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November 20, 2013

RE: DHR Project File No.: 2013-4404  
Received by DHR (electronically): November 13, 2013  
Project: *Cultural Resources Assessment Report: All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail  
Project from Orlando to West Palm Beach*  
Counties: Orange, Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin and Palm Beach

Dear Ms. Hassell:

This office received and reviewed the above referenced project in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended, 36 CFR Part 800: Protection of Historic Properties, and Chapter 267, *Florida Statutes*. It is the responsibility of the State Historic Preservation Officer to advise and assist, as appropriate, Federal and State agencies in carrying out their historic preservation responsibilities; to cooperate with agencies to ensure that historic properties are taken into consideration at all levels of planning and development; and to consult with the appropriate agencies in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended, on undertakings that may affect historic properties and the content and sufficiency of any plans developed to protect, manage, or to reduce or mitigate harm to such properties.

This proposed project involves the restoration of passenger rail service between Cocoa Beach to West Palm Beach utilizing the existing Florida East Coast Rail (FECR) right-of-way (ROW) and new rail service from Cocoa Beach to the Orlando International Airport. The Cultural Resources Assessment Report (CRAR) identified resources within 3 segments of the project: The Airport Rail Alignment and Vehicle Maintenance Facility (VMF), the East-West Corridor, and the North-South Corridor. This office concurs with the determinations of eligibility made by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and documented in the CRAR.

This office notes that due to access issues a portion of the new rail line between Cocoa Beach and the Orlando International Airport was not surveyed for cultural resources. This office requests the opportunity to view and comment on the results of the survey for this area when access is granted.



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Per the agreement made during the meeting between FRA and this office in July 2013 this office will refrain from concurring on the finding of effects until the time when this office has the opportunity to review the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

This office looks forward to further consultation on this project. If you have any questions concerning these comments, please contact Ginny Jones by email at [ginny.jones@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:ginny.jones@dos.myflorida.com), or at 850.245.6333 or 800.847.7278.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert F. Bendus" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert F. Bendus, Director  
Division of Historical Resources  
and State Historic Preservation Officer