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NHPA Section 106 THPO Consultation

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June 6, 2013

Catherine Dobbs
U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Railroad Administration

THPO#: 0011849

Re: All Aboard Florida Intercity Passenger Rail Service

Dear Ms. Dobbs,

The Seminole Tribe of Florida's Tribal Historic Preservation Office (STOF-THPO) received the U.S. Department of Transportation scoping meeting invitation regarding the above mentioned project on May 6, 2013. Although we were not able to attend the scoping meeting, the STOF-THPO is interested in receiving future updates about this project, including the draft EIS when it is completed.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the information that has been sent to date regarding this project. Please reference **THPO-0011849** for all future correspondence.

Sincerely,

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**U.S. Department of Transportation
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April 23, 2013

Ref: 61827

Mr. Paul N. Backhouse, Ph.D., Acting Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma
Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum
30290 Josie Billie Highway, PMB 1004
Clewiston, FL 33440

Re: All Aboard Florida Intercity Passenger Rail Service Scoping Invitation

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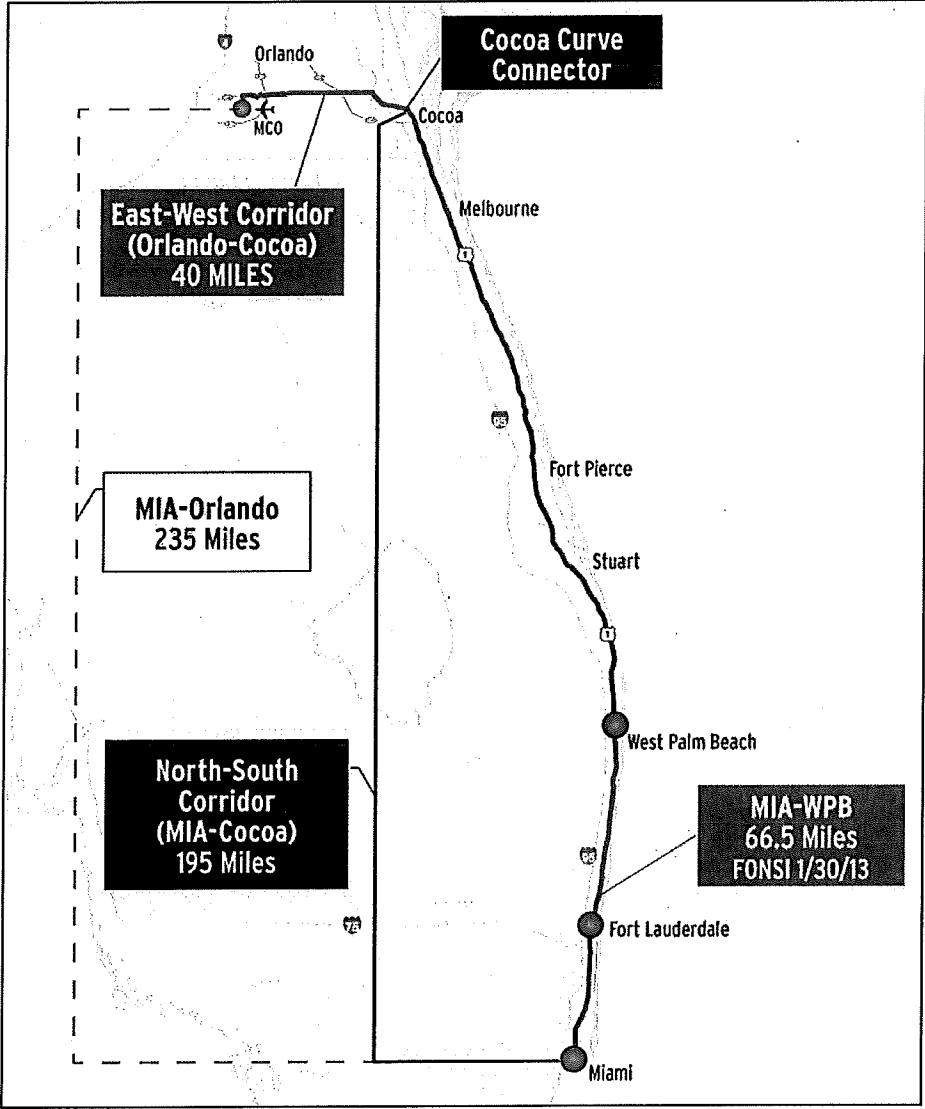
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Ms. Natalie Harjo, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma
P.O. Box 1498
Wewoka, OK 74884

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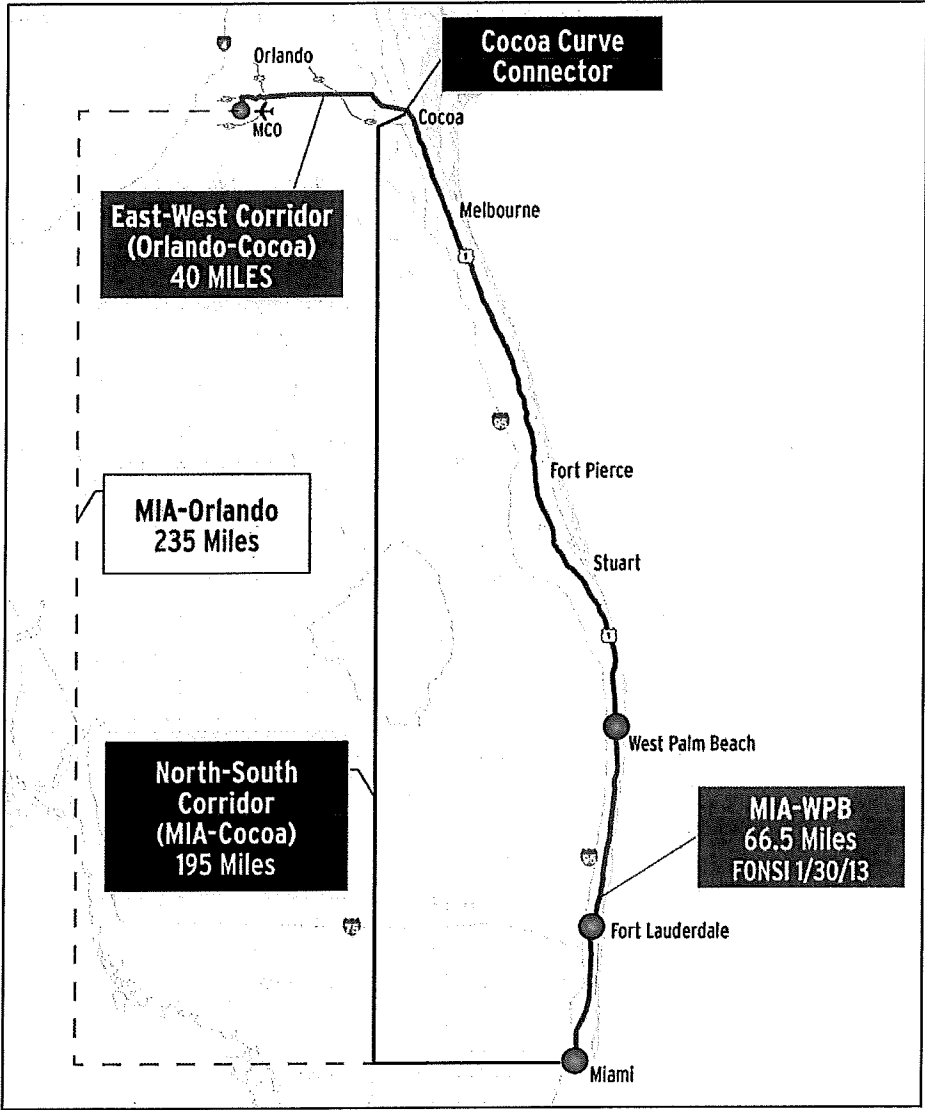
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Mr. Emman Spain, Cultural Preservation Officer
Muscogee Creek Nation
P.O. Box 580
Okmulgee, OK 74447

Re: All Aboard Florida Intercity Passenger Rail Service Scoping Invitation

Dear Mr. Spain:

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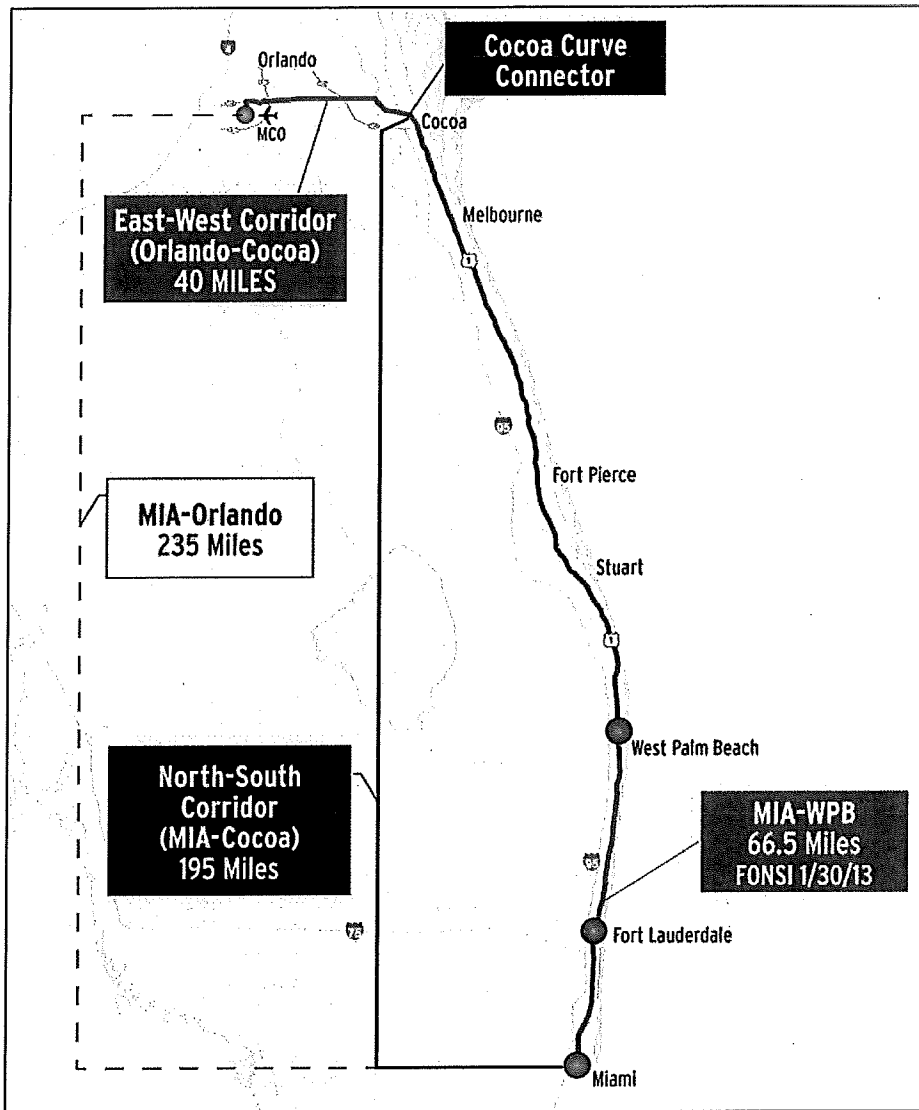
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Mr. Steven Terry, Land Resource Manager
Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida
P.O. Box 4400021
Miami, FL 33144

Re: All Aboard Florida Intercity Passenger Rail Service Scoping Invitation

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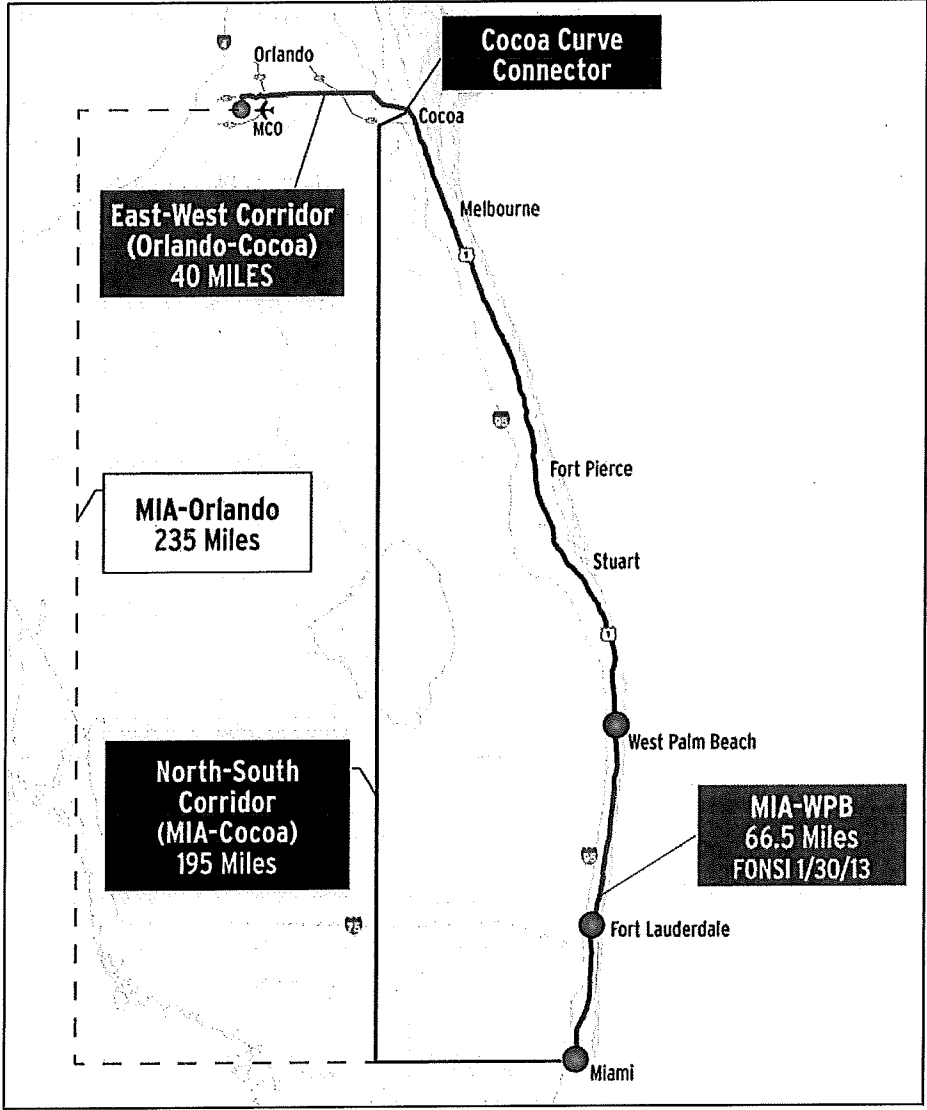
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Mr. Fred Dayhoff, Coordinator
Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida
HC61 SR Box 68
Old Loop Road
Ochope, FL 34141

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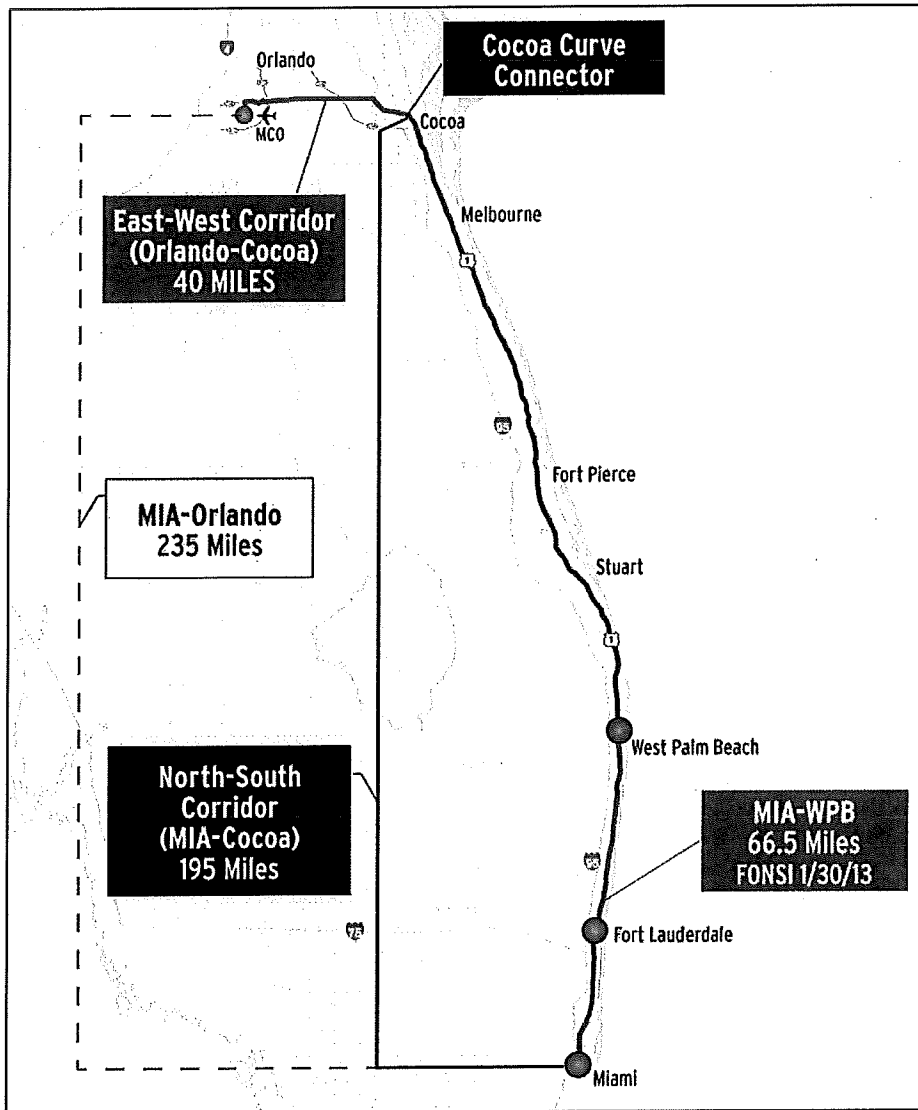
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Poarch Band of Creek Indians of Alabama
5811 Jack Springs Road
Altmore, AL 71360

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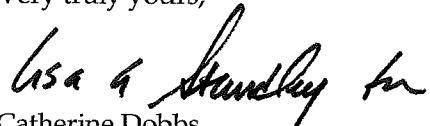
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