

CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

THIS CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into by and between the State of Florida Department of Transportation ("Department") and Columbia County ("Agency").

1. The term "Property" shall refer to certain real property located Columbia County, Florida, owned by the Agency and more particularly described as the Trailhead at O'Leno State Park on SE Sprite Loop and US 41/441; and
2. The term "Improvement" means and shall refer to the maintenance of the Trailhead at O'Leno State Park on SE Sprite Loop and US 41/441; and
3. The Department shall fund construction of the Improvement subject to the provisions of that certain separate funding agreement entered into by and between the Department and the Agency; and
4. The Agency shall construct, own, operate, maintain and repair the Improvement; and
5. The Agency by Resolution 2014R-31 dated 10/14/14 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, acknowledge and agree as follows:

1. RECITALS AND EXHIBITS

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

2. EFFECTIVE DATE

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

3. ACCESS

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

4. E-VERIFY

The Agency (A) shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the Agency during the term of the contract; and (B) shall expressly require any subcontractors performing work or providing services pursuant to the state contract to likewise utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the subcontractor during the contract term.

5. COMPLIANCE

The Agency shall perform the Agreement in a good and workmanlike manner, with reasonable care, in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Agreement and all applicable federal, state, local, administrative, regulatory, safety and environmental laws, codes, rules, regulations, policies, procedures, guidelines, standards, specifications and permits, as the same may be constituted and amended from time to time, including, without limitation, those of the Department, Water Management District with requisite jurisdiction, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Environmental Protection Agency, Army Corps of Engineers, United States Coast Guard and local governmental entities ("Governmental Law").

6. PERMITS

In the performance of the Agreement the Agency may be required to obtain one or more Department permits which may include copies of the Agreement as an exhibit. Notwithstanding the inclusion or incorporation of the Agreement as part of any such Department permits, the Agreement shall remain separate and apart from such permits and shall not be merged into the same absent the prior written express consent of the Department. Should any term or provision of the Agreement conflict with any term, provision or requirement of any Department permit, the terms and provisions of the Agreement shall control unless specifically noted otherwise in any such Department permit. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "permit" shall also include the Department's Construction Agreement which may be required for permanent improvements installed within the Department's right-of-way.

7. PRECONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

The Department is hereby authorized to act on the Agency's behalf and engage in various preconstruction activities related to the Improvement. The Department is under no obligation to engage in preconstruction activities and the decision to do so shall be within the Department's sole discretion. Preconstruction activities include, by way of example and without limitation, the acquisition of right of way or assistance in obtaining various permits. In those instances where the Department acquires right of way or a permit on behalf of the Agency, regardless of whether the Department or the Agency provides the funding, the Agency shall immediately accept the right of way or permit upon delivery by the Department without condition or delay.

8. CONSTRUCTION

The Agency shall construct the Improvement in a good and workmanlike manner, with reasonable care, in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Agreement and applicable Governmental Law.

9. OPERATION, MAINTENANCE & REPAIR

A. The Agency shall operate, maintain, and repair the Improvement at its sole cost and expense, in a good and workmanlike manner, with reasonable care, in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Agreement including applicable Governmental Law.

B. The Agency agrees that it will be solely responsible for the operation, maintenance, and repair of the Improvement. Should the Agency fail to operate, maintain, and repair the Improvement in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Agreement and applicable Governmental Law, and the Department be required to perform such operation, maintenance, or repair pursuant to the *Inspection of Federal-Aid Projects Under Local Jurisdiction, Topic No. 850-065-001*, under the authority of *Title 23, Section 116, U.S. Code*, the Agency agrees that it shall be fully responsible to the Department for repayment of any funds expended by the Department for the operation, maintenance, or repair of the Improvement. The Department shall invoice the Agency for any operation, maintenance, or repair expenses charged to the Department, and the Agency shall pay such invoices in accordance with the Payment section of this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement shall relieve the Agency of its financial obligations to the Department should this occur.

C. The Agency further agrees to allow the Department access to the Property and the Improvement pursuant to Paragraph 3 above should the events described in Paragraph B occur.

10. EMINENT DOMAIN AND DAMAGES

Under no circumstances shall the Department's exercise of any right provided in this Agreement create any right, title, interest or estate entitling the Agency to full and just compensation from the Department either through inverse condemnation or 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 or damages, including, without limitation, special damages, severance damages, removal costs, and loss of business profits resulting in any manner from the Department's exercise of any right provided in this Agreement. This waiver and relinquishment specifically includes all damages flowing from adjacent properties owned, leased or otherwise controlled by the Agency, as a result of the Department's exercise of any right provided in this Agreement.

