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Diane Naeyaert
Pasco County Zoning/Code Compliance
Pasco County Growth Management Department
7530 Little Road Suite 320
New Port Richey, FL 34656

Re: Variance Request
Dollar General, US 301 Zephyrhills, Florida

Dear Ms. Naeyaert:

The department appreciates the opportunity to review the above referenced development for its potential impacts to the State Highway System and continues to support the Pasco County Right-of-Way Preservation Ordinance that was put in place to protect the future needs of the state and county roadways.

We recognize that the previously approved Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for this corridor is undergoing further evaluation; however, at this time, the PD&E document is the best available reference to determine the future right-of-way need for this corridor. Based on the approved US 301 alignment, the department believes the dedication of 20 feet, by this development, would be in the best interest of all concerned and will accommodate the needs of the corridor as we know them today.

Further, the department acknowledges that the ultimate authority to enforce the ordinance lies with Pasco County and respectfully requests your consideration. If you have any questions, or comments, please contact Susan L. Van Hoose at 813-975-6450.

Sincerely,

Ming Gao, P.E.
Intermodal Systems Development Manager

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