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Pedro Ramos Superintendent Everglades and Dry Tortugas National Parks 40001 State Road 9336 Homestead, Florida 33034

RE: DHR Project File No.: 2016-5474, Received by DHR: January 13, 2020 Section 106 NHPA Consultation for Addendum 2 to Tamiami Trail Modification: Next Steps, Everglades National Park

Dear Mr. Ramos:

The Florida State Historic Preservation Officer reviewed the referenced project for possible effects on historic properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the *National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)*. The review was conducted in accordance with Section 106 of the *National Historic Preservation Act of 1966*, as amended, and its implementing regulations in *36 CFR Part 800: Protection of Historic Properties*.

Thank you for providing our office with additional information regarding the revised plans for the Phase II area of the Tamiami Trail Modifications: Next Steps Project. As noted in your letter, the original memorandum of agreement (MOA) for this undertaking was executed on April 19, 2010 and expired prior to completion of all mitigation measures. Everglades National Park (ENP) provided a re-evaluation of the project's area of potential effect, identified additional historic properties, and proposes to execute a new MOA for the undertaking.

Based on the information provided and prior consultation between ENP and our office, we concur with ENP's findings and determinations. In particular, we concur that the project will adversely affect the Old Tamiami Trail/Canal and Coopertown and that Gator Park remains NRHP-ineligible. We also concur that the newly identified resources, including Osceola Camp and Tiger Trail, will not be adversely affected by the project. The draft MOA provided by ENP addresses the remaining mitigation measures relating to Coopertown and is sufficient in our opinion.

If you have any questions, please contact me by email at *Jason.Aldridge@dos.myflorida.com* or by telephone at 850-245-6344.

Sincerely,

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