

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
**STATE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
RE-EVALUATION FORM**

1. GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

A. Re-evaluation Type: Design Change, Construction Advertisement

B. Original approved Environmental Document:

Document Type: SEIR

Date of Approval: 02/06/1998

Project Numbers:

N/A

405270-1-32-01

N/A

405270-3-32-01

405270-4-32-01

ETDM (if applicable)

Financial Management

Federal-Aid

Project Name: SUNCOAST PARKWAY 2 - US 98 TO HERNANDO/CITRUS COUNTY LINE

Project Location: Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (Hernando County)

Project Limits: US 98 in Hernando County to US 19/98 in Citrus County

C. Prior Re-evaluation(s):

FM Number	Type				Date District Approved	Date Lead Agency Consultation	Date Lead Agency Approved (if applicable)
	PE	DC	ROW	CON			
405270-1	☐	☒	☐	☐	08/24/2010		N/A
Description of Approval: Design Change Re-evaluation for changes in alignment, typical section, design criteria, interchanges, ROW, access road requirements, cross street laneage, and over/under analysis along 26-mile corridor.							
405270-1, 405270-3, 405270-4	☐	☒	☐	☐	02/17/2017		N/A
Description of Approval: Design Change and Construction Advertisement Re-evaluation for changes in alignment, typical section, design criteria, interchanges, ROW, access road requirements, cross street laneage, and over/under analysis along 26-mile corridor.							
442764-1-52-01	☐	☒	☐	☒	06/07/2021		N/A
Description of Approval: Design Change Re-evaluation for changes in alignment, typical section, design criteria, interchanges, ROW, access road requirements, cross street laneage, over/under analysis and stormwater ponds along design segment from SR 44 to CR 486.							
442764-1-52-01	☐	☒	☒	☒	02/17/2022		N/A
Description of Approval: Design Change, ROW and construction re-evaluation for changes in alignment, typical section, design criteria, interchanges, ROW, access road requirements, cross street laneage, over/under analysis and stormwater ponds along design segment from SR 44 to CR 486.							
442764-2-52-01	☐	☒	☒	☐	10/18/2023		N/A
Description of Approval:							

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Design Change and ROW and re-evaluation for changes in alignment, typical section, design criteria, interchanges, ROW, access road requirements, cross street laneage, over/under analysis and stormwater ponds along design segment from CR 486 to CR 495.

442764-3-52-01	☐	☒	☒	☐	08/01/2024		N/A
Description of Approval: Design Change and ROW and re-evaluation for changes in alignment to Dunellon Road, typical section, design criteria, ROW, cross street bridge laneage, over/under analysis and stormwater ponds along design segment from CR 495 to US 19.							

D. Project or project segment(s) being evaluated

FAP Number	FM Number	Project/ Segment Name	Project/ Segment Location	Type				Project/ Segment Letting Type	Funding
				PE	DC	ROW	CON		
	442764-2-52-01	SUNCOAST II-PHASE 3A (SR589)-CR 486 TO CR 495	District 7 - CITRUS	☐	☒	☒	☒	Design-Bid-Build	State

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A State Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) was approved in 1998 for the Suncoast Parkway, a four-lane limited access facility on new alignment from US 98 in Hernando County to US 19/98 in Citrus County.

This reevaluation is being conducted to evaluate design changes since the original 1998 PD&E SEIR for Suncoast Parkway Phase 3A (extend Suncoast Parkway from CR 486 to CR 495), FPID 442764-2 . The project was discussed in detail in the previous Re-evaluation for FPID 442764-2 approved on October 18, 2023, and the reader should refer to that document for a detailed description of the project. The purpose of this Re-evaluation is to consider minor subsequent design modifications (described in **Section 4** below) since the 2023 Re-evaluation was completed.

3. CHANGES IN APPLICABLE LAW OR REGULATION

Are there changes in federal or state laws, rules, regulations, or guidance that require consideration since the date of the original Environmental Document or subsequent Re-evaluation(s)? Yes

Subsequent to the October 18, 2023 Re-evaluation, the Tri-colored bat, now a new federal proposed threatened species, has potential habitat within the project limits. As of August 2024, the bat has not yet been approved for listing but that is expected late Summer 2024. Refer to **Section 8**, Commitment Status, below.

4. EVALUATION OF MAJOR DESIGN CHANGES AND REVISED DESIGN CRITERIA

Are there major design changes, including but not limited to changes in the alignment(s), typical section(s), drainage/stormwater requirements, design control and criteria, or temporary road or bridge? Yes

Since the most recent SEIR Re-evaluation for FPID 442764-2 completed in October 2023, the construction plans for the Suncoast Parkway 2 (SR 589) Phase 3A have been advanced to 90% design completion. The 90% plans reflect a minor change in roadway and access at CR 495 (North Citrus Avenue) and West Tom Mason Drive. Based on a request from the local residents and Citrus County, the proposed design has been modified to allow full access to/from West Tom Mason Drive, and now provides a left turn lane to West Tom Mason Drive from northbound CR 495. All other features

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remain generally unchanged since the October 2023 re-evaluation.

The attached sheet from the Phase IV signing and pavement marking plans shows the current design for providing access in this area.

[\[1 - Access Changes at CR 495 and Tom Mason Drive\]](#)

5. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Were there additional public involvement activities? No

6. PROJECT or SEGMENT(S) PLANNING CONSISTENCY

Planning Consistency is not required for this re-evaluation.

7. EVALUATION OF CHANGES IN IMPACTS

a. SOCIAL & ECONOMIC

Are there changes in impacts to the social, economic, land use, mobility, and/or aesthetic effects? No

Are there changes in right-of-way needs? Yes

Minor changes in ROW are needed to provide the altered roadway access to CR 495 described in **Section 4**.

