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Thank you Marshelly. Once you or Eric send over an agreement with the revised notice and indemnity language (consistent w/the previously negotiated indemnity language from the prior executed agreement you sent over) I will move it forward. I am not advising the County enter into this agreement though will approve it as to form.

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Hi Brendan,

I've had an opportunity to review and consider your proposal. The language previously negotiated with Pinellas is generally the same language CSXT uses with other Florida municipalities and counties. As such, I would prefer not to modify as extensively as you have proposed. The current language appears to preserve the protections afforded to Pinellas County under the Florida Statutes.

Thank you,  
Marshelly

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Hey Marshelly, just following up to see if you considered the below.

Thanks

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Marshelly, thanks for the quick, helpful response; it's much appreciated.

Rather than nitpick the existing language, it's probably easier to explain why the modified language (New Section 9) proposed in my original e-mail below makes sense:

- One could argue that the existing language requires the County to indemnify CSX for claims that arise from actions of third parties; if indemnity is required, it should be explicit that such indemnity is only triggered by actions of the County
- There is no explicit cap on liability; if indemnity is required, liability should explicitly be capped at the Sovereign Immunity limits (\$100K/\$200K).
- The County is being asked to indemnify CSX unless CSX is solely negligent; if indemnity is required, it should only be triggered if the County is solely negligent.
- I observed another difference in the language from the old contract you sent over and the contract at issue here. The old contract does not have the last sentences in Sections 9.1 and 9.2 of the contract at issue here, which state that, even where CSX is solely negligent, the County's liability is "absolute" when the County is working on the encroaching facilities authorized under the agreement. I assume there is a debate about removing these sentences from the contract at issue here because they were not in the previously negotiated language in the old contract.
- If indemnity is required and the County is opening itself up to claims, such claims should explicitly be required to accord with the procedures set forth in 768.28 FS (most notably the three year SOL found in 768.28(6)(a))
- If indemnity is required and the County is opening itself up to claims, such claims should explicitly be limited to those waived under the common law interpreting the limited waiver of Sovereign Immunity (e.g., the County waive Sovereign Immunity for Planning functions)

The language proposed below was approved by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners as a compromise for just this sort of agreement. Considering the County is a public agency that normally does not indemnify at all, the County feels using this language is fair to both parties.

Thanks so much again for your attention to this matter; hopefully I've adequately outlined the County's concerns

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Brendan,

Please let me know your reservations with the previously negotiated language and I'll consider. Or, you may call me directly at the number below to discuss.

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Thanks Marshelly, the indemnity language in the old agreement you attached mirrors the language in the proposed new agreement (except for Section 9.2 (contractor indemnity), which CSX already changed once).

It follows that, notwithstanding prior negotiations, I still have reservations with the language. Nevertheless, it sounds like CSX is unwilling to further modify the language. Can you please confirm?

On a separate note, Eric, please ensure that the County's address is updated in the Notice Section (15.2) such that it reads as follows:

15.2 All other notices and communications concerning this Agreement shall be addressed to **Licensee** at Pinellas County Public Works, 22211 U.S. 19 N, Building #1, Clearwater, FL 33765, c/o Transportation Division Director and to **Licensee** at the address shown on Page 1, c/o CSXT Contract Management, J180; **or** at such other address as either party may designate in writing to the other.

Thank you both for your assistance and attention to this agreement

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Brendan,

CSXT previously negotiated with various FL counties, including Pinellas County, indemnification for this type of agreement. Attached is an executed version with the negotiated language.

Eric will send a revised agreement consistent with the attached.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Marshelly

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Thanks Eric. Marshelly, please see the attached resolution. As illustrated therein, the County has a firm policy against indemnifying other parties. As a practical matter, the County must waive this policy in certain instances, perhaps such as here. Before waiving this policy, however, the County is required to ask the other party if it is agreeable that each party be responsible for its own negligence. I understand CSX previously rejected this request here. Where the request that each party be responsible for its own negligence is rejected, in accordance with the Resolution, the County requests that the following language be used:

County hereby agrees to indemnify CSX for claims brought against CSX only to the extent that they are found to result from the sole negligence of the County, its governing body, or its employees. This indemnification shall not be construed to be an indemnification for the acts, or omissions of third parties, independent contractors or third party agents of the County. This indemnification shall not be construed as a waiver of the County's sovereign immunity, and shall be interpreted as limited to only such traditional liabilities for which the County could be liable under the common law interpreting the limited waiver of sovereign immunity. Any claims against the County must comply with the procedures found in 768.28, Florida Statutes. In order to comply with the requirements of 768.28, Florida Statutes, and Article VII, section 10 of the Florida Constitution, the value of this indemnification is limited to the lesser of the amount payable by either party under the substantive provisions of this Agreement, or the limitations of 768.28, Florida Statutes. In addition, this indemnification shall be construed to limit recovery by the indemnified party against the County to only those damages caused by County's sole negligence, and specifically not include any attorney's fees or costs associated therewith.



