

# **Appendix 8.1-B**

## **Scoping Invitation Letters**



**U.S. Department of Transportation  
Federal Railroad Administration**

April 23, 2013

Ref: 61827

Ms. Joyce A. Stanley, MPA, Regional Environmental Protection Specialist  
Environmental Policy & Compliance – Region 4  
75 Spring Street SW, Suite 1144  
Atlanta, GA 30303

Re: All Aboard Florida Intercity Passenger Rail Service Scoping Invitation

Dear Ms. Stanley:

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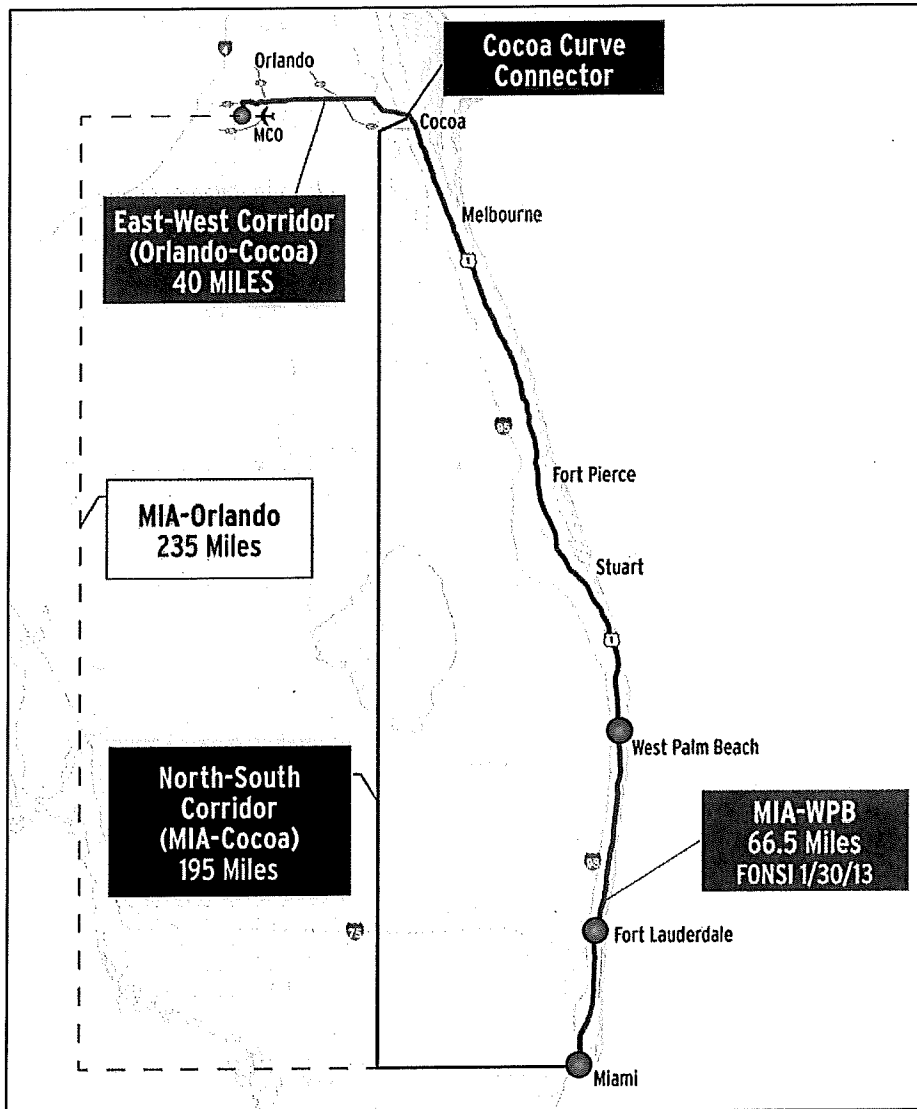
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St. John Water Management District  
4049 Reid Street  
Highway 100 West  
Palatka, Florida 32177

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Dear Ms. Reiber:

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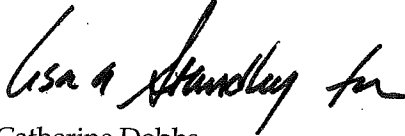
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South Florida Water Management District  
3301 Gun Club Road, MSC 2420  
West Palm Beach, Florida 33406

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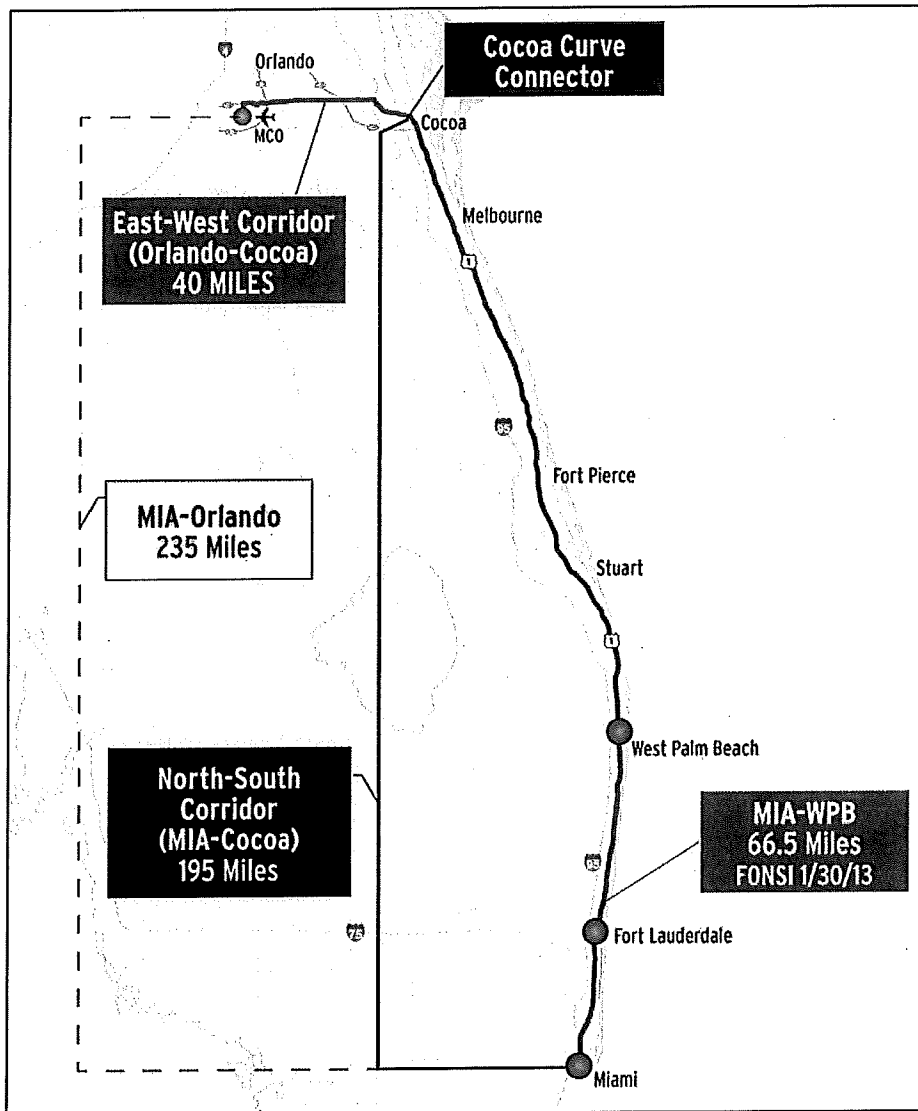
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USACE  
701 San Marco Blvd  
P.O. Box 4970  
Jacksonville, VL 30303

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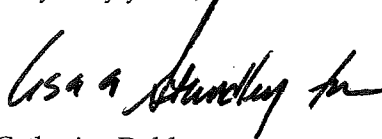
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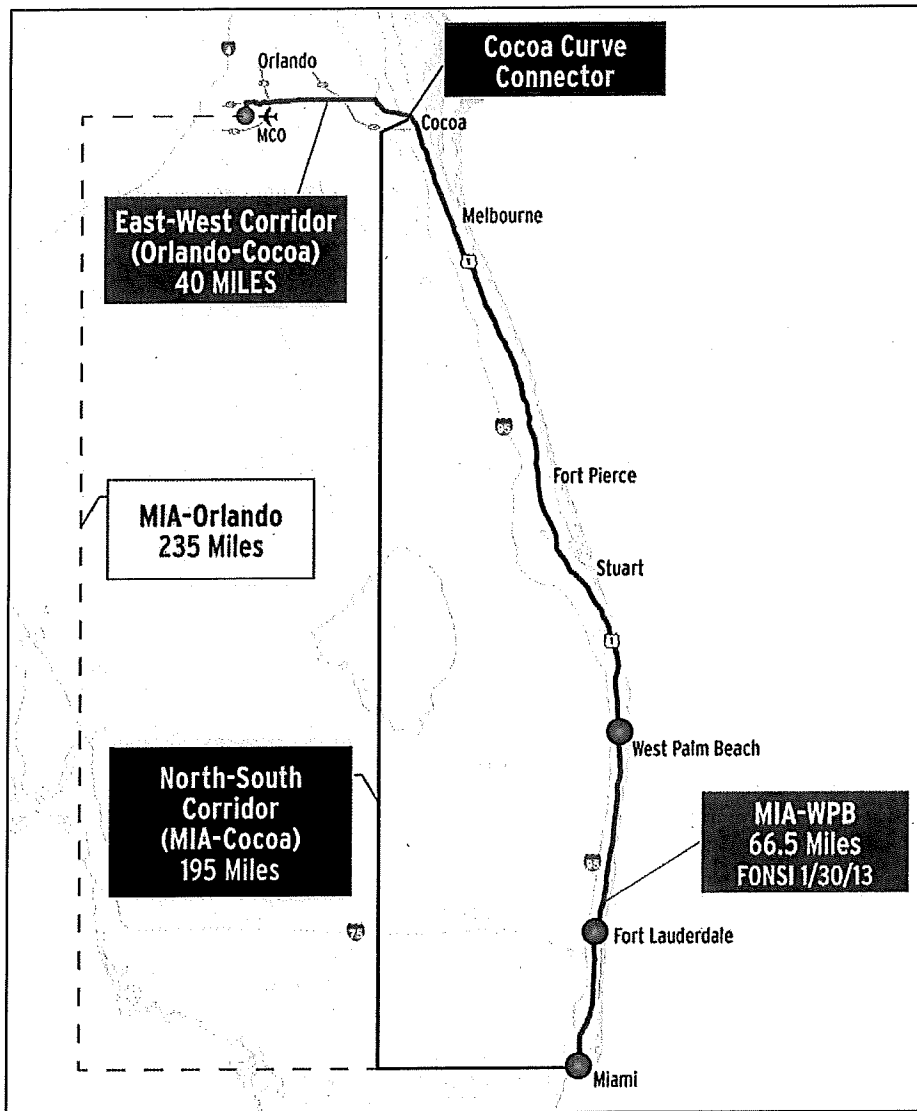
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Compliance Review Supervisor  
SHPO  
500 South Bronough Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

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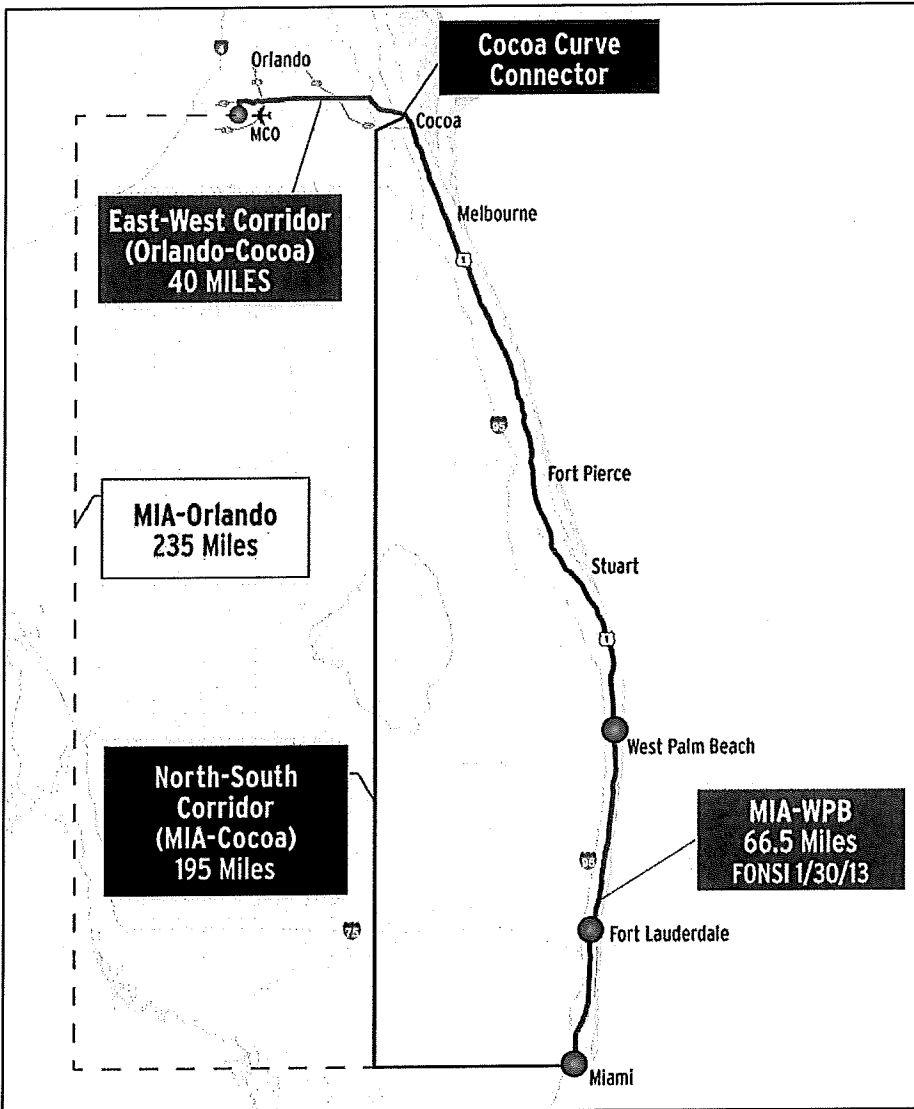
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Protection Florida Coastal Management Program  
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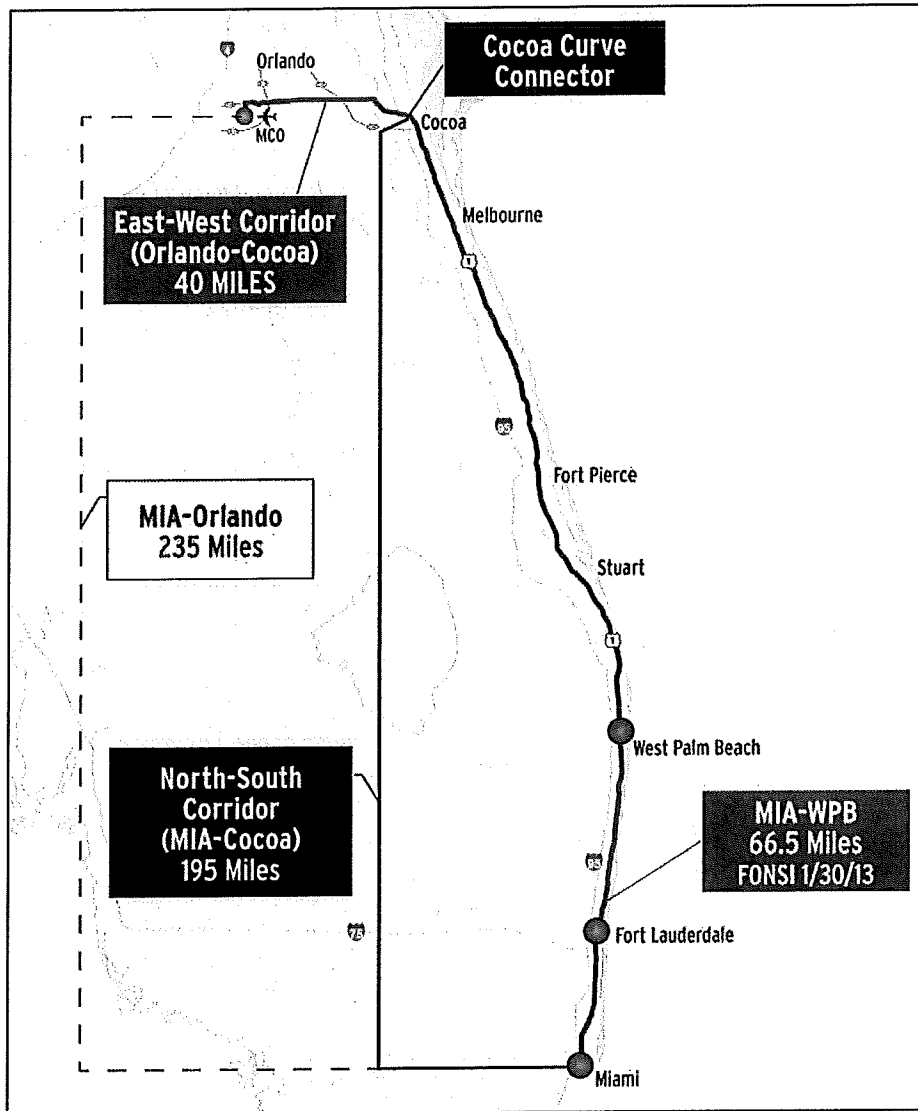
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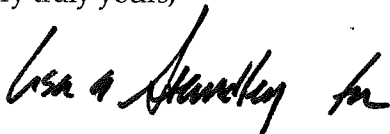
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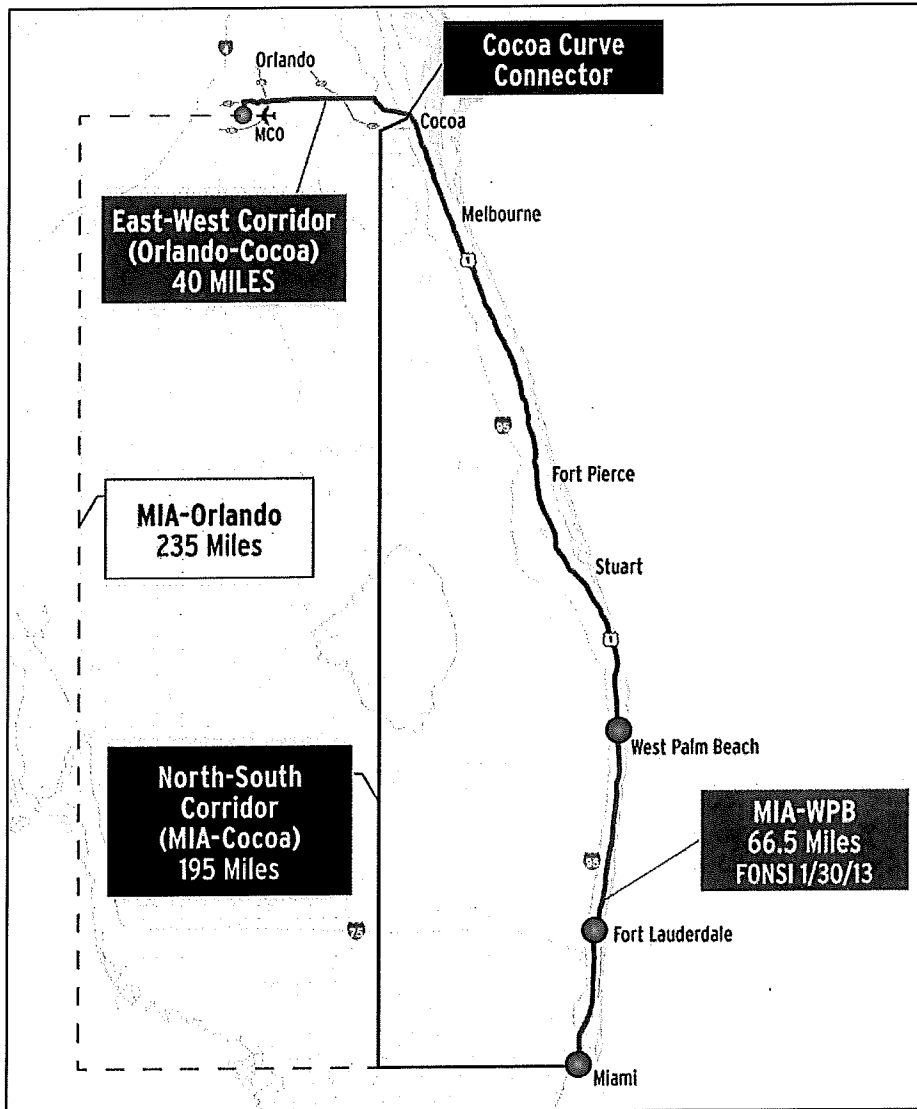
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Ms. Rosalind Moore, Wetland Conservation Manager  
USDA  
2614 NW 43<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Gainesville, FL 32606

Re: All Aboard Florida Intercity Passenger Rail Service Scoping Invitation

Dear Ms. Moore:

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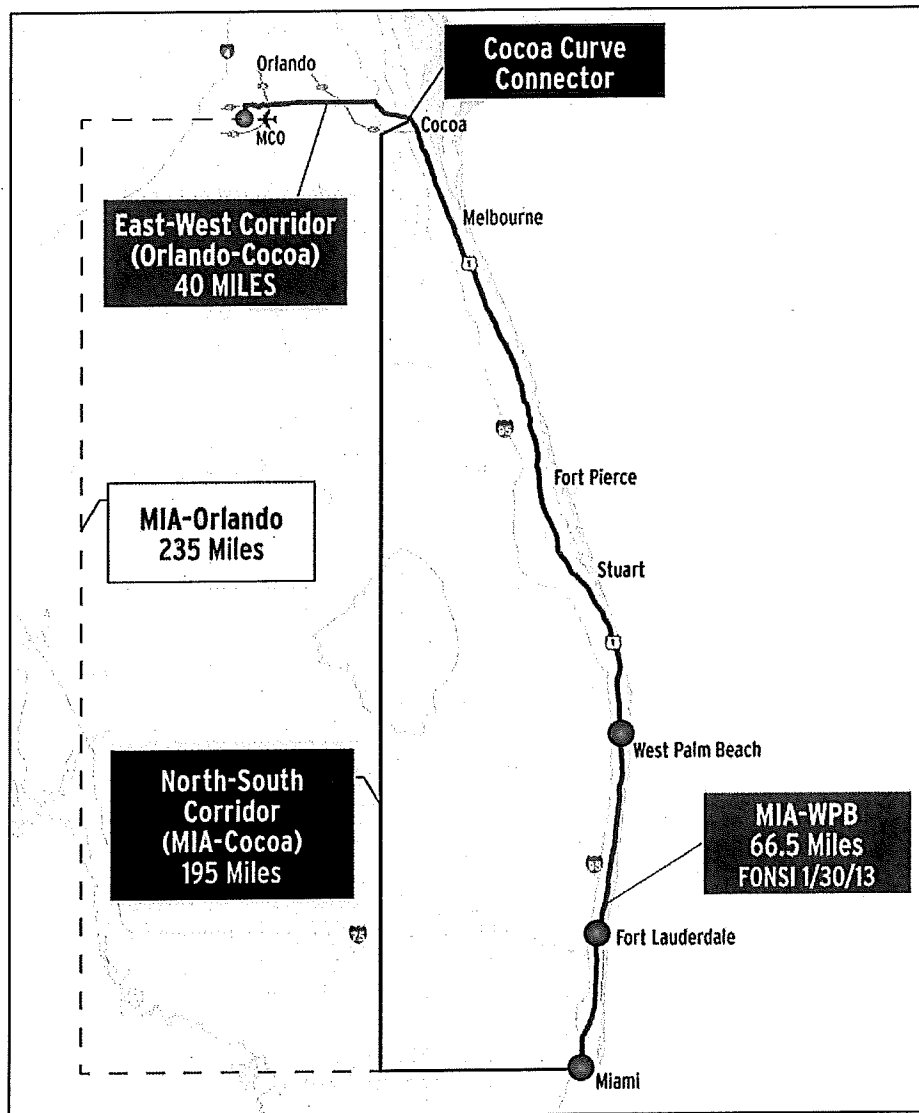
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Ms. Evelyn Smart, Environmental Protection  
USCG  
Seventh Coast Guard District  
909 S.E. First Ave., Room 432  
Miami, FL 33131

Re: All Aboard Florida Intercity Passenger Rail Service Scoping Invitation

Dear Ms. Smart:

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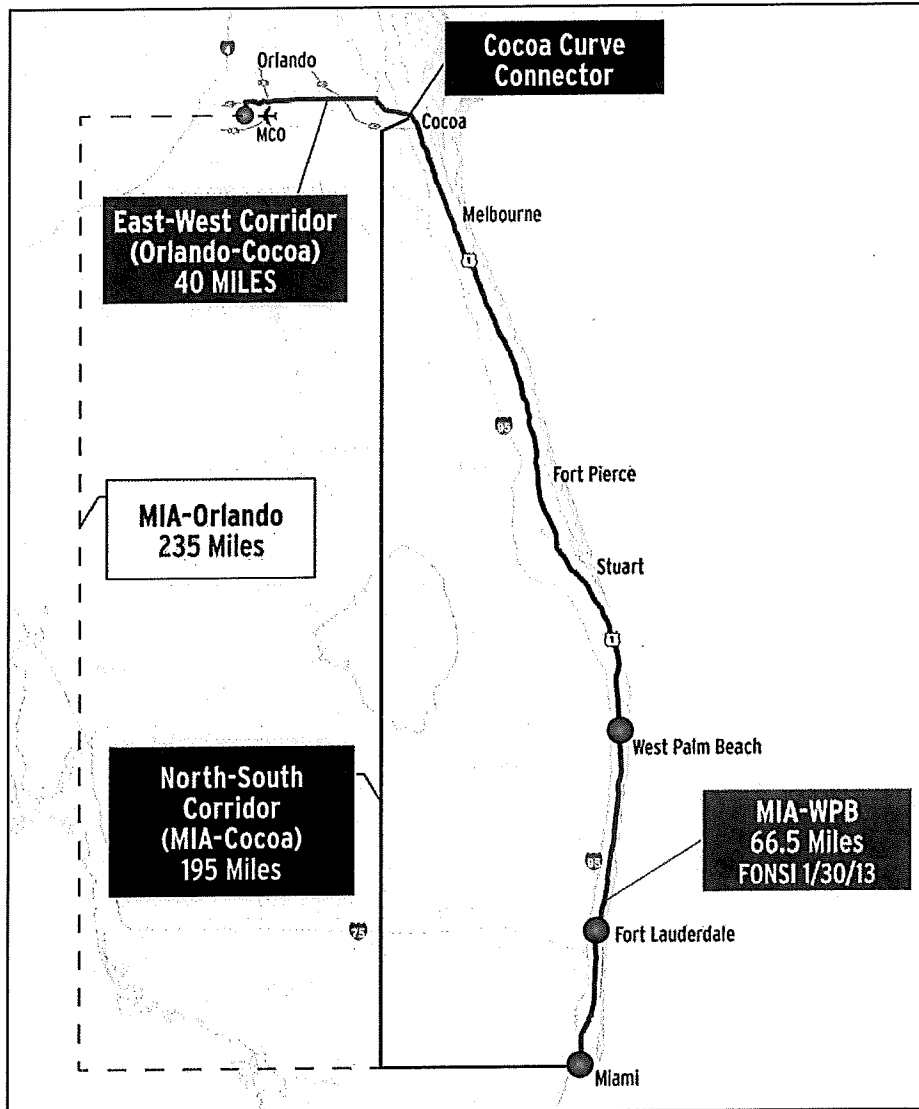
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USCG  
Seventh Coast Guard District  
909 S.E. First Ave., Room 432  
Miami, FL 33131

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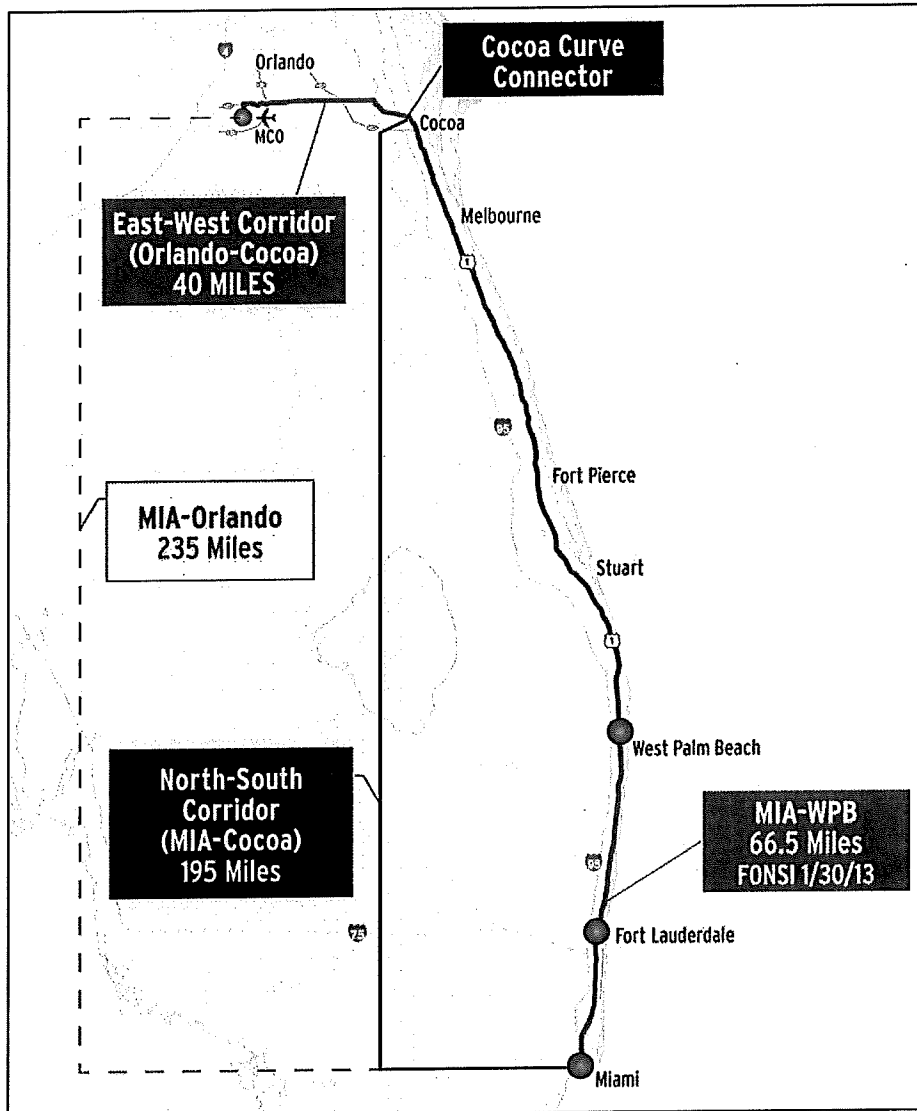
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USACE  
400 High Point Drive  
Suite 600  
Cocoa, FL 32926

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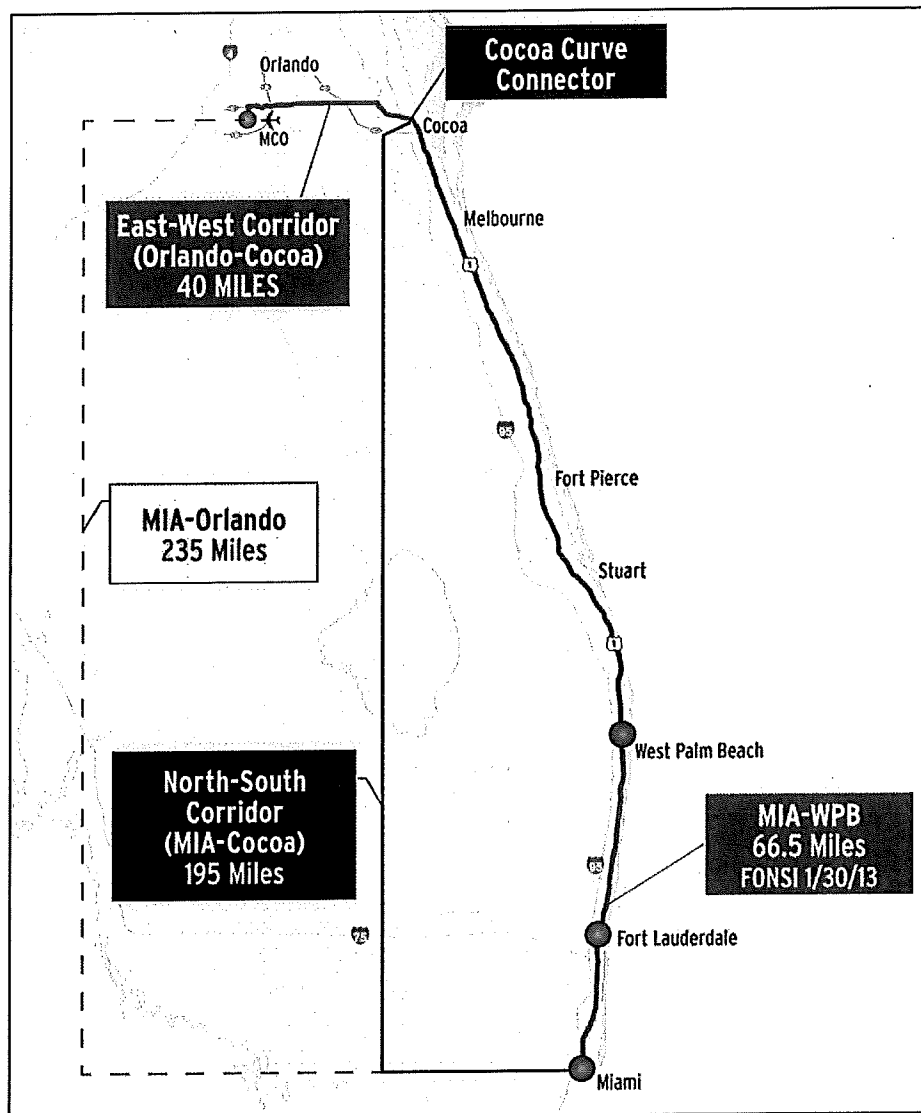
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Mr. Osvaldo Collazo, Chief North Permits Branch  
USACE  
701 San Marco Blvd  
P.O. Box 4970  
Jacksonville, FL 30303

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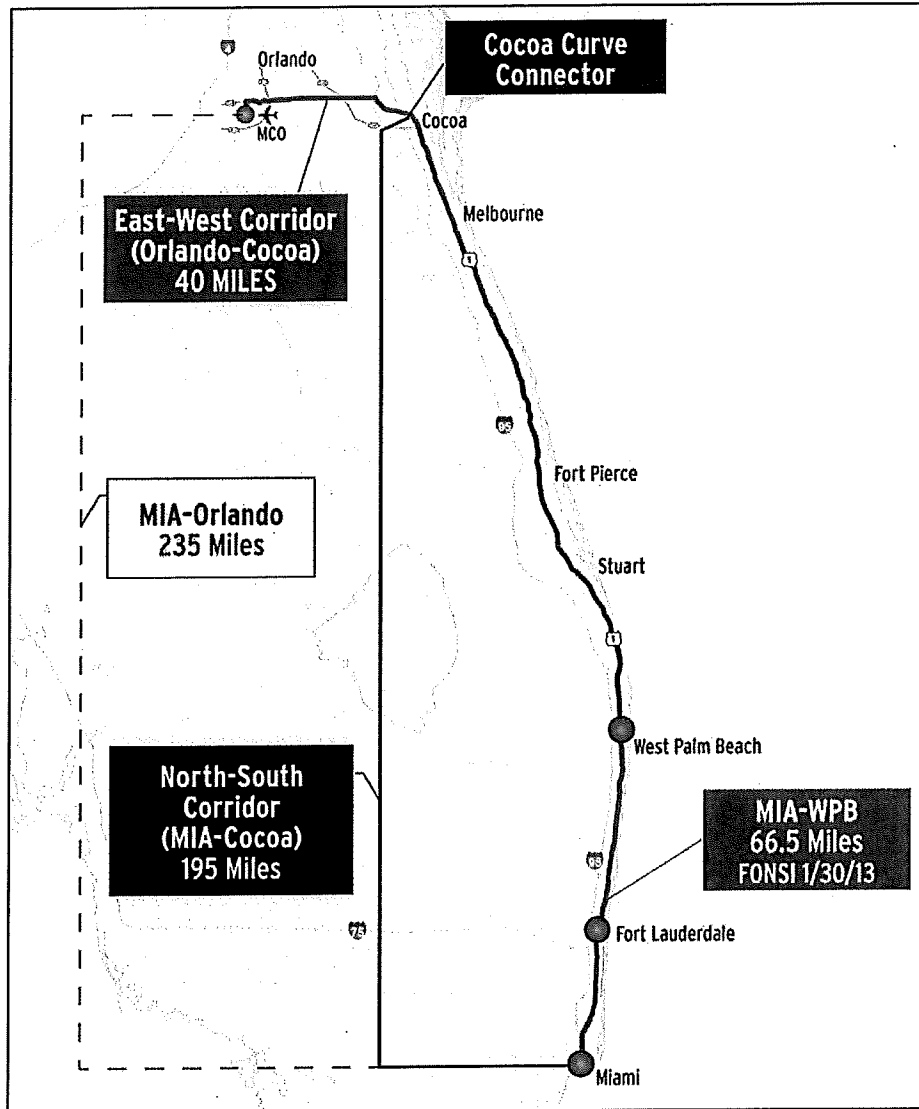
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Virginia Lane, Environmental Program Specialist  
EPA – Office of Accountability  
5950 Hazeltine National Drive  
Citadel International Building, Suite 400  
Orlando, FL 32822

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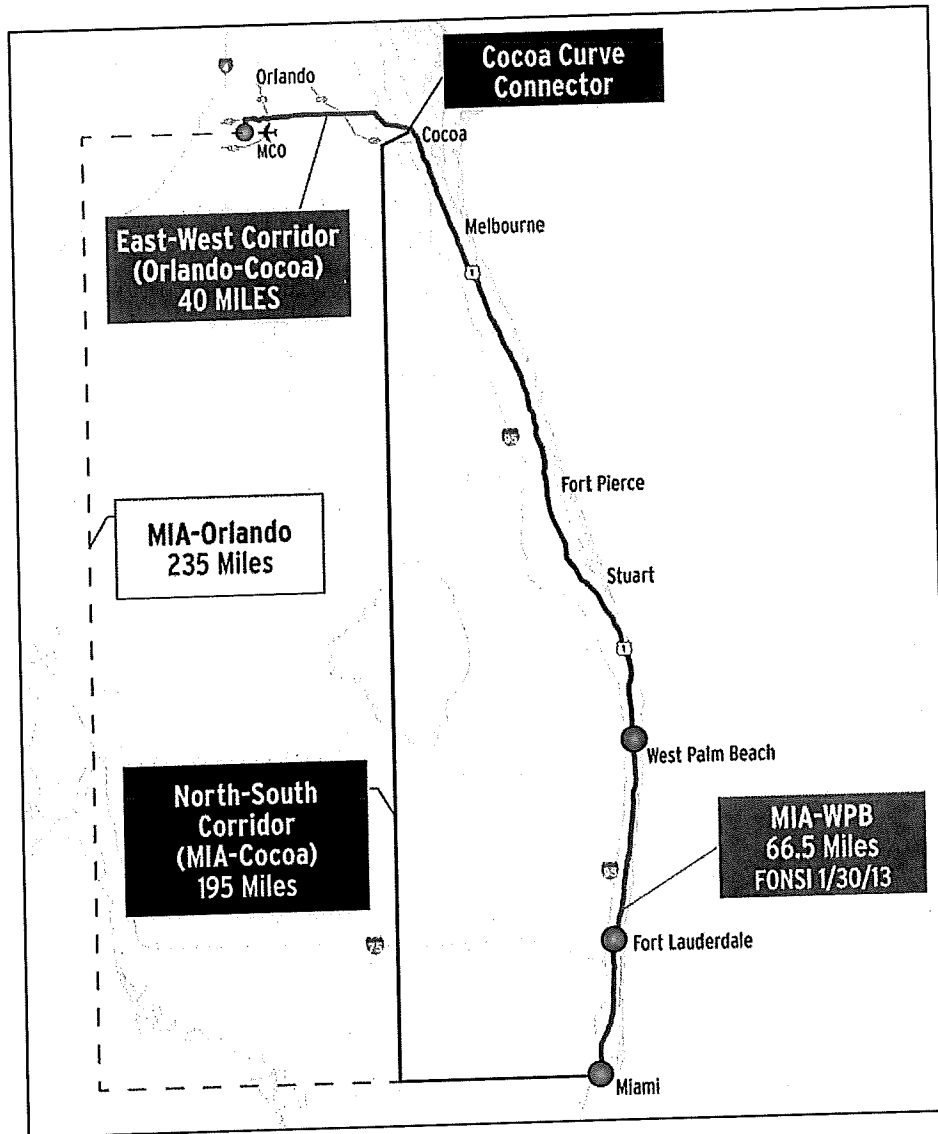
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FHWA – Florida Division Office  
545 John Knox Road, Suite 200  
Tallahassee, Florida 32303

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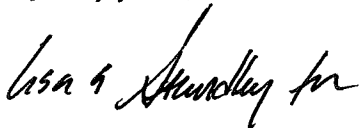
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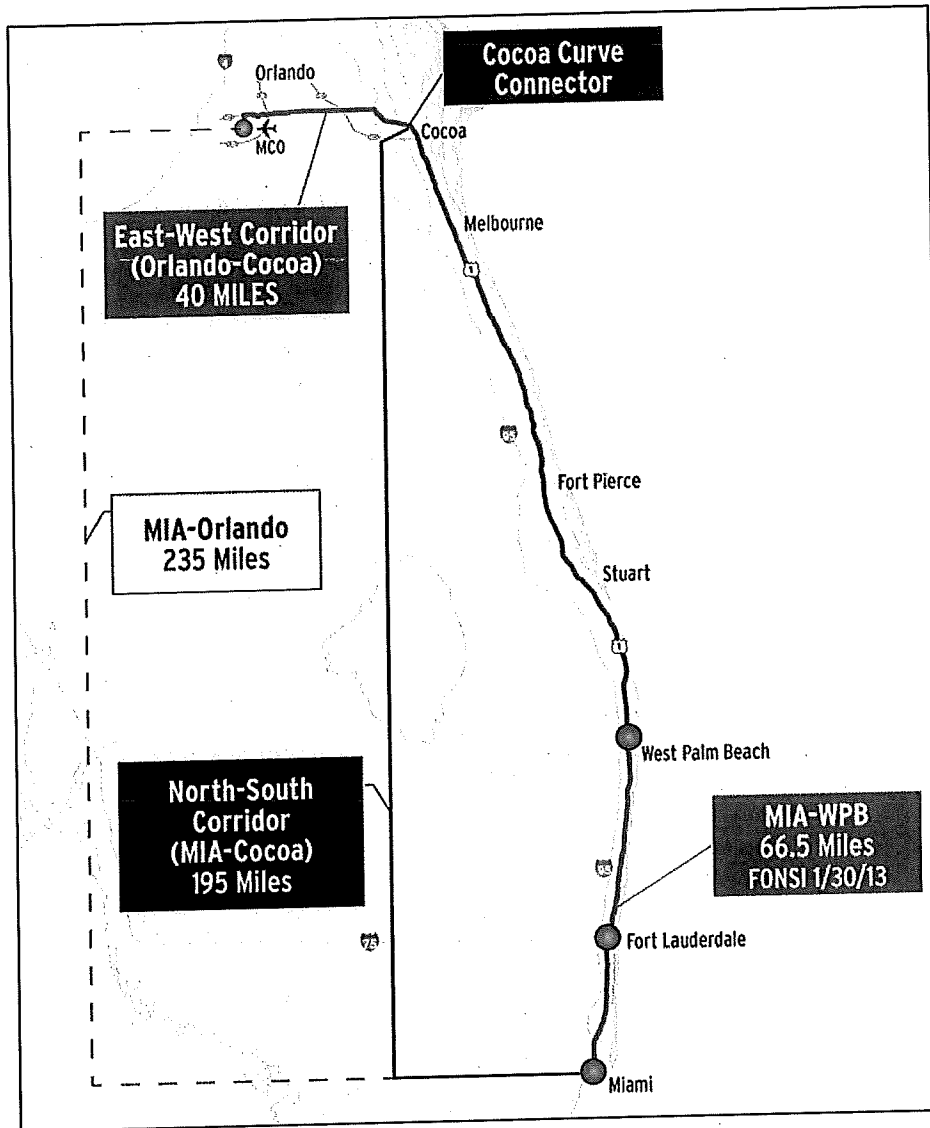
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April 22, 2013

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Mr. Heinz Mueller, Chief  
EPA Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Environmental Accountability  
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.  
Atlanta, GA 30303

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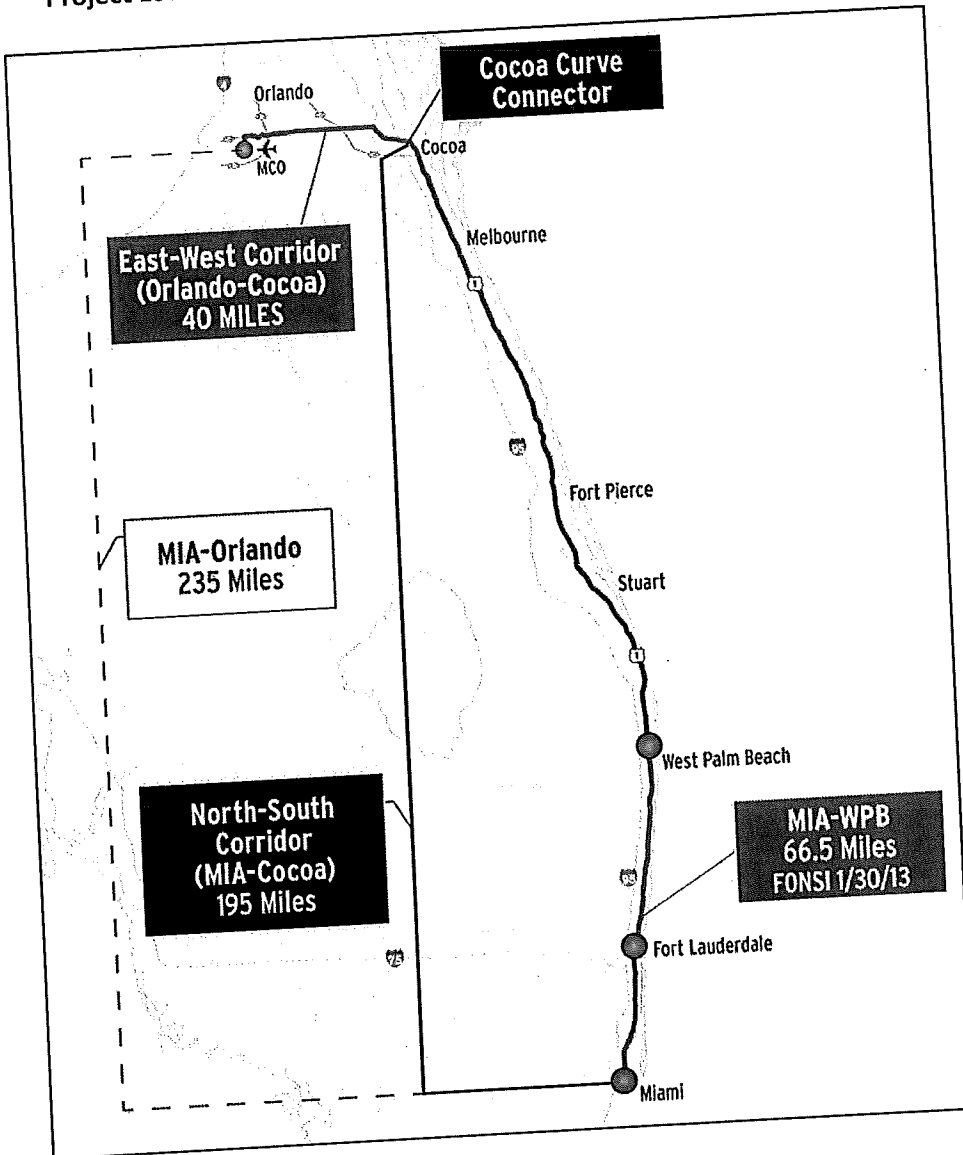
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Broward County Planning and Environmental Regulation  
1 North University Drive  
Room 102A  
Plantation, FL 33324

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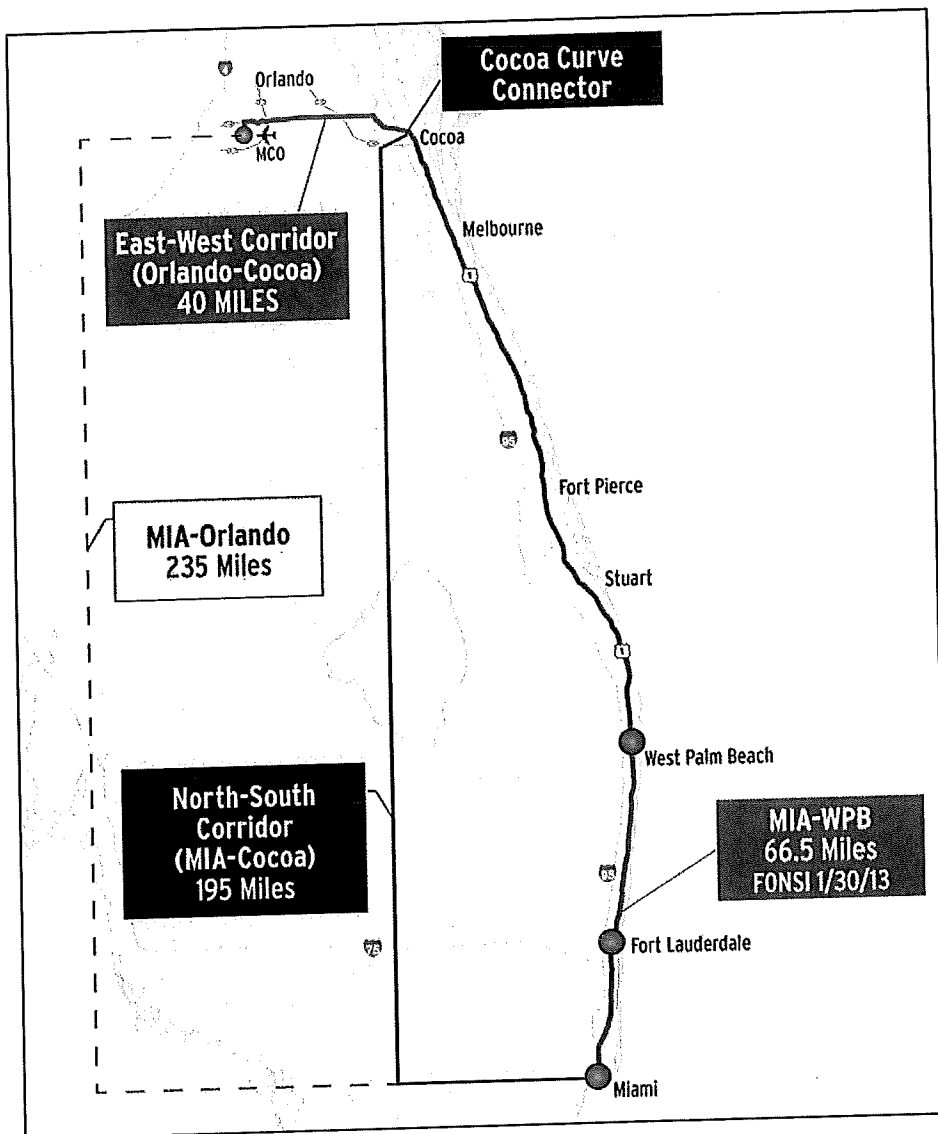
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3900 Commonwealth Boulevard MS 15  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

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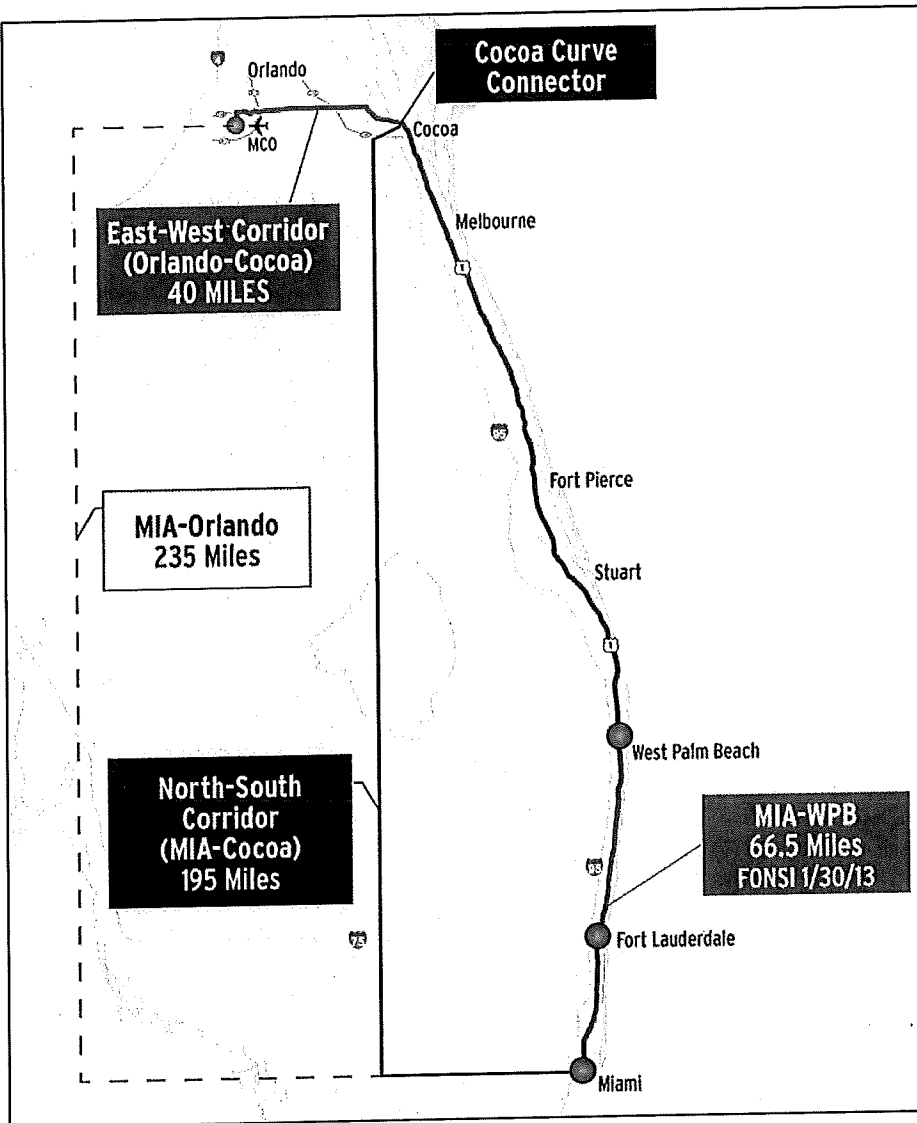
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Miami-Dade Department of Regulatory & Economic Resources  
701 N.W. 1<sup>st</sup> Court  
6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Miami, FL 33136

Re: All Aboard Florida Intercity Passenger Rail Service Scoping Invitation

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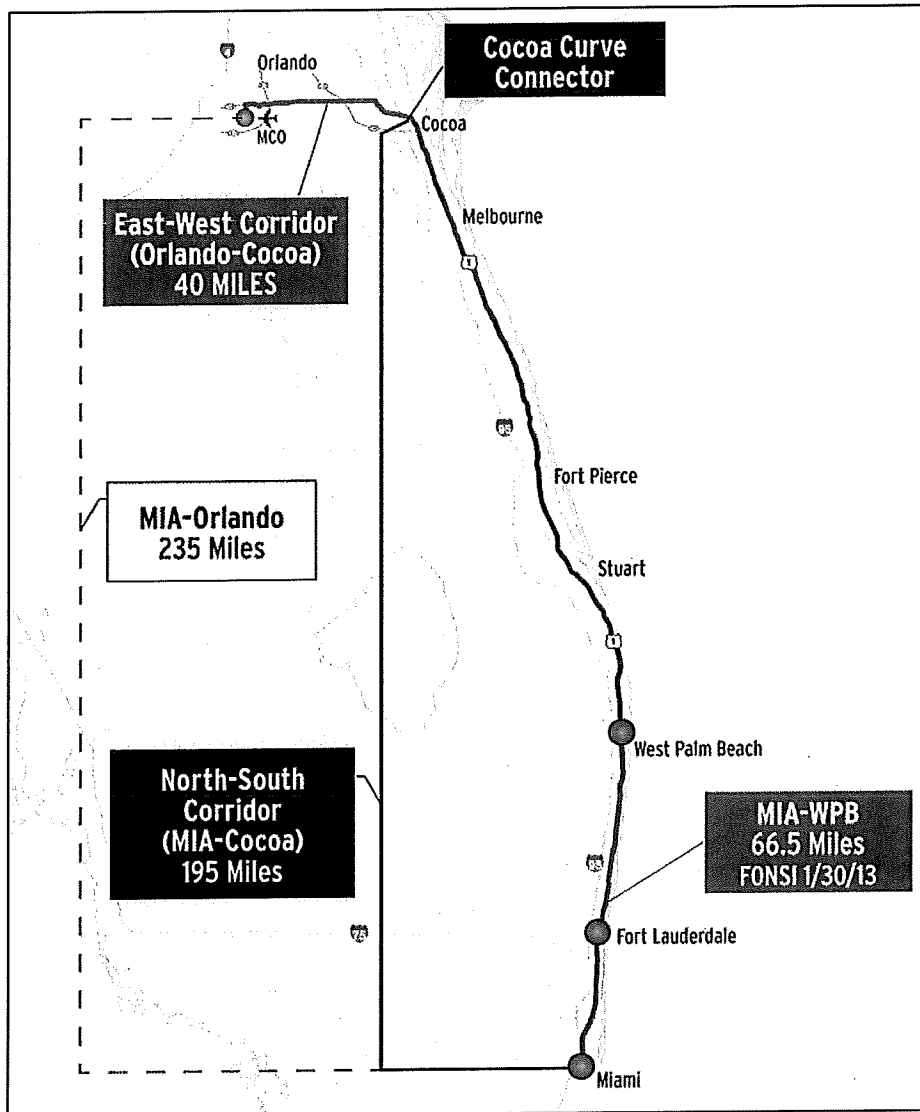
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NOAA – National Marine Fishery Services  
400 North Congress Avenue  
Suite 120  
West Palm, FL 33401

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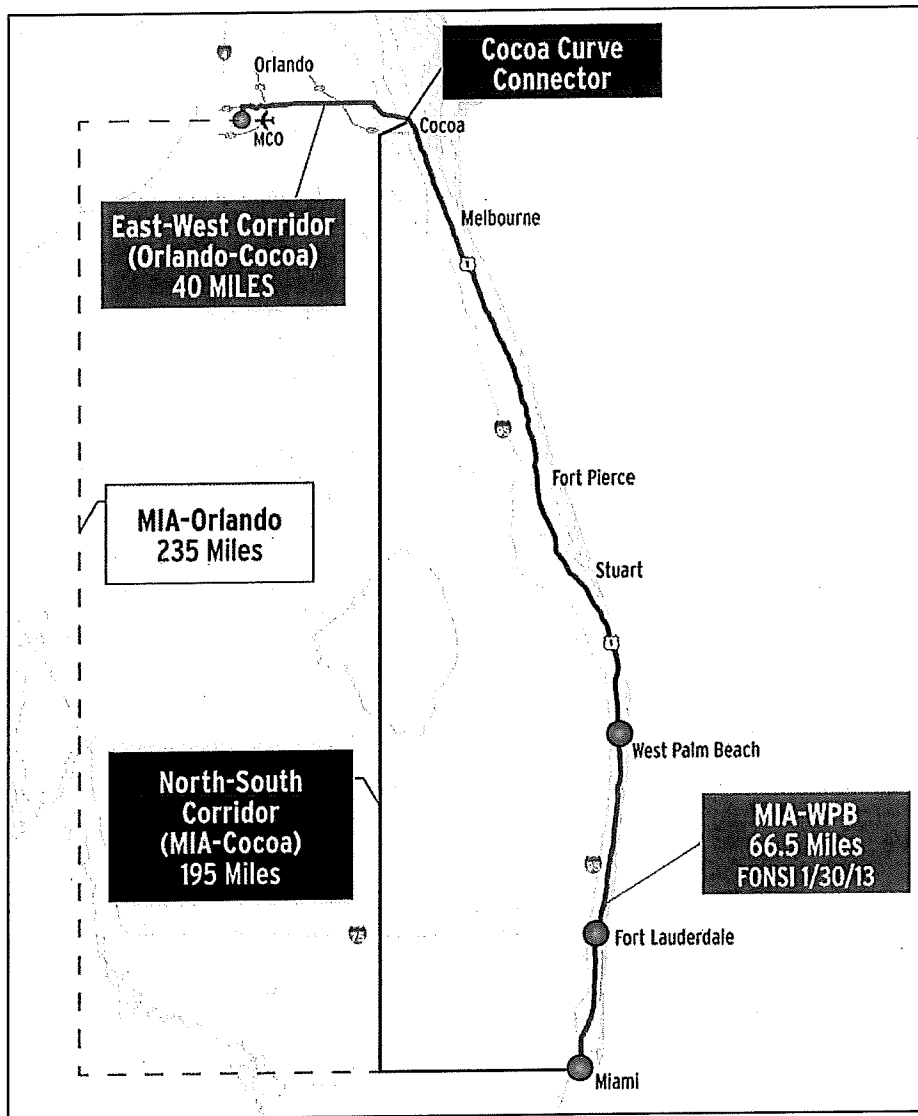
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Orange County Environmental Protection Agency  
800 Mercy Drive, Suite 4  
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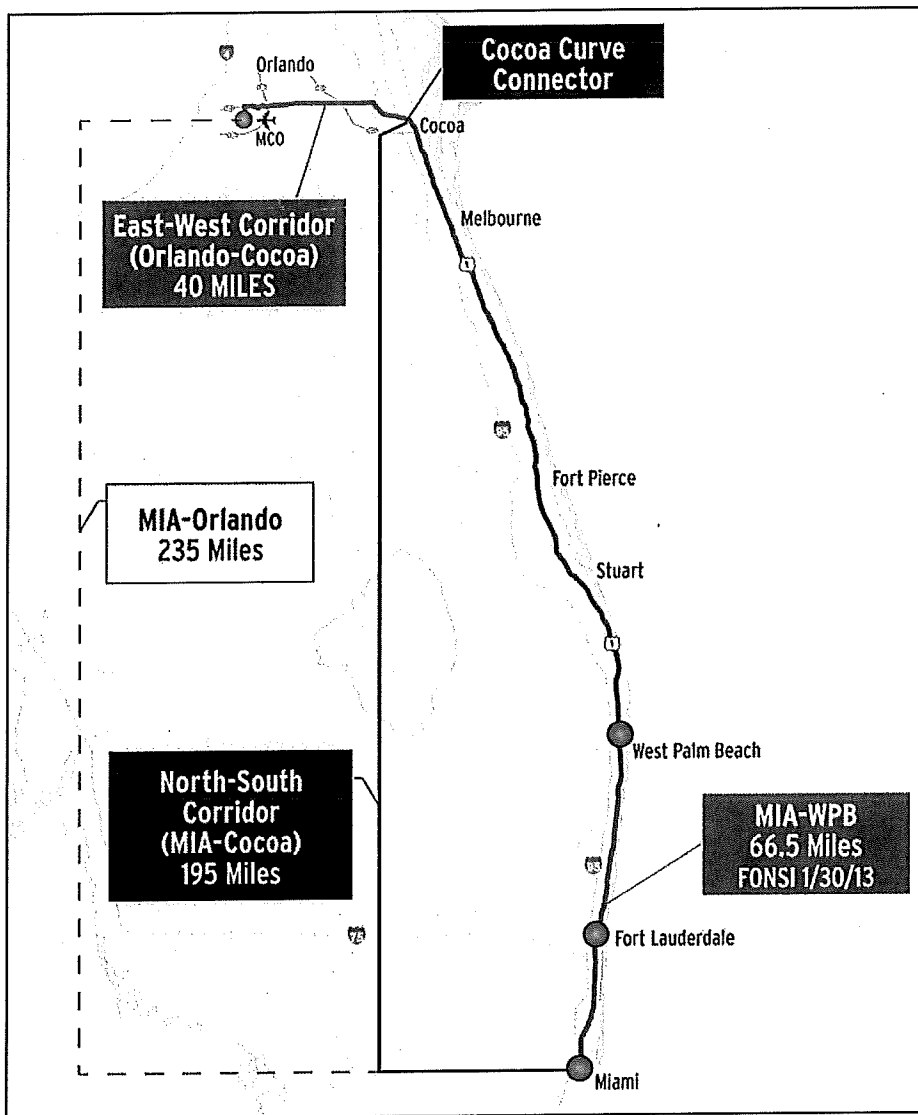
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Ms. Daniel McClarnon, Archeologist  
SHPO  
500 South Bronough Street  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: All Aboard Florida Intercity Passenger Rail Service Scoping Invitation

Dear Ms. McClarnon:

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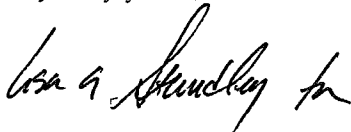
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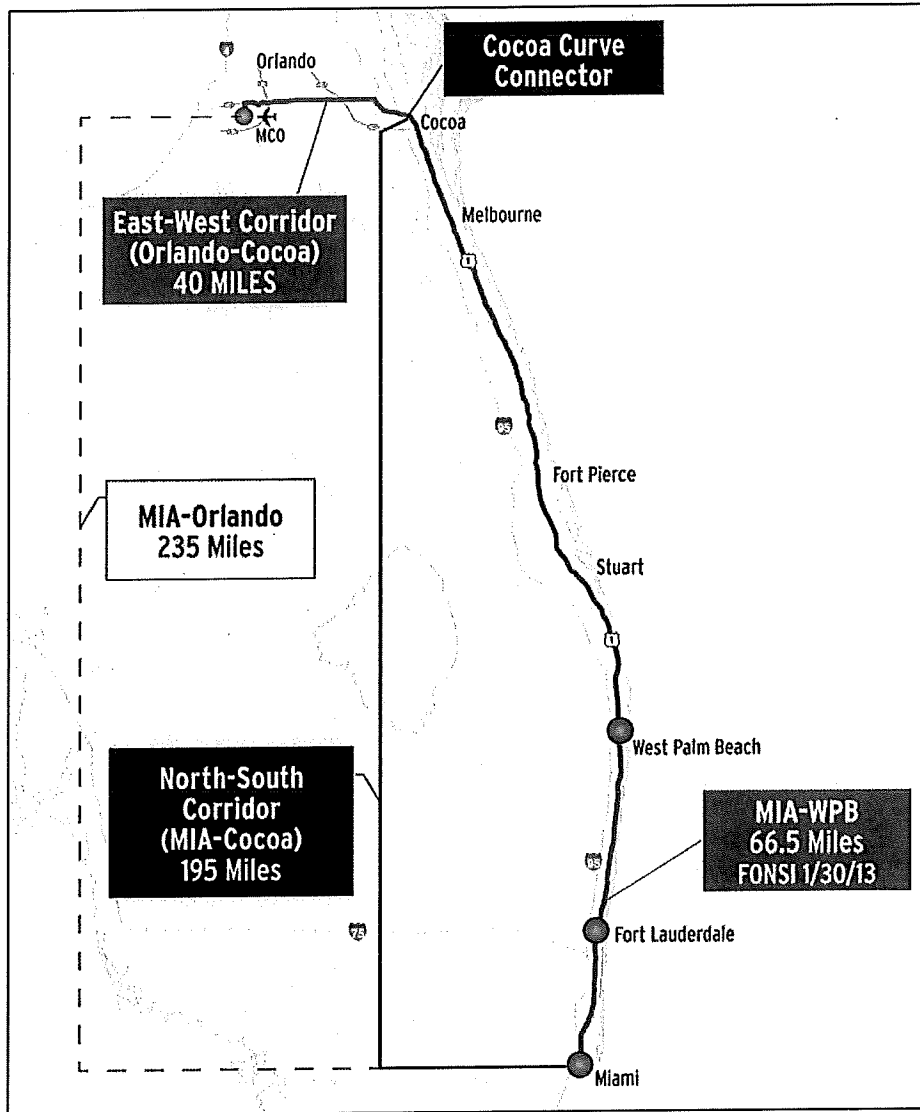
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Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission  
620 S. Meridian Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

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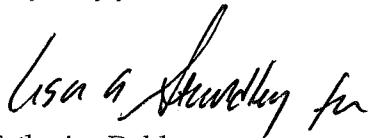
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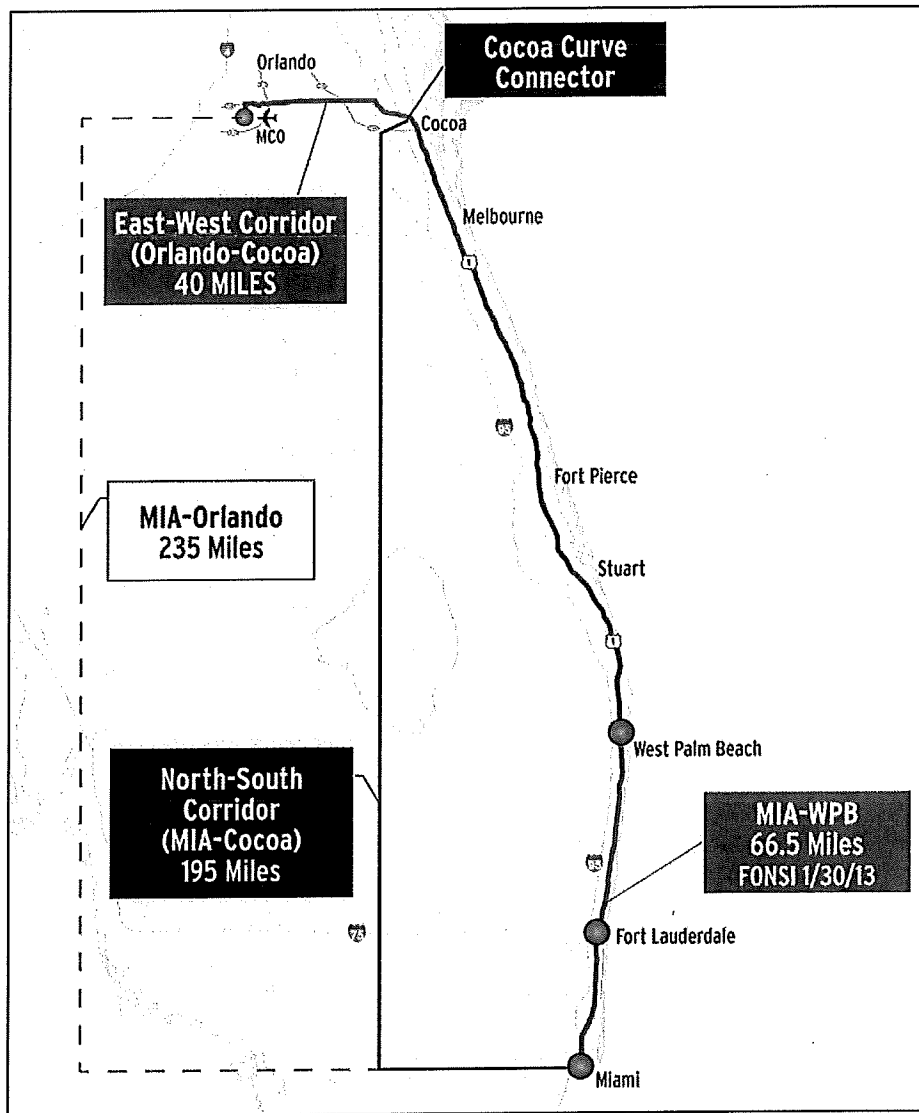
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SHPO  
500 South Bronough Street  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: All Aboard Florida Intercity Passenger Rail Service Scoping Invitation

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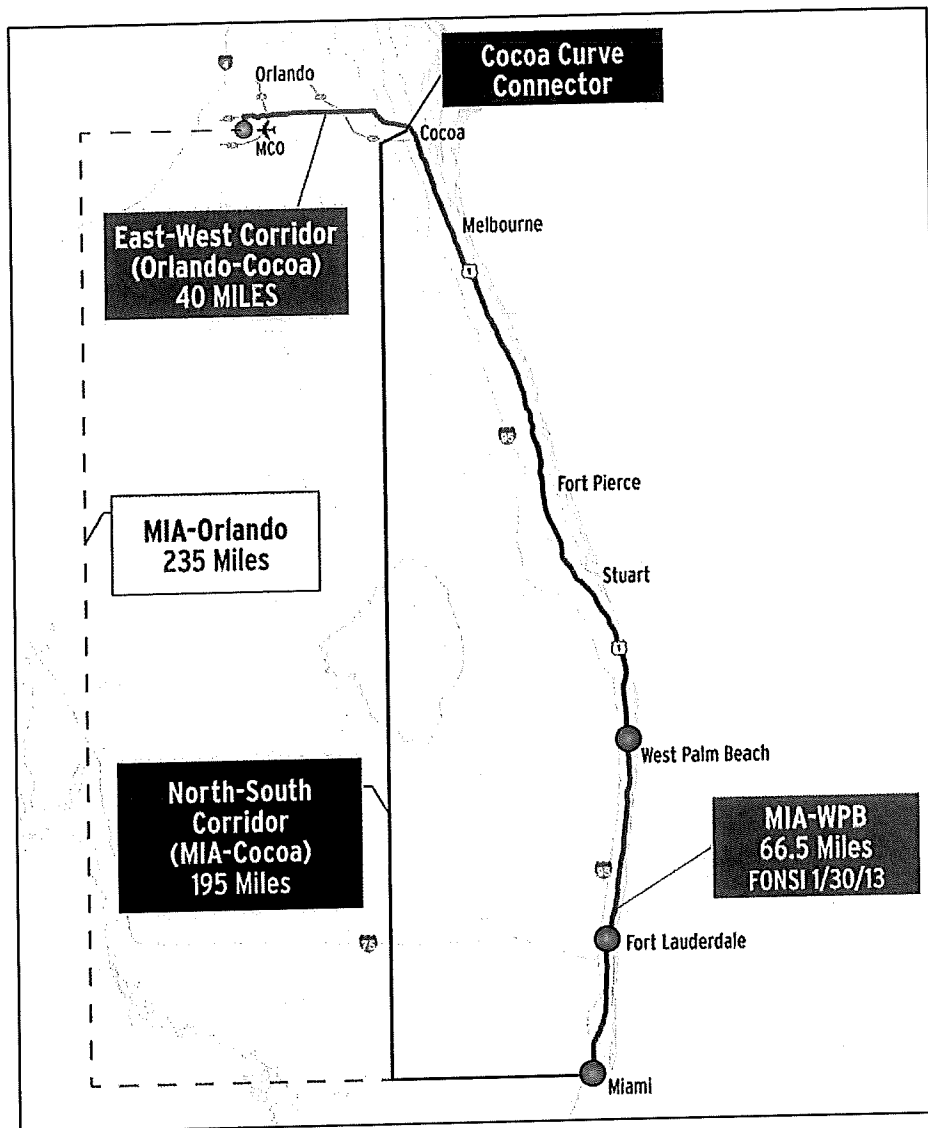
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Ms. Cindy Fury, Project Leader Florida Caribbean Field Office  
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services, Migratory Bird Division  
61 Rozena Loop  
Havana, Florida 32333

Re: All Aboard Florida Intercity Passenger Rail Service Scoping Invitation

Dear Ms. Fury:

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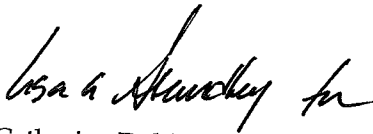
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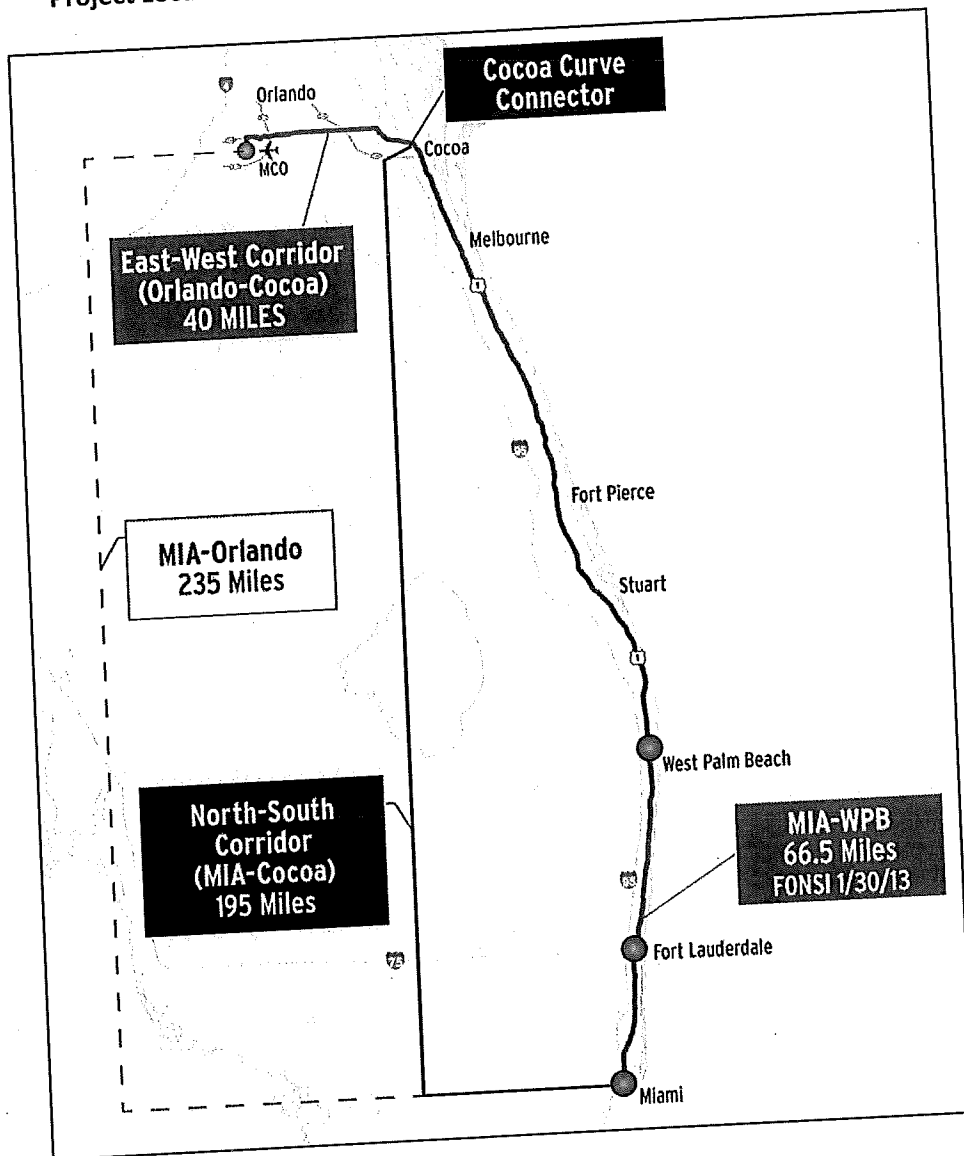
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Ms. Zakia Williams  
FWS – U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
7915 Baymeadows Way, Suite 200  
Jacksonville, FL 32256

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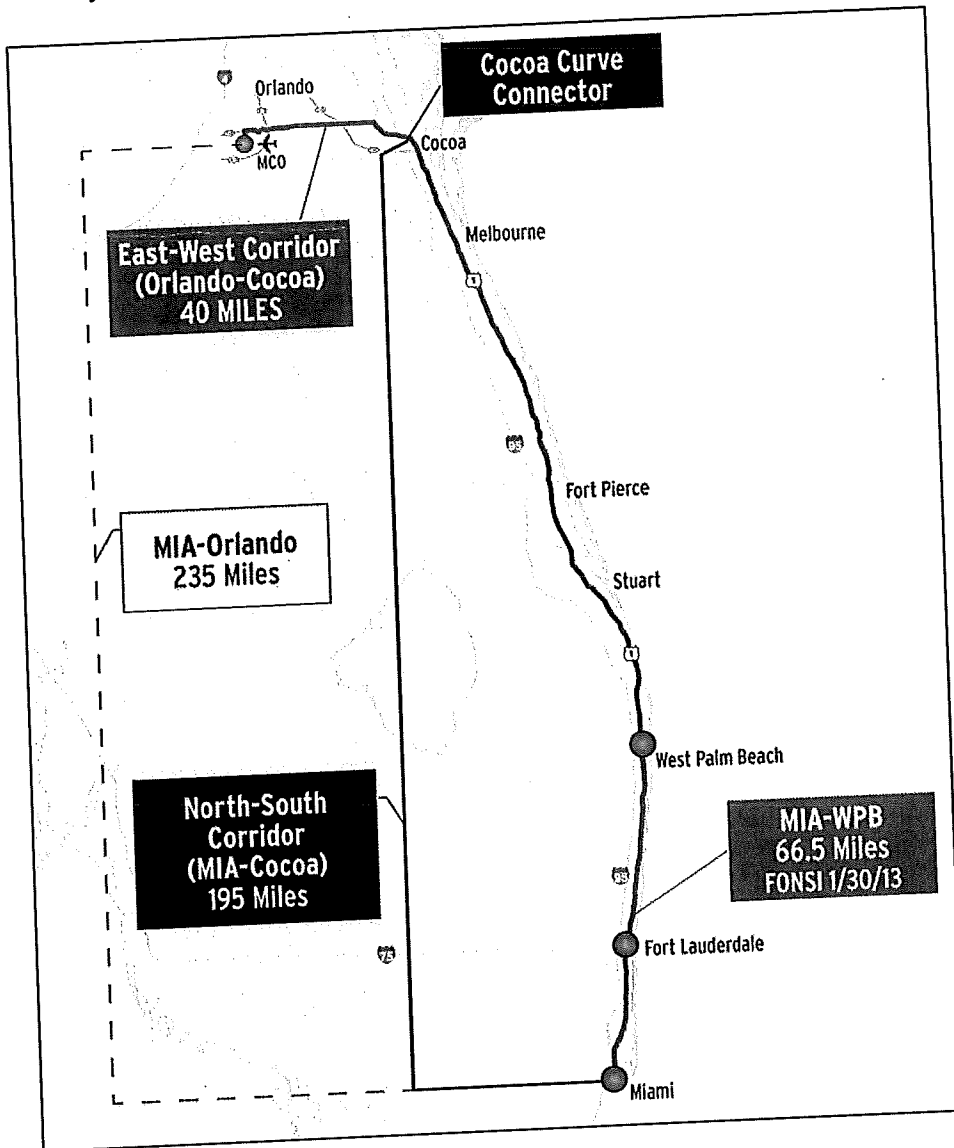
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FWS – U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service/Migratory Bird Division  
P.O. Box 49208  
Atlanta, GA 30359

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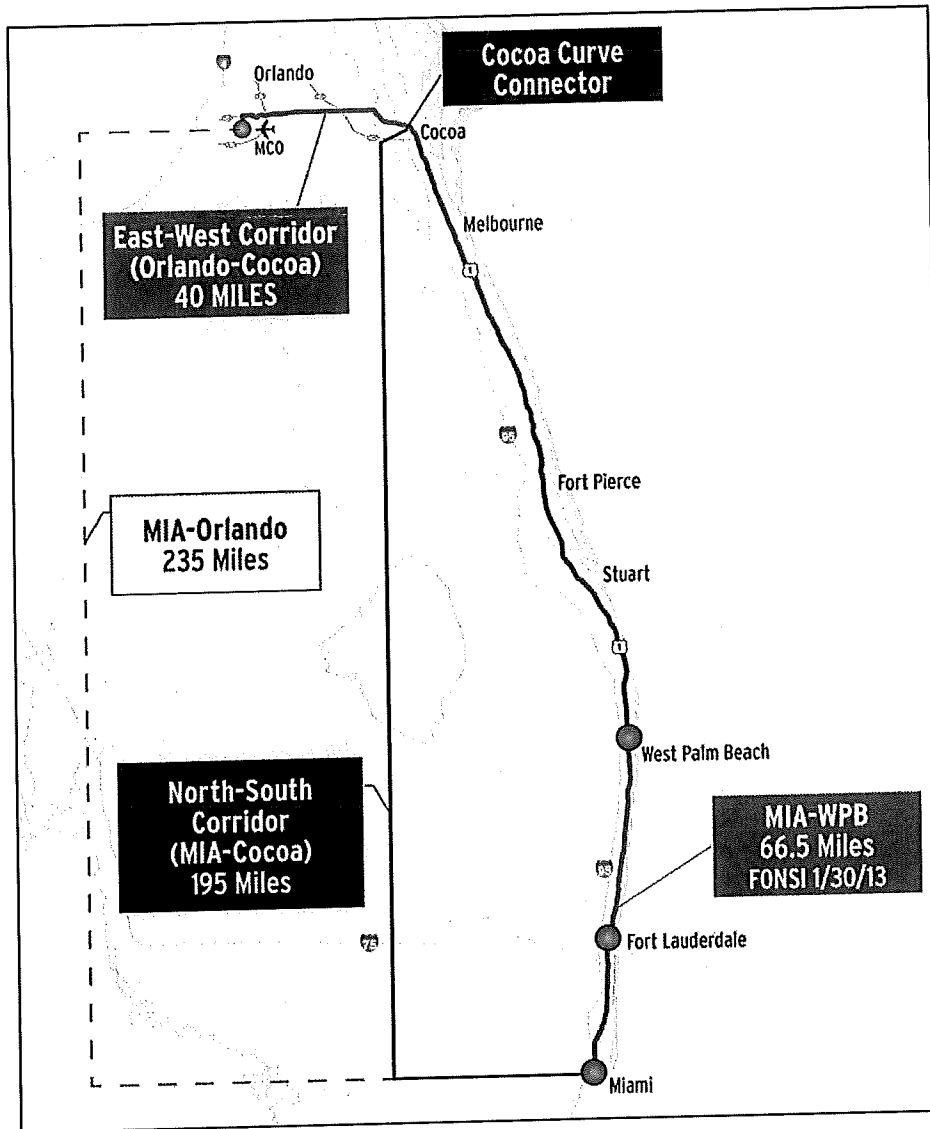
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263 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue South  
St. Petersburg, FL 33701

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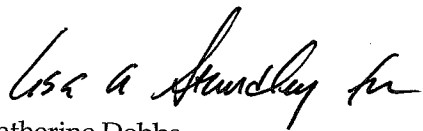
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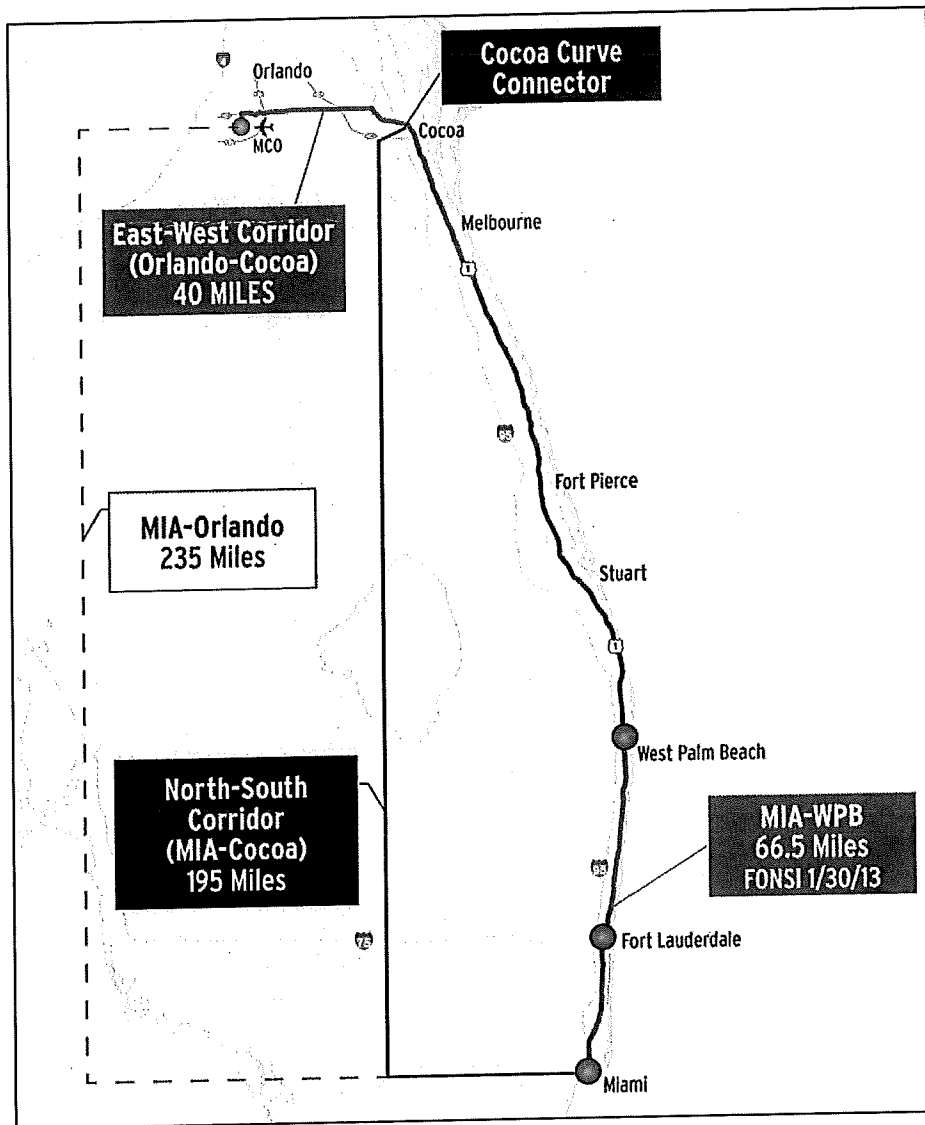
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Mr. Robert Bracheau, Senior Director of Planning and Engineering  
GOAA  
Orlando International Airport  
One Jeff Fuqua Blvd.  
Orlando, Florida 32827

Re: All Aboard Florida Intercity Passenger Rail Service Scoping Invitation

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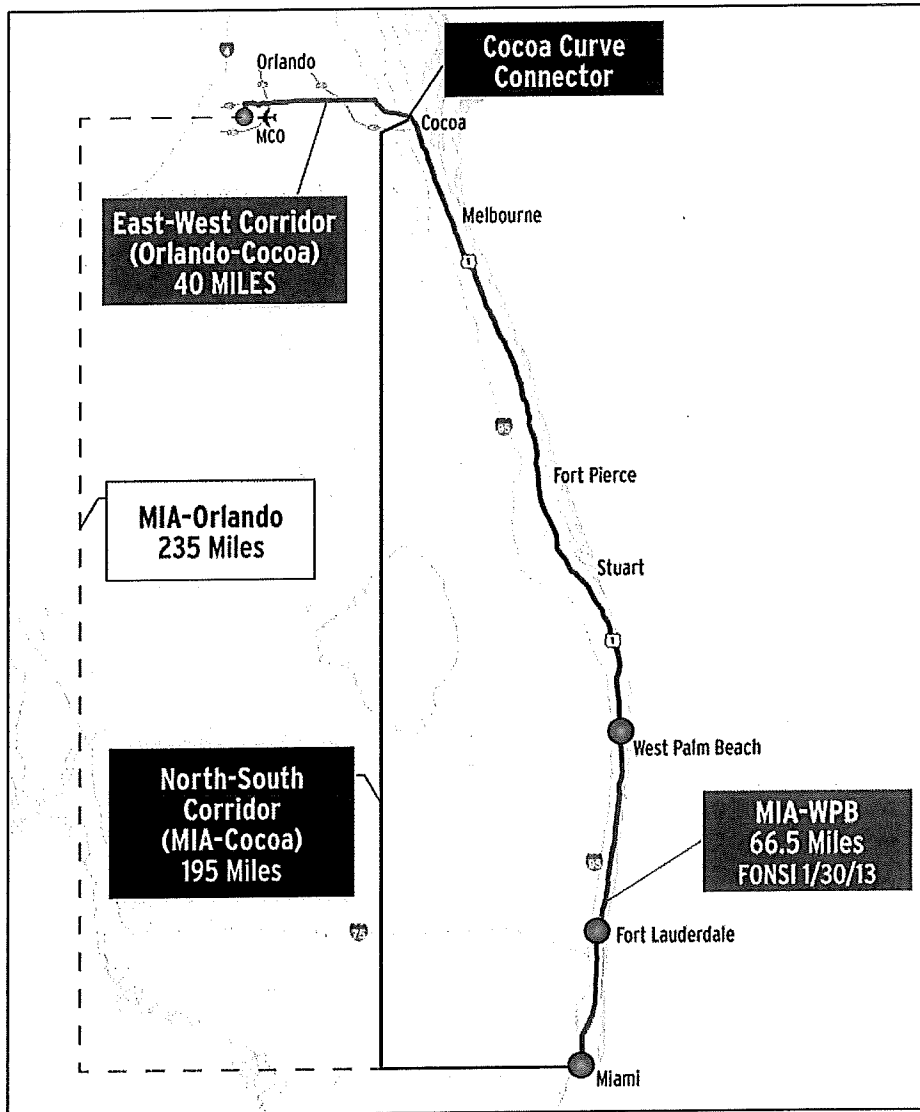
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Ms. Resee Collins, Eagle Permit Coordinator  
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services, Migratory Bird Division  
P.O. Box 49208  
Atlanta, GA 30359

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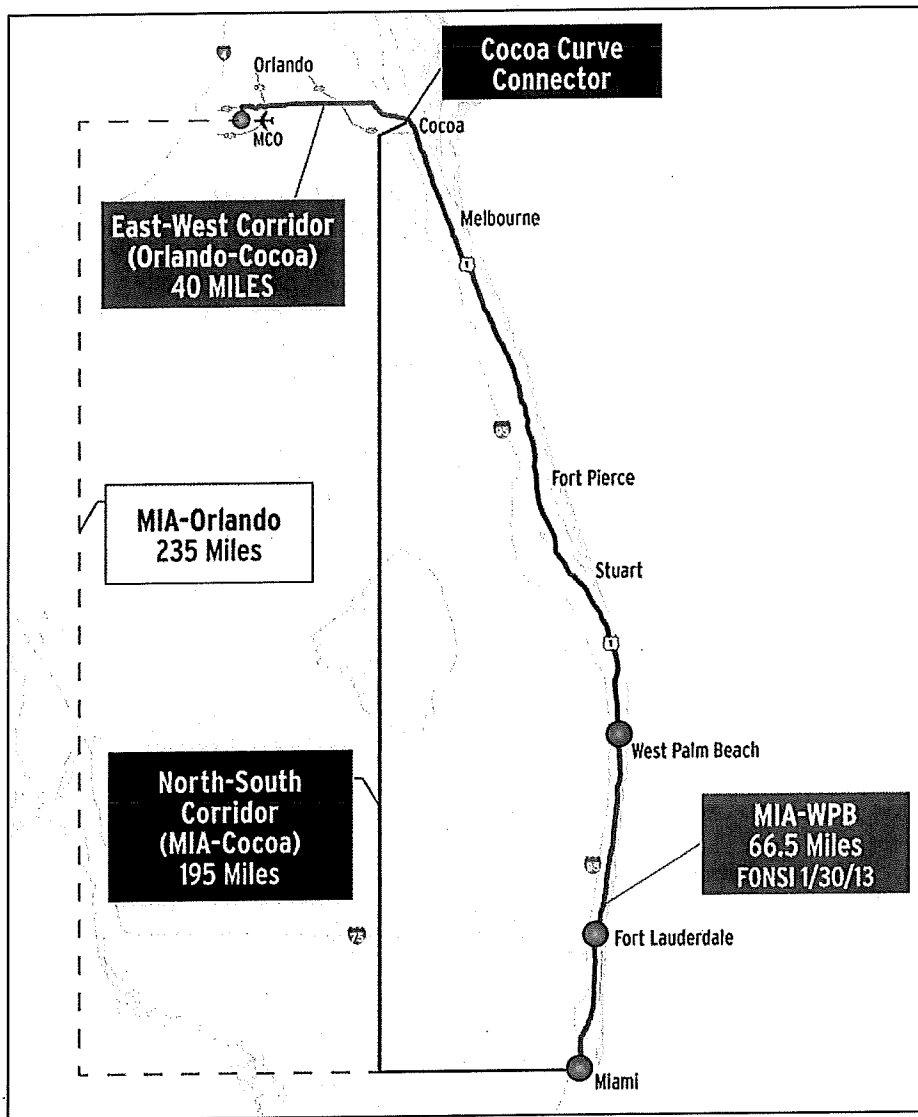
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Mr. John Wrublik  
FWS – U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
1339 20<sup>th</sup> Street  
Vero Beach, FL 32960

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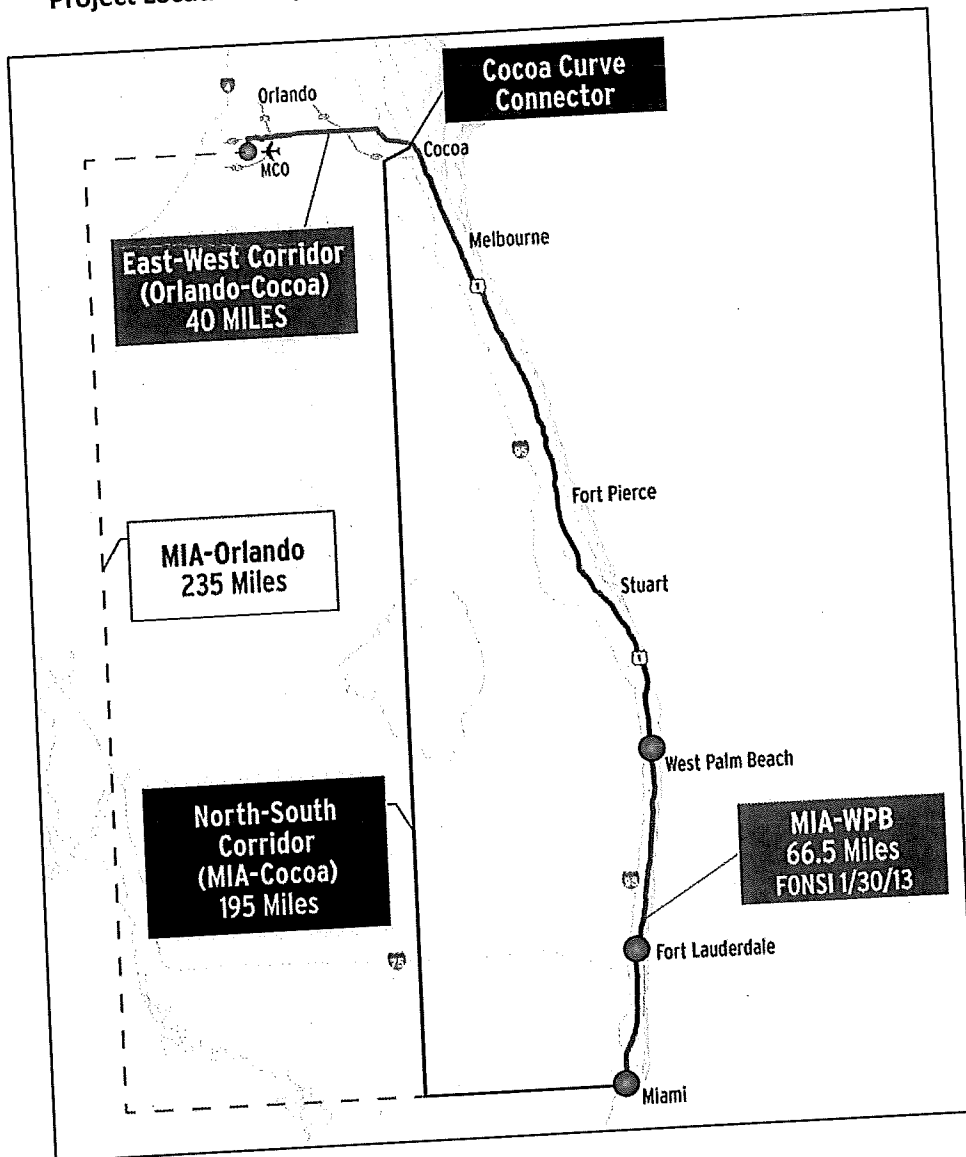
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SHPO  
500 South Bronough Street  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

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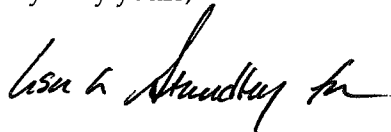
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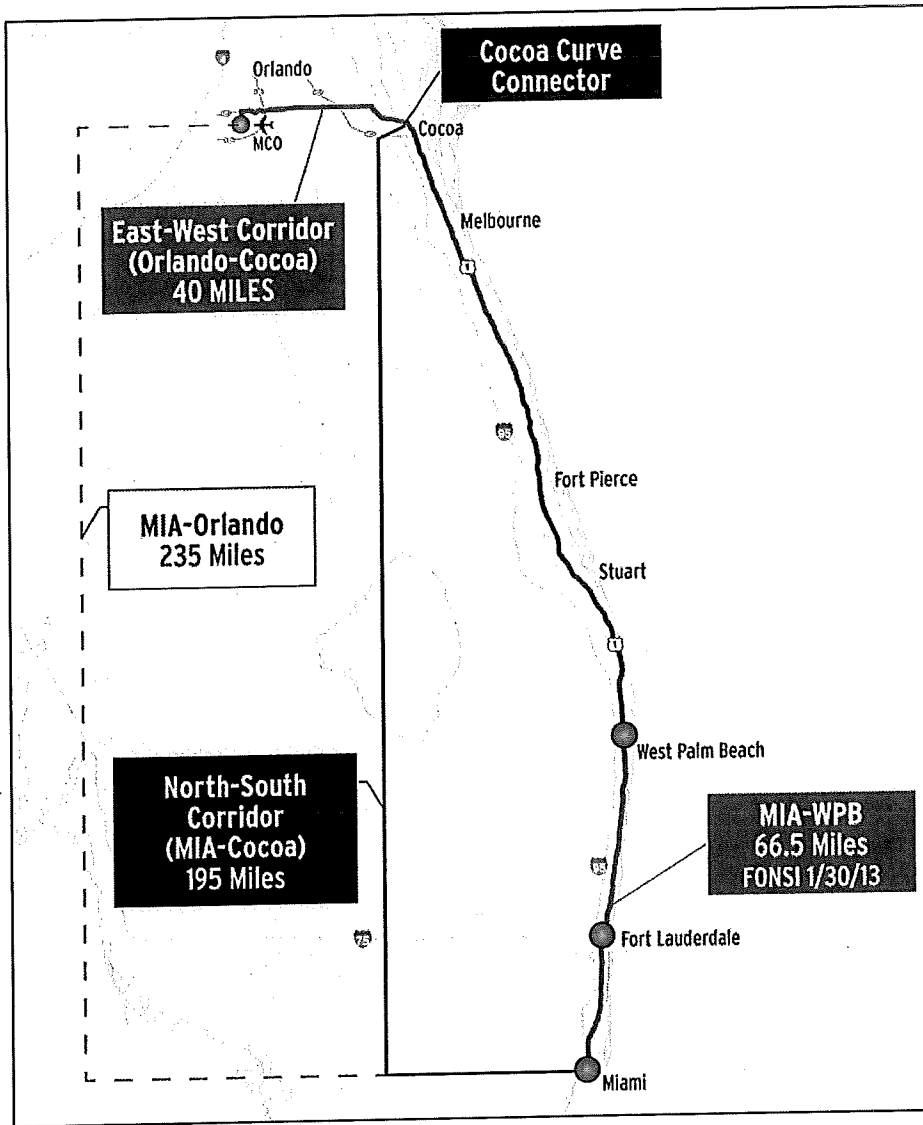
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Protection Office of Intergovernmental Programs  
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard MS 47  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

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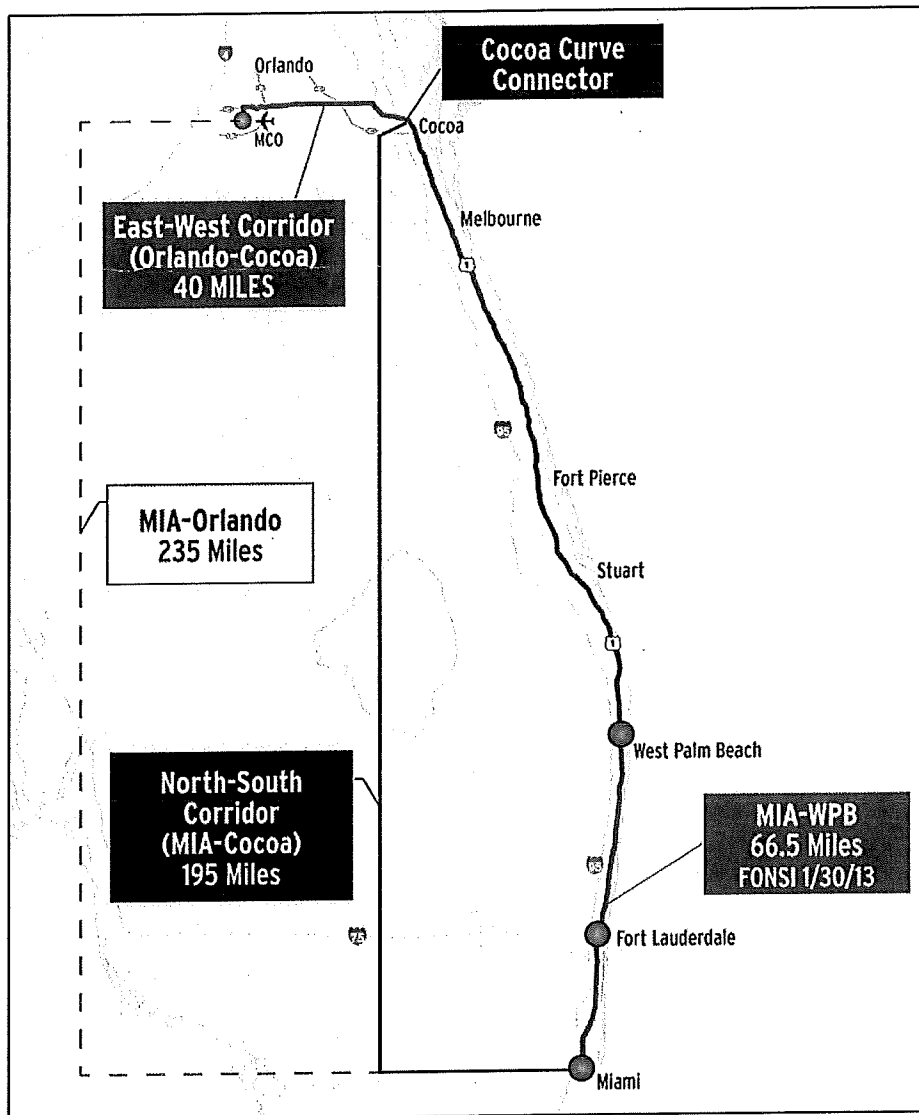
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Mr. Heath Rauschenberger, PhD., Project Consultant Chief  
FWS – U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
7915 Baymeadows Way, Suite 200  
Jacksonville, FL 32256

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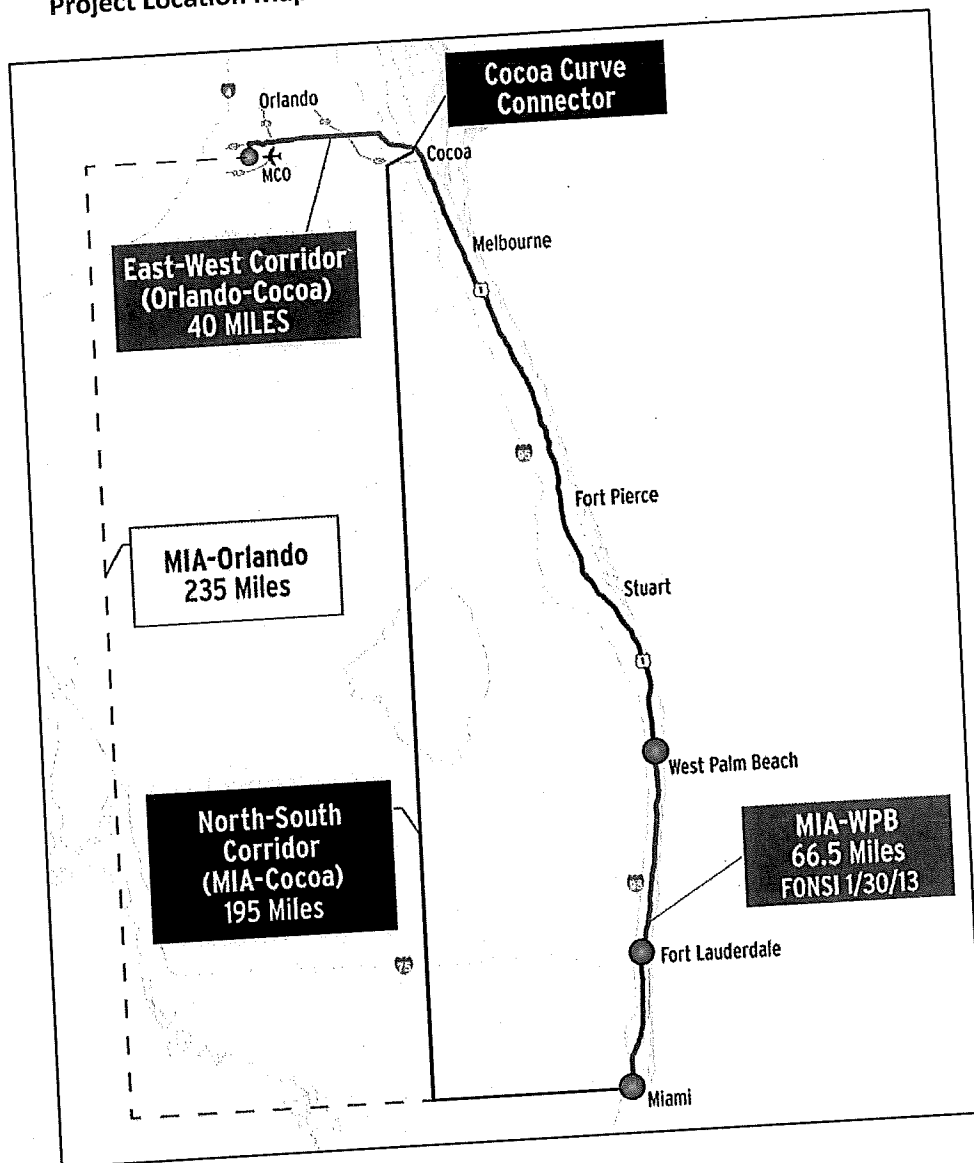
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Mr. James L. Quinn, Program Administrator  
Protection Florida State Clearinghouse and Comprehensive Plan Review  
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard MS 47  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Re: All Aboard Florida Intercity Passenger Rail Service Scoping Invitation

Dear Mr. Quinn:

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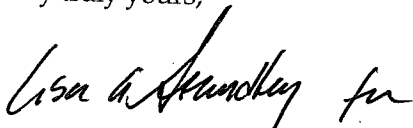
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