Is there a change in anticipated relocation(s)? No

The changes to the project since the last Re-evaluation in October 2023 do not require any relocations.

b. CULTURAL

Are there changes in impacts to cultural resources pursuant to Chapter 267, F.S. (historic sites/districts and archaeological sites)? Yes

A December 2023 CRAS Addendum for FPID 442764-2 was prepared to evaluate new pond sites and revisions to previous design in the CR 495 area. The project area of potential effect (APE) was determined by evaluating the improvements that will be implemented as part of the proposed project. The archaeological APE consists of the footprint of the proposed pond sites that have not been previously surveyed and the previously unsurveyed segments of proposed roadway ROW. The historic resources APE consists of a 150-foot buffer surrounding the unsurveyed ponds and ROW.

The CRAS addendum documented two previously-identified archaeological resources that were previously determined ineligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). No new archaeological resources were found. Three newly identified historic resources were identified, none of which were recommended for listing in the NRHP either individually or as a historic district.

The CRAS addendum determined that the project will have no adverse effect on archaeological or historic properties. The SHPO concurred with this finding on February 8, 2024.

[\[3 - Suncoast Parkway 2 Phase 3A \(442764-2\) CRAS Update 2023-12-06\]\[4 - 2024-343 signed concurrence AM_BS_KC\]](#)

Are there changes in impacts to lands purchased under Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act? N/A

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Are there changes in impacts to recreational areas or protected lands? No

c. NATURAL

Are there changes in impacts to protected species and habitat, wetlands and other surface waters, and/or essential fish habitat? No

Effects on these resources have not changed since the October, 2023 Re-evaluation for FPID 442764-2 .

Are there changes in impacts to designated Aquatic Preserves, Coastal Barrier resources, Wild and Scenic Rivers, Nationwide Rivers Inventory Rivers, and/or Outstanding Florida Waters? N/A

Are there changes in impacts to Floodplains or Water Resources? No

d. PHYSICAL

Are there changes in Air Quality? No

What is the status of Highway Traffic Noise?

A noise analysis was performed for the previous October 2023 Re-evaluation for FPID 442764-2. The minor access changes covered in this current Re-evaluation do not require any kind of re-assessment of noise impacts.

What is the status of Contamination?

An April 2024 CSER Update memo (attached) was prepared to supplement a previous 2023 update prepared for the previous Re-evaluation of FPID 442764-2.

The memo determined that Level II contamination impact to construction assessment by the FTE Environmental Management Office is warranted at proposed drainage alternatives Pond 2-8C and FPC-98 rated medium risk. Regarding Site #1 Citrus Sand & Debris I C&D Landfill rated medium risk, the project design and construction managers shall inform the FTE Environmental Management Office in the event dewatering is anticipated south of CR 486. The FTE Environmental Management Office may then conduct Level II Contamination Impact to Construction Assessment to evaluate whether groundwater treatment may be warranted during construction dewatering and provide results to the design or construction project manager.

[\[2 - 442764-2 Suncoast 3A CSER Update 2024, 60% Design Plans\]](#)

Are there changes in impacts to Utilities and Railroads? No

Are there changes in impacts to Navigation? N/A

8. COMMITMENT STATUS

Are there prior commitments from the Environmental Document or previously approved re-evaluation(s)? Yes

Are there new environmental commitments? Yes

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The Tri-colored bat, now a new federal proposed threatened species, has potential habitat within the project limits. As of August 2024, the bat has not yet been approved for listing but that is expected late Summer 2024. FTE is coordinating with USFWS to address potential surveys and impacts. FTE commits to perform any mitigation required by USFWS to address impacts to this species.

[\[5 - Project Commitment Record Report Updated 8/1/2024\]](#)

9. STATUS OF PERMITS

Federal

Segment	Name	Descriptor	Status	Date
442764-2-52-01	USACE Section 10 or Section 404 Permit	USFWS Incidental Take Permit	Obtained	07/02/2024

State

Segment	Name	Descriptor	Status	Date
442764-2-52-01	DEP or WMD Environmental Resource Permit (ERP)	ERP	Applied For	05/01/2024
442764-2-52-01	FWC Gopher Tortoise Relocation Permit		Needed	
442764-2-52-01	State 404 Permit	DEP File No. 9-430696-001-NPR	Obtained	05/10/2023

Local

None anticipated.

Other

Segment	Name	Status	Date
442764-2-52-01	FWC Listed Species Incidental Take Permit	Obtained	01/05/2024

10. CONCLUSION

- ☒ The above Environmental Document has been re-evaluated. It is recommended that the project identified herein be advanced to the next phase.

11. DISTRICT REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Annemarie Hammond

August 2, 2024

District approving authority or designee

Date



12. OEM APPROVAL

Not Applicable

13. Links to Supporting Documentation

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- 1 - [40527013201-SEIR-FTE-Acccess_Changes_at_CR_495_and_Tom_Mason_Drive-2024-0801.pdf](#)
- 2 - [40527013201-SEIR-FTE-442764-2_Suncoast_3A_CSER_Update_2024__60%_Design_Plans-2024-0404.pdf](#)
- 3 - [40527013201-SEIR-FTE-Suncoast_Parkway_2_Phase_3A_\(442764-2\)_CRAS_Update_2023-12-06-2023-1206.pdf](#)
- 4 - [40527013201-SEIR-FTE-2024-343_signed_concurrence_AM_BS_KC-2024-0208.pdf](#)
- 5 - [40527013201-SEIR-FTE-ProjectCommitmentRecordReport-2024-0801.pdf](#)