from the **FDOT** to pay the additional amount, regardless of when the accepted bid is posted."

4. **Subparagraph 3.h. is amended to read as follows:**

"The **FDOT** may use the funds paid by the **UAO** for payment of the cost of the Utility Work. The Contingency Fund may be used for increases in the cost of the Utility Work which occur because of quantity overruns or because of adjustments or changes in the Utility Work made pursuant to Subparagraph 2. h. Prior to using any of the Contingency Fund, the **FDOT** will obtain the written concurrence of the person delegated that responsibility by written notice from the **UAO**. The delegate shall respond promptly to all requests for written concurrence. If the delegate refuses to provide written concurrence promptly and the **FDOT** determines that the work is necessary, the **FDOT** may proceed to perform the work and recover the cost thereof pursuant to the provisions of Section 337.403(3), Florida Statutes. In the event that the Contingency Fund is depleted, the **UAO** shall, within sixty (60) calendar days from notification from the **FDOT**, pay to the **FDOT** an additional 10% of the total obligation of the **UAO** for the cost of the Utility Work established under Subparagraph 3. e. for future use as the Contingency Fund."

5. **Subparagraph 3.i. is amended to read as follows:**

"Upon final payment to the Contractor, the **FDOT** intends to have its final and complete accounting of all costs incurred in connection with the work performed hereunder within three hundred sixty (360) days. All project cost records and accounts shall be subject to audit by a representative of the **UAO** for a period of three (3) years after final close out of the Project. The **UAO** will be notified of the final cost. Both parties agree that in the event the final accounting of total project costs pursuant to the terms of this agreement is less than the total deposits to date, a refund of the excess will be made by the **FDOT** to the **UAO** in accordance with Section 215.422, Florida Statutes. In the event said final accounting of total project costs is greater than the total deposits to date, the **UAO** will pay the additional amount within sixty (60) calendar days from the date of the invoice. The **UAO** agrees to pay interest at a rate as established pursuant to Section 55.03, Florida Statutes, on any invoice not paid within the time specified in the preceding sentence until the invoice is paid."

6. **Subparagraph 5.d. is amended to read as follows:**

"The **UAO** shall keep and preserve all records relating to the Facilities, including, but not limited to, records of the location, nature of, and steps taken to safely secure the Facilities in compliance with Florida Law and shall promptly respond to information requests of the **FDOT** or other permittees using or seeking use of the right of way."

7. **Subparagraph 6.a.5 is amended to read as follows:**

"Suspend the issuance of further permits to the **UAO** for the placement of Facilities on **FDOT** property if the breach is material and has not been cured within ninety (90) calendar days from written notice thereof from **FDOT**."

8. Section 8 portion titled "FOR GOVERNMENT-OWNED UTILITIES "is replaced in its entirety with the following language:

FOR GOVERNMENT-OWNED UTILITIES.

To the extent provided by law, the UAO agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the FDOT, its officials and employees from all claims, actions, losses, suits, judgments, fines, liabilities, costs and expenses arising from the UAO's own negligent acts or omissions, or those negligent acts or omissions of the UAO's officials and employees acting within the scope of their employment, or arising out of or resulting from the UAO's negligent performance under this Agreement. The UAO's indemnification is expressly limited to the amounts set forth in Section 768.28(5), Florida Statutes, as amended by the Florida State Legislature. Nothing contained herein shall constitute a waiver of sovereign immunity or the provisions of Section 768.28, Florida Statutes. The foregoing shall not constitute an agreement by the UAO to assume any liability of any kind for the acts, omissions, and/or negligence of FDOT, its officers, officials, employees, agents, or contractors or any third party.

The UAO agrees to include the following indemnification clause in all contracts with contractors, subcontractors, consultants, or subconsultants who perform work in connection with this Agreement (modified to appropriately identify the parties):

"The UAO's contractor/consultant shall indemnify and hold harmless the **UAO** and the State of Florida, Department of Transportation, including the **FDOT's** officers and employees, from liabilities, damages, losses and costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness or intentional wrongful misconduct of the contractor/consultant and persons employed or utilized by the contractor/consultant in the performance of this Agreement.

This indemnification shall survive the termination of this Agreement."

If the UAO elects to self-perform the Project, and such self-performance is approved by the FDOT in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, the UAO may self-insure and proof of self-insurance shall be provided to the FDOT. If the UAO elects to hire a contractor or consultant to perform the Project, then the UAO shall, or cause its contractor or consultant to carry Commercial General Liability insurance providing continuous coverage for all work or operations performed under the Agreement. Such insurance shall be no more restrictive than that provided by the latest occurrence form edition of the standard Commercial General Liability Coverage Form (ISO Form CG 00 01) as filed for use in the State of Florida. UAO shall, or cause its contractor to cause the FDOT to be made an Additional Insured as to such insurance. Such coverage shall be on an "occurrence" basis and shall include Products/Completed Operations coverage. The coverage afforded to the FDOT as an Additional Insured shall be primary as to any other available insurance and shall not be

more restrictive than the coverage afforded to the Named Insured. The limits of coverage shall not be less than \$1,000,000 for each occurrence and not less than a \$5,000,000 annual general aggregate, inclusive of amounts provided by an umbrella or excess policy. The limits of coverage described herein shall apply fully to the work or operations performed under the Agreement and may not be shared with or diminished by claims unrelated to the Agreement. The policy/ies and coverage described herein may be subject to a deductible and such deductibles shall be paid by the Named Insured. No policy/ies or coverage described herein may contain or be subject to a Retention or a Self-insured Retention unless the UAO is a state agency or subdivision of the State of Florida that elects to self-perform the Project. Prior to the execution of the Agreement, and at all renewal periods which occur prior to final acceptance of the work, the FDOT shall be provided with an ACORD Certificate of Liability Insurance reflecting the coverage described herein. The FDOT shall be notified in writing within ten (10) days of any cancellation, notice of cancellation, lapse, renewal, or proposed change to any policy or coverage described herein. The FDOT's approval or failure to disapprove any policy/ies, coverage, or ACORD Certificates shall not relieve or excuse any obligation to procure and maintain the insurance required herein, nor serve as a waiver of any rights or defenses the FDOT may have.

When the Agreement involves work on or in the vicinity of utility-owned property or facilities, the utility shall be added along with the FDOT as an Additional Insured on the Commercial General Liability policy/ies procured above.

To the extent the FDOT's Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, as revised at the time the UAO enters into any contract for construction of the Project, require higher or different insurance coverages, the requirements of the Standard Specifications shall control.

9. The following is added to the form document in the signature portion:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been fully executed on behalf of the parties hereto by their duly authorized representatives, as of the date first above written.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Orange County Board of County Commissioners

By: Bryan W. Brooks
for Jerry L. Demings
Orange County Mayor

ATTEST: Phil Diamond, CPA, County Comptroller

As Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

By: Jennifer Jan-Kimeth
Deputy Clerk



THREE PARTY ESCROW AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between the State of Florida, Department of Transportation ("FDOT"), Orange County, Florida ("Participant"), and the State of Florida, Department of Financial Services, Division of Treasury ("Escrow Agent"), and shall become effective upon the Agreement's execution by Escrow Agent.

WHEREAS FDOT and Participant are engaged in the following project ("Project"):

Project Name: TPK (SR 91) at Taft Vinland Rd Interchange (MP 253)
Project #: 444980-1-56-04 / 444980-1-66-04
County: Orange

WHEREAS FDOT and Participant desire to establish an escrow account for the project.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the covenants contained herein, the parties agree to the following:

1. An initial deposit will be made into an interest bearing escrow account established hereunder for the purposes of the Project. The escrow account will be opened with the Escrow Agent on behalf of FDOT upon Escrow Agent's receipt and execution of this Agreement.
2. Other deposits to the escrow account may be made during the life of this agreement.
3. Deposits will be delivered in accordance with instructions provided by the Escrow Agent to the FDOT for deposit into the escrow account. A wire transfer or ACH deposit is the preferred method of payment and should be used whenever possible.
4. FDOT's Comptroller or designee shall be the sole signatory on the escrow account with the Escrow Agent and shall have sole authority to authorize withdrawals from the account. Withdrawals will only be made to FDOT or the Participant in accordance with the instructions provided to the Escrow Agent by FDOT's Comptroller or designee.
5. Moneys in the escrow account will be invested in accordance with section 17.61, Florida Statutes. The Escrow Agent will invest the moneys expeditiously. Income is only earned on the moneys while invested. There is no guaranteed rate of return. Investments in the escrow account will be assessed a fee in accordance with Section 17.61(4)(b), Florida Statutes. All income of the investments shall accrue to the escrow account.
6. Unless instructed otherwise by FDOT, all interest accumulated in the escrow account shall remain in the account for the purposes of the Project.

7. The Escrow Agent agrees to provide written confirmation of receipt of funds to FDOT. FDOT agrees to provide a copy of such written confirmation to Participant upon request.
8. The Escrow Agent further agrees to provide quarterly reports to FDOT concerning the escrow account. FDOT agrees to provide a copy of such quarterly reports to Participant upon request.
9. The Escrow Agent shall not be liable for any error of judgment or for any act done or omitted by it in good faith, or for anything which it may in good faith do or refrain from doing in connection herewith.
10. Escrow Agent shall have no liability for any claim, cost, expense, damage or loss due to the acts or omissions of FDOT and Participant, nor from any separate agreements between FDOT and Participant and shall have no responsibility to monitor or enforce any responsibilities herein or in any separate agreements associated with this Agreement between FDOT and Participant.
11. This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.
12. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
13. This Agreement shall terminate upon disbursement by the Escrow Agent of all money held by it in the escrow account in accordance with the instructions given by FDOT's Comptroller or designee and notification from FDOT to Escrow Agent that the account is to be closed.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have duly executed the Agreement on the date(s) below.

DocuSigned by:
Cheryl Morgan
For FDOT-OOC (signature)

Cheryl Morgan - Deputy Comptroller, GAO
Name and Title

59-3024028
Federal Employer I.D. Number

01/08/2026 | 1:06 PM EST
Date

Burrill B. Demings
For PARTICIPANT (signature)

Jerry L. Demings,
Orange County Mayor
Name and Title

59-6000773016
Federal Employer I.D. Number

18 November 2025
Date



FDOT Legal Review:

DocuSigned by:
Giselle Justo

[Signature]
For Escrow Agent (signature)

James Collins, Director
Name and Title

1/13/26
Date

ATTEST: Phil Diamond, CPA, County Comptroller
As Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

By: Jennifur Lara-Klimetz
Deputy Clerk

Print: Jennifur Lara-Klimetz