11. INDEMNIFICATION

A. The Agency shall promptly defend, indemnify, hold the Department harmless from and pay all demands, claims, judgments, liabilities, damages, fines, fees, taxes, assessments, costs, losses, penalties, construction delay costs / penalties, expenses, attorneys' fees and suits of any nature or kind whatsoever caused by, arising out of or related to the Agency's performance, or breach, of this Agreement ("Liabilities"). The term "Liabilities" shall also specifically include all civil and criminal environmental liability arising, directly or indirectly under any Governmental Law, including, without limitation, liability under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), the Clean Air Act ("CAA") and the Clean Water Act ("CWA"). The Agency's duty to defend, indemnify and hold the Department harmless specifically does not encompass indemnifying the Department for its negligence, intentional or wrongful acts, omissions or breach of contract.

B. The Agency shall notify the Department in writing immediately upon becoming aware of any Liabilities. The Agency's obligation to defend, indemnify and hold the Department harmless from any Liabilities, or at the Department's option to participate and associate with the Department in the defense and trial of any Liabilities, including any related settlement negotiations, shall be triggered by the Department's written notice of claim for indemnification to the Agency. The Agency's inability to evaluate liability, or its evaluation of liability, shall not excuse performance of the provisions of this paragraph.

12. SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY & LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed or otherwise interpreted as waiving either party's sovereign immunity protections, or as increasing the limits of liability set forth in §768.28, Florida Statutes, as the same may be amended from time to time.

13. NOTICE

All notices, communications and determinations between the parties hereto and those required by the Agreement, including, without limitation, changes to the notification addresses set forth below, shall be in writing and shall be sufficient if mailed by regular United States Mail, postage prepaid, to the parties at the following addresses:

Department: Florida Department of Transportation
Attention: Lake City Maintenance Engineer
710 NW Lake Jeffery Road Suite 101
Mail Station 2103
Lake City FL 32055-2621

Agency: Columbia County Manager's Office
Attention: Dale Williams, County Manager
Post Office Drawer 1529
Lake City, Florida 32056

14. GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement shall be governed in all respect by the laws of the State of Florida.

15. 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 the Agreement.

16. VENUE AND JURISDICTION

A. Venue for any and all actions arising out of or in any way related to the interpretation, validity, performance or breach of the 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 in Leon County, Florida.

B. The Agency and all persons and entities accepting an assignment of this Agreement, in whole or in part, shall be deemed as having consented to personal jurisdiction in the State of Florida and as having

forever waived and relinquished all personal jurisdiction defenses with respect to any proceeding related to the interpretation, validity, performance or breach of this Agreement.

17. JURY TRIAL

The parties hereby waive the right to trial by jury of any dispute concerning the interpretation, validity, performance or breach of the Agreement, including, without limitation, damages allegedly flowing therefrom.

18. ASSIGNMENT

The 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's District Secretary or his/her designee. The Department has the sole discretion and authority to grant or deny proposed assignments of this Agreement, with or without cause. Nothing herein shall prevent the Agency from delegating its duties hereunder, but such delegation shall not release the Agency from its obligation to perform the Agreement.

19. 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.

20. VOLUNTARY EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT

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

21. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This instrument, together with any exhibits and documents made part hereof by reference, contains the entire agreement of the parties and no representations or promises have been made except those that are specifically set out in the Agreement. All prior and contemporaneous conversations, negotiations, possible and alleged agreements and representations, covenants, and warranties with respect to the subject matter of the Agreement, and any part hereof, are waived, merged herein and superseded hereby.

22. 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 the Agreement and shall do all other acts to effectuate the Agreement.

23. SUFFICIENCY OF CONSIDERATION

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

24. WAIVER

The failure of either party to insist on the strict performance or compliance with any term or provision of the Agreement on one or more occasions shall not constitute a waiver or relinquishment thereof and all such terms and provisions shall remain in full force and effect unless waived or relinquished in writing.

25. INTERPRETATION

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

26. 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 the Agreement, or any provision hereof.

27. SEVERANCE

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

28. COMPUTATION OF TIME

In computing any period of time prescribed in the Agreement, the day of the act, event or default from which the designated period of time begins to run, shall not be included. The last day of the period 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 not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

29. MODIFICATION OF AGREEMENT

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

30. ANNUAL APPROPRIATION / FUNDING

Pursuant to §339.1365(6)(a), Florida Statutes, the Department's obligation to fund construction of the Improvement is contingent upon 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), Florida Statutes, 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 execute this Agreement, consisting of seven (7) pages.

SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE

Financial Project Id. No. 211664-2-58-02
Federal Id. No. 8887 258A
Project Description Trailhead at O'Leno State Park on SE Sprite Loop and US 41/441
Off System Agency Construct & Maintain

Florida Department of Transportation

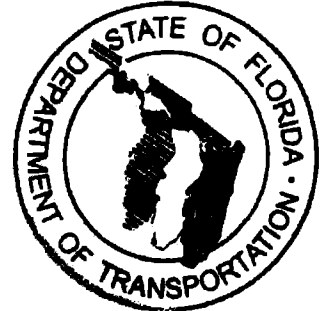
By: *Greg Evans*
Printed Name: Greg Evans
Title: District Two Secretary
Date: 10/29/14

Attest:

By: *Lisa Lambert*
Printed Name: Lisa Lambert
Title: Executive Secretary
Date: Oct. 29, 2014

Legal Review:

By: *Nicole H. Padua* 10-28-14
Office of the General Counsel
Florida Department of Transportation



Columbia County

By: *Bonard Williams*
Printed Name: Bonard Williams
Title: Chairman
Date: 10/13/14

Attest:

By: *P. DeWitt Cason*
Printed Name: P. DeWitt Cason
Title: Clerk
Date: 10/14/14

Legal Review:

By: *Maria Seale, atty.*
Legal Counsel for Agency

Financial Project Id. No. 211664-2-58-02

Federal Id. No.8887 258A

Project Description Trailhead at O'Leno State Park on SE Sprite Loop and US 41/441

Off System Agency Construct & Maintain

EXHIBIT "A"

(RESOLUTION)

**COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION NO. 2014R-31**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA
APPROVING STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION, CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE
AGREEMENT WITH COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA TO
CONSTRUCT A TRAILHEAD AT O'LENO STATE PARK ON SE
SPRITE LOOP AND US 41/441, IN COLUMBIA COUNTY,
FLORIDA.**

WHEREAS, Columbia County has the authority to enter into a Construction and Maintenance Agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Transportation, ("Department"); and **WHEREAS**, Columbia County believes it is in the best interest to facilitate the construction of a trailhead at O'Leno Park on SE Sprite Loop and US 41/441 in Columbia County Florida, and to enter into a Reimbursement Agreement for Financial Project ID No. 211664-2-58-02.

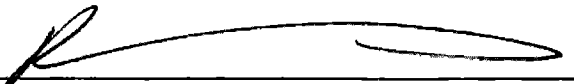
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA**, as follows:

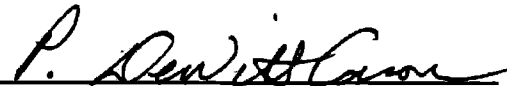
Section 1. Columbia County, Florida by and through its Board of County Commissioners, approves the State of Florida, Department of Transportation, Reimbursement Agreement as to Financial Project ID No. 211664-2-58-02, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Section 2. The Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, together with any other appropriate County officials, are authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of Columbia County, Florida.

UNANIMOUSLY PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners
of Columbia County, Florida, at its regular session on 10/14/14.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: 
Ronald Williams, Chairman

ATTEST: 
P. DeWitt Cason, Clerk of Court

(SEAL)



Florida Department of Transportation

**RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR**

1109 South Marion Avenue
Lake City, FL 32025-2014

**ANANTH PRASAD, P.E.
SECRETARY**

October 30, 2014

The Honorable Stephen Bailey, Chair
Columbia County Board of County Commissioners
Post Office Drawer 1529
135 N. East Hernando Avenue
Lake City, Florida 32056

**Subject: Construction & Maintenance Agreement
Trailhead at O'Leno State Park
on SE Sprite Loop and US 41 / 441
Financial Project ID: 211664-2-58-02**

Dear Chair Bailey:

Enclosed for your files is a fully executed copy of the Construction & Maintenance Agreement for the Trailhead at O'Leno State Park on SE Sprite Loop and US 41 / 441 in Columbia County, Florida.

Should you have questions or need additional information, I can be reached at 1-800-749-2967, Extension 3722.

Sincerely,

Signed on behalf of
James M. Driggers, Jr.
District Program Administration Engineer

JMD:ke
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Dale Williams, County Manager
Mr. Marty Humphries, P.E., Lake Operations Engineer
Mr. Aaron Trippensee, P.E., Lake City Maintenance Engineer
Ms. Charlene Dampier, Program Management