

### **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

This Memorandum of Agreement ("Agreement") made and entered into by and between the State of Florida Department of Transportation ("Department") and Nassau County Board of County Commissioners ("Agency").

**WHEREAS**, the term "Property" shall refer to certain real property located in Nassau County, Florida, owned by the Agency and described as Safety Improvements on CR 115A (Old Dixie Highway and Kings Ferry Road), CR 115 (Bay Road), Thomas Creek Road and Andrew Road; and

**WHEREAS**, the term "Improvement" means and shall refer to the signing/pavement markings for Safety Improvements on CR 115A (Old Dixie Highway and Kings Ferry Road), CR 115 (Bay Road), Thomas Creek Road and Andrew Road; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department shall manage the project for the Improvement, and

**WHEREAS**, the Department will fund entirely the various project phases of the project for the Improvement, and

**WHEREAS**, the commencement of and completion of any construction in relation to the Improvement is entirely contingent upon the Department having the necessary funds available and no construction shall take place until and unless the necessary funds become available to the Department; and

**WHEREAS**, as of the signing of this Agreement, no definite commencement date has been established for construction on the Improvement to begin, and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this Agreement is to document the terms agreed to by the Department and the Agency, which will allow for construction of the Improvement to begin as soon as practicable following the appropriation of funds to the Department;

**WHEREAS**, the Agency shall own, operate, improve, maintain and repair the Improvement upon completion of the subject Financial Project ID. NO. 428186-1-52-01, and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency by Resolution 2010-177 dated 11-29-10 authorizes its representative to enter into this Agreement, see attached Exhibit "A".

**NOW THEREFORE**, with full knowledge and understanding of the laws governing the subject matter of this Agreement, and in consideration of the foregoing recitals and the mutual covenants and conditions contained in this Agreement, the parties, intending to be legally bound hereby, acknowledge and agree as follows:

#### **RECITALS AND EXHIBITS**

The recitals set forth above and Exhibits attached hereto are specifically incorporated herein by reference and made part of this Agreement.

#### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

The effective date of this Agreement shall be the date the last of the parties to be charged executes the Agreement.

#### **ACCESS**

This Agreement authorizes the Department to access the Property for the limited purpose of performing this Agreement.

#### **PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

The Department shall manage the project for the construction of the Improvement and perform such other activities as the Department deems necessary and appropriate to commence and complete construction of the Improvement, including, without limitation, seeking and obtaining approval and participation by one

or more federal agencies, design of the Improvement, acquisition of right-of-way, acquisition of permits, construction management, construction engineering and inspection, and any other activities to facilitate satisfactory completion of the Improvement. The Department shall notify the Agency in writing when construction of the Improvement is complete ("Notice of Completion").

The parties agree and understand that the construction will not begin until such time as the necessary funds become available and are appropriated for the Project to the Department.

#### **OWNERSHIP, MAINTENANCE & REPAIR**

From the date of the Department's Notice of Completion, the Agency shall own, control, operate, maintain, repair and improve the Improvement at its sole cost, expense and effort, in a good and workmanlike manner, with reasonable care, in accordance with all existing and future applicable federal, state, local, administrative, regulatory and environmental laws, rules, regulations, policies, procedures, guidelines, standards and permits, including, without limitation, those of the Department, the applicable Water Management District, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Army Corps of Engineers, the United States Coast Guard and the applicable local governmental entity(s).

#### **SOVERIGN IMMUNITY**

Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed or otherwise interpreted as waiving the Department's sovereign immunity protections, or as increasing the limits of liability set forth in §768.28, Fla. Stat. (2009). The limits of the Department's liability for breach of this Agreement shall be identical to the limitations of liability for tort actions set forth in §768.28 (5), Fla. Stat. (2009).

#### **DUE DILIGENCE, WARRANTY OR FITNESS FOR PARTICULAR PURPOSE**

Agency agrees that nothing in this Agreement, or the performance thereof, constitutes or complies with any due diligence requirements of the Department and that all due diligence requirements are the responsibility of the Agency. The Agency agrees that nothing in this Agreement constitutes or establishes representations or warranties of any kind, express or implied, by the Department, including its employees and agents, concerning the Property, including, without limitation, any physical condition, zoning, compliance with applicable laws, merchantability or fitness for any particular purpose.

#### **EMINENT DOMAIN**

Under no circumstances shall the performance, breach, expiration or termination of this Agreement, or the condemnation of any portion of the Property encompassing the Improvement, create any interest or right entitling the Agency to full and just compensation from the Department either through inverse condemnation, eminent domain laws or any similar laws regarding the taking of property for public purposes. The Agency forever waives and relinquishes all legal rights and monetary claims which it has, or which may arise in the future, for compensation and/or damages, including, without limitation, special damages, severance damages, removal costs, and loss of business profits resulting in any manner from: (1) the performance, breach, expiration or termination of this Agreement; or (2) condemnation of any portion of the Property encompassing the Improvement. This waiver and relinquishment applies whether this Agreement is still in existence on the date of taking / sale or has been terminated prior thereto.

#### **GOVERNING LAW**

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

#### **INITIAL DETERMINATION OF DISPUTES**

The Department's District Two Secretary ("District Secretary") shall act as the initial arbiter of all questions, difficulties, and disputes concerning the interpretation, validity, performance or breach of this Agreement.

#### **VENUE AND JURISDICTION**

Venue for any and all actions arising out of or in any way related to the interpretation, validity, performance or breach of this Agreement that are not resolved to the mutual satisfaction of the parties by the Department's District Secretary shall lie exclusively in a state court of appropriate jurisdiction selected by the Department, including, without limitation, Leon County. In the event that legal action is initiated by the Agency, the Agency shall consent to the transfer of venue to a county identified by the Department in an appropriately filed motion requesting the same.

**JURY TRIAL**

The parties hereby waive right to trial by jury of any dispute concerning the validity, interpretation, performance or breach of this Agreement.

**NOTICE**

All notices, communications and determinations between the parties hereto and those required to be given under this Agreement, including, without limitation, any change to the notification address set forth below, shall be in writing and shall be sufficient if mailed by registered or certified mail to the parties at the following addresses:

Department: Florida Department of Transportation  
Attention: Jacksonville Maintenance Engineer  
838 Ellis Road South  
Jacksonville, Florida 32205

- and -

Florida Department of Transportation  
Attention: Chief Counsel District 2  
1109 South Marion Avenue, Mail Station 2009  
Lake City, Florida 32025

Agency: Nassau County Board of County Commissioners  
Attention: County Manager  
96161 Nassau Place  
Yulee, Florida 32097

Agency agrees that if it fails to notify Department by certified mail of any changes to its notification address, Agency shall have waived any defense based on Department's failure to notify Agency.

**ASSIGNMENT**

Agency shall not assign, pledge or transfer any of the rights, duties and obligations provided in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the Department. The Department has the sole discretion to approve or disapprove proposed assignments, with or without cause.

**THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES**

This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to confer any rights, privileges, benefits, obligations or remedies upon any other person or entity except as expressly provided for herein.

**VOLUNTARY EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT**

Each party warrants and represents to the other: (1) that each understands all of the rights and obligations set forth in this Agreement and the Agreement accurately reflects the desires of the parties; (2) each provision of this Agreement has been negotiated fairly at arm's length; (3) each fully understands the advantages and disadvantages of this Agreement and executes this Agreement freely and voluntarily of their own accord and not as a result of any duress, coercion, or undue influence; and (4) each has had, or had the opportunity to have, independent legal advice by counsel of its own choosing in the negotiation and execution of this Agreement.

**ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This instrument contains the entire Agreement of the parties. No representations or promises have been made except those that are set out in this Agreement. All prior and contemporaneous conversations, negotiations, possible and alleged agreements and representations, covenants, and warranties with respect to the subject matter hereof are waived, merged herein and superseded hereby.

**EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS**

The parties agree that they shall promptly execute and deliver to the other all documents necessary to accomplish the intent and purpose of this Agreement and shall do all other acts to effectuate this Agreement, time being of the essence.

**SUFFICIENCY OF CONSIDERATION**

By their signature below, the parties hereby acknowledge the adequacy and sufficiency of consideration provided in this Agreement and forever waive the right to object to or otherwise challenge the same.

**WAIVER**

The failure of either party to insist on one or more occasions the strict performance or compliance with a term, provision or otherwise of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver or relinquished in the future of the enforcement thereof, and it shall continue in full force and effect unless waived or relinquished in writing by the party to be charged.

**INTERPRETATION**

No provision in this Agreement shall be interpreted for or against any party because that party or that party's legal representative drafted the provision.

**CAPTIONS**

Paragraph title or captions contained herein are inserted as a matter of convenience and reference and in no way define, limit, extend or describe the scope of this Agreement or any provision.

**SEVERANCE**

If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Agreement is adjudged by a court, agency or authority of competent jurisdiction to be invalid and unenforceable, all remaining parts of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and the parties shall be bound thereby so long as the Department, in its sole discretion, determines the principle purposes of this Agreement remain enforceable.

**COMPUTATION OF TIME**

In computing any period of time prescribed in this Agreement, the day of the act, event or deficiency or material breach from which the designated period of time begins to run, shall not be included. The last day of the period so computed shall be included unless it is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, in which event the period shall run until the end of the next day which is neither a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

**MODIFICATION OF AGREEMENT**

A modification or waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be effective only if made in writing and executed with the same formality as this Agreement.

**ANNUAL APPROPRIATION / FUNDING**

Pursuant to §339.1365(6)(a), Fla. Stat., the Department's obligation to construct the Improvement is contingent upon the annual appropriation by the Florida Legislature. This Agreement may be terminated by the Department without liability to the Agency if sufficient funds are not appropriated to the Department. The provisions of §339.135(6)(a), Fla. Stat., are set forth herein verbatim and made part of this Agreement, to wit:

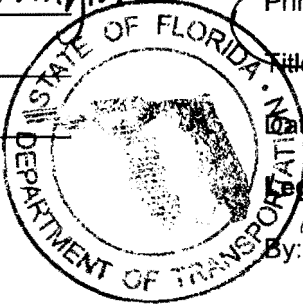
"The department, during any fiscal year, shall not expend money, incur any liability, or enter into any contract which, by its terms, involves the expenditure of money in excess of the amounts budgeted as available for expenditure during such fiscal year. Any contract, verbal or written, made in violation of this subsection is null and void, and no money may be paid on such contract. The department shall require a statement from the comptroller of the department that funds are available prior to entering into any such contract or other binding commitment of funds. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the making of contracts for periods exceeding 1 year, but any contract so made shall be executory only for the value of the services to be rendered or agreed to be paid for in succeeding fiscal years; and this paragraph shall be incorporated verbatim in all contracts of the department which are for an amount in excess of \$25,000 and which have a term for a period of more than 1 year."

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties hereby execute this Agreement, consisting of Five (5) pages.

**{Signatures on Following Page}**

ATTEST:

By: *Rhonda Harrington*  
Print Name: Rhonda Harrington  
Title: Admin. Assist.  
Date: 12/16/2010



STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

By: *Alan R. Masley, P.E.*  
Printed Name: Alan R. Masley, P.E.  
Title: District Two Secretary  
Date: 12/16/10

Legal Review:

By: *Melissa D. Bradwell* 12.10.10  
Office of the General Counsel  
Florida Department of Transportation

ATTEST:

By: *John A. Crawford*  
Print Name: John A. Crawford  
Title: Ex-Officio Clerk  
Date: 12-01-10

*MCS 11-29-10*

NASSAU COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, A FLORIDA GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY

By: *Walter J. Boatright*  
Printed Name: Walter J. Boatright  
Title: Chairman  
Date: 11-29-10

Legal Review:

By: *[Signature]*  
Legal Counsel for Agency

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010- 177**

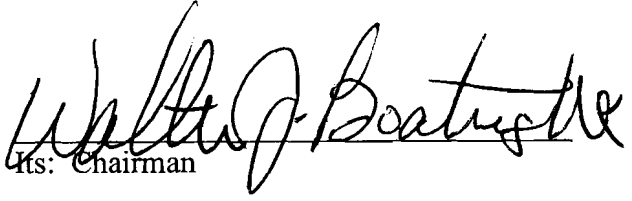
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**WHEREAS**, the Public Works Director has recommended that the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the State of Florida Department of Transportation and Nassau County, Florida regarding the Safety Improvements on CR 115A (Old Dixie Highway and Kings Ferry Road), CR 115 (Bay Road), Thomas Creek Road and Andrew Road in Nassau County, Florida (Financial Project ID No. 428186-1-52-01).

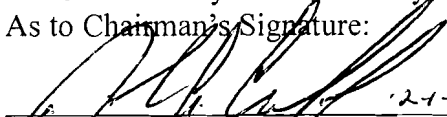
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, this 29th day of November, 2010, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida as follows:

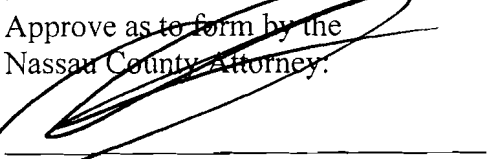
1. The Memorandum of Agreement between the State of Florida Department of Transportation and Nassau County is hereby approved and the Chairman is authorized to execute said agreement.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

  
Its: Chairman

Attestation: Only to Authenticity  
As to Chairman's Signature:

  
JOHN A. CRAWFORD  
11-29-10

Approve as to form by the  
Nassau County Attorney:  
  
DAVID A. HALLMAN

**A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY**  
  
EX OFFICIO, Clerk of the Board of County Comm.  
Nassau County, Florida by   
Deputy Clerk



## Florida Department of Transportation

CHARLIE CRIST  
GOVERNOR

1109 S. Marion Avenue  
Lake City, Florida 32025-5874

STEPHANIE C. KOPELOUSOS  
SECRETARY

December 22, 2010

Mr. J. Scott Herring, Public Works Director  
Nassau County Engineering Services  
96161 Nassau Place  
Yulee, Florida 32097

**Subject: MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**  
**Safety Improvements on Various 2-Lane Rural Roads**  
**Financial Project ID: 428186-1-52-01**

Dear Mr. Herring:

Enclosed for your files is a fully executed copy of the Memorandum of Agreement for the signing/pavement markings for Safety Improvements on CR 115A, CR 115, Thomas Creek Road and Andrew Road located in Nassau County.

Thank you for your assistance in securing approval and execution of this agreement. Should you have questions or need additional information, I can be reached at 1-800-749-2967, Extension 7745.

Sincerely,

Katrina Sadler  
Planning Programs Administrator

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Enclosures

CC: Mr. Robert Kosoy, P.E., Jacksonville Maintenance Engineer  
Ms. Amy Williams, P.E., Senior Project Manager  
Ms. Sandra Croft, Transportation Specialist

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