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February 13, 2014

Mr. Joseph Lopano
Tampa International Airport
P. O. Box 22287
Tampa, FL 33622-2287

Re: Consolidated Rental Car Facility and Associated Improvements in the South Terminal Support Area – Tampa International Airport.

Dear Mr. Lopano:

The Hillsborough County Aviation Authority (HCAA), as the Airport Sponsor, has requested the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approve proposed landside and surface transportation improvements in the southern portion of the Tampa International Airport (TPA) property. To facilitate approval of the requested actions, the HCAA submitted a Final Focused Environmental Assessment (EA) to the FAA on December 30, 2013.

The FAA has independently reviewed the Final Focused EA and determined that it is in accordance with FAA's regulations and is consistent with the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (40 CFR Part 1500) as well as FAA's Orders 1050.1E and 5050.4B for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA. Consistent with 40 CFR 1501.4(e), the FAA has prepared a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), concluding that preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this proposed activity is not necessary. Enclosed are signed originals of the Final Focused EA and FONSI.

The FONSI is issued pursuant to any requirements for mitigation and permits that are discussed and indicated in the Final Focused EA and which are considered to be conditions of approval.

In accordance with the regulations implementing NEPA, notice of the FONSI accompanied by the Final Focused EA, must be made public. The enclosed notice should be placed in a local newspaper(s) as soon as possible for a minimum of three days. Please provide this office with a certified copy of the notice as it appears in print.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me by telephone at (407) 812-6331, extension 129.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Virginia Lane". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Virginia Lane, Environmental Protection Specialist

Enclosures

cc: FDOT, District 7 w/o enclosures

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION – NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FINAL FOCUSED ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT– TAMPA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, TAMPA FL

The FAA has issued a Final Focused Environmental Assessment (Final EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) approving projects at the Tampa International Airport (TPA). TPA is owned and operated by the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority (HCAA). The projects include a new airport people mover (APM), consolidated rental car facility (CONRAC), employee parking garage, and associated roadway improvements. The projects are located in the southern portion of the airport's property. The projects result in unavoidable impacts to state jurisdictional wetlands and surface waters. The projects require an Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) from the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SFWMD); a wetland permit from the Hillsborough County Environmental Protection Commission, and a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). The HCAA has purchased wetland mitigation credits equal to 8.98 acres under SFWMD Conceptual ERP 49008396.043 in the Brooker Creek Buffer Preserve. Copies of the Final Focused EA and FONSI are available for public review at the following locations during normal business hours: Hillsborough County Aviation Authority, Tampa International Airport, 4100 George Bean Parkway, Tampa, FL 33607, Telephone 813-870-7846; FAA Orlando Airports District Office, 5950 Hazeltine National Drive, Orlando FL 32822, Telephone 407-812-6331.