

## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

**NOTICE:** KSC-01-18

**National Environmental Policy Act:** Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex (KSCVC) Access Road, Environmental Assessment, Kennedy Space Center, Florida

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

**ACTION:** Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 United States Code 4321 et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA; 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §1500–1508; and NASA policy and procedures, (14 CFR §1216.3), NASA has made a FONSI with respect to the proposed construction of a new four-lane access road to provide service to KSCVC from Space Commerce Way. Under the Proposed Action, the new four-lane road would be aligned north–south and enter the southwest corner of the existing KSCVC parking lot.

**DATE:** This Proposed Action may proceed as of the date of signature of this FONSI.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments or questions should be addressed to:

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The Final Environmental Assessment (EA) is available for public review at the Central Brevard Library and Reference Center and the Cocoa Beach, Melbourne, Merritt Island, Port St. John, and Titusville Public Libraries. A limited number of hard copies of the Final EA are available by contacting Mr. Don Dankert at the address above, electronic mail address, or telephone indicated herein. The Final EA is also available online in Acrobat format at: <https://environmental.ksc.nasa.gov/EnvironmentalPlanning/NEPA>

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NASA initiated a 30–day public review and comment period for the Draft EA for the KSCVC Access Road, KSC, Florida, by publishing a notice in the *Florida Today* newspaper on March 22, 2018, and by providing copies to the Florida State Clearinghouse. The public review period closed on April 23, 2018. NASA has reviewed the Final EA and determined that it represents an accurate and adequate analysis of the scope and level of associated environmental impacts. This FONSI incorporates the Final EA by reference.

The EA addresses potential impacts associated with the Proposed Action, Alternative Action, and No Action Alternative. The project alternatives have been evaluated for the purpose of providing the following:

- A new primary public (visitor) access ingress/egress
- Separating visitor traffic from official and emergency access to improve public safety and security
- Reduce interference with tour bus operation
- Improve guest experience
- Reduce traffic delays during peak seasons and rocket launches
- Accommodate future growth.

The Proposed Action consists of a new access road that runs north–south from Space Commerce Way and ties into the southwest corner of the existing KSCVC parking lot. The Alternative Action involves constructing the four-lane road from Space Commerce Way to the southeast corner of the existing KSCVC parking lot. The No Action alternative would involve not constructing the roadway to the KSCVC. The Alternative Action was not selected due to conflicts with traffic circulation in the future parking plaza design.

Environmental impacts resulting from the Proposed Action construction and associated operations were classified as negligible, minor, or major. The Proposed Action construction and associated operations' impacts vary from negligible to minor. The environmental assessment of the Proposed Action construction and associated operations indicate that there will be minor impacts on vegetation due to the small acreage of wetland and jurisdictional surface water impacts proposed. A wetland mitigation plan to offset primary and secondary wetland impacts will be prepared in accordance with state and federal agency regulations.

Based on the Final EA, I have determined that the environmental impacts associated with the Proposed Action would not individually or cumulatively have a significant impact on the quality of the biological or physical environment.

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL:**

**Original Signed By**

**Robert D. Cabana**

Robert D. Cabana  
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June 5, 2018

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**SUBJECT:** Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex (KSCVC) Access Road, Kennedy Space Center (KSC), Florida

Attached is the subject FONSI for the KSCVC Access Road. This document records the decision regarding the action proposed by National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). This is a decisional document required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations.

This FONSI and the associated EA have been fully reviewed with concurrence by all interested parties and project stakeholders. The assessment indicates that implementing the project's Proposed Action will not produce any significant impacts to the environment. During the public review process, KSC received no comments for the project from local government, businesses, or the public at large.

Upon receiving your signature, the FONSI will be published in the Florida Today and NASA will be free to move forward with project implementation. No further public review is required.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 321-861-1196.

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