

## MAINTENANCE BOND

Bond Number: 108326801

BY THIS BOND WE, Ripa & Associates, LLC, as Principal, and Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America as Surety, are bound to Hernando County, Florida, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereinafter "County", in the sum of (\$ 2,225,488.55 -----) for the payment of which we bind ourselves, our heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents:

WHEREAS, the above-named Principal has applied, or will apply, to the County for approval of a plat of a certain area of land within Hernando County, Florida, to be known as Somerset Bay Phase 1A (Project) and has agreed, or is required, as a condition to the approval of said plat by the County or pursuant to Land Development Regulations, to maintain all required, approved, or dedicated improvements, which improvements consist of, but are not necessarily limited to, roads, drainage, sewer and water lines, and all other improvements installed in connection with the Project; and,

WHEREAS, the approval of said plat by the County is further conditioned upon the furnishing of an adequate Surety Bond to the County pursuant to the County's Land Development Regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CONDITION OF THIS BOND is such that if the Principal:

- A. Shall maintain all improvements within the project for a period of eighteen (18) months from the date established by the county for the beginning of the maintenance period; and
- B. During such maintenance period, shall provide any maintenance repairs required by the county to ensure the integrity of the improvements, as designed and constructed, is maintained, including but not limited to:
  - (1) Repair and/or replacement of pavement, culverts, catch basins, etc;
  - (2) Control of erosion, replacement of sod, removal of soil washed into the street or drainage system;
  - (3) Maintenance and/or replacement of regulatory signs and markings;
  - (4) Maintenance of sewer lines, force mains, lift stations and wastewater treatment plants if approved and maintenance of water plants and distribution systems; and
- C. Shall reimburse the County or district for any and all repairs it might make to the systems during the maintenance period; and
- D. Shall submit written requests for an inspection of all improvements to the County's Utilities and Public Works Departments, as applicable, at least sixty (60) days prior to the termination of the completion period;

then this obligation shall be void. Otherwise, it remains in full force and effect.

AND the said Surety, for value received, hereby stipulates and agrees that no change involving an extension of time, alterations, or additions to the terms of the improvements to be made hereunder, or in the plans, specifications and schedules covering the same, shall in any way affect the obligation of said Surety on this bond and the Surety does hereby waive notice of any such changes.

THIS BOND shall be for the use and benefit of the County if it should elect to proceed with said work upon the failure of the Principal to maintain the improvements in connection with the Project for a period of eighteen (18) months from the date established by the county for the beginning of the maintenance period, or any subsequent date provided through an agreement between the Principal and the County for an extension of time.

IT IS FURTHER understood that should Hernando County, Florida be required to institute legal proceedings in order to collect any funds under this bond, Ripa & Associates, LLC (Principal) shall be responsible for attorney's fees and court costs incurred by the County.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Principal and the Surety have caused these presents to be duly executed this 22 day of December, 2025.

Ripa & Associates, LLC

PRINCIPAL

Signed by:  


By: Chris LaFace  
Name: Chris LaFace  
Title: Managing Member

Witness Lori Katzman

Witness Melanie Braccia

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Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America  
SURETY

Signed by:  
  
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By: David B. Shick, Attorney-In-Fact &  
Name: David B. Shick, Attorney-In-Fact &  
Title: Licensed FL Resident Agent #A241176





**Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America  
Travelers Casualty and Surety Company  
St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company  
Farmington Casualty Company**

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, and Farmington Casualty Company are corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut (herein collectively called the "Companies"), and the Companies do hereby make, constitute and appoint **DAVID B SHICK** of **TAMPA, Florida**, their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact to sign, execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, recognizances, conditional undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof (**including any and all consents required by the Florida Department of Transportation or the Central Florida Expressway Authority incident to the release of retained percentages and/or final estimates**) on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed, and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed, this **4th** day of **March, 2024**.



State of Connecticut

By:

Bryce Grissom, Senior Vice President

City of Hartford ss.

By:

On this the **4th** day of **March, 2024**, before me personally appeared **Bryce Grissom**, who acknowledged himself to be the Senior Vice President of each of the Companies, and that he, as such, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing on behalf of said Companies by himself as a duly authorized officer.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

My Commission expires the **30th** day of **June, 2026**



Anna P. Nowik, Notary Public

This Power of Attorney is granted under and by the authority of the following resolutions adopted by the Boards of Directors of each of the Companies, which resolutions are now in full force and effect, reading as follows:

**RESOLVED**, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary may appoint Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents to act for and on behalf of the Company and may give such appointee such authority as his or her certificate of authority may prescribe to sign with the Company's name and seal with the Company's seal bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognition, or conditional undertaking, and any of said officers or the Board of Directors at any time may remove any such appointee and revoke the power given him or her; and it is

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President may delegate all or any part of the foregoing authority to one or more officers or employees of this Company, provided that each such delegation is in writing and a copy thereof is filed in the office of the Secretary; and it is

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that any bond, recognition, contract of indemnity, or writing obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognition, or conditional undertaking shall be valid and binding upon the Company when (a) signed by the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary and duly attested and sealed with the Company's seal by a Secretary or Assistant Secretary; or (b) duly executed (under seal, if required) by one or more Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents pursuant to the power prescribed in his or her certificate or their certificates of authority or by one or more Company officers pursuant to a written delegation of authority; and it is

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the signature of each of the following officers: President, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Assistant Vice President, any Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any Power of Attorney or to any certificate relating thereto appointing Resident Vice Presidents, Resident Assistant Secretaries or Attorneys-in-Fact for purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such Power of Attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company and any such power so executed and certified by such facsimile signature and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding on the Company in the future with respect to any bond or understanding to which it is attached.

I, **Kevin E. Hughes**, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary of each of the Companies, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, which remains in full force and effect.

Dated this **22** day of **December**, **2025**



Kevin E. Hughes, Assistant Secretary

**To verify the authenticity of this Power of Attorney, please call us at 1-800-421-3880.**

**Please refer to the above-named Attorney(s)-in-Fact and the details of the bond to which this Power of Attorney is attached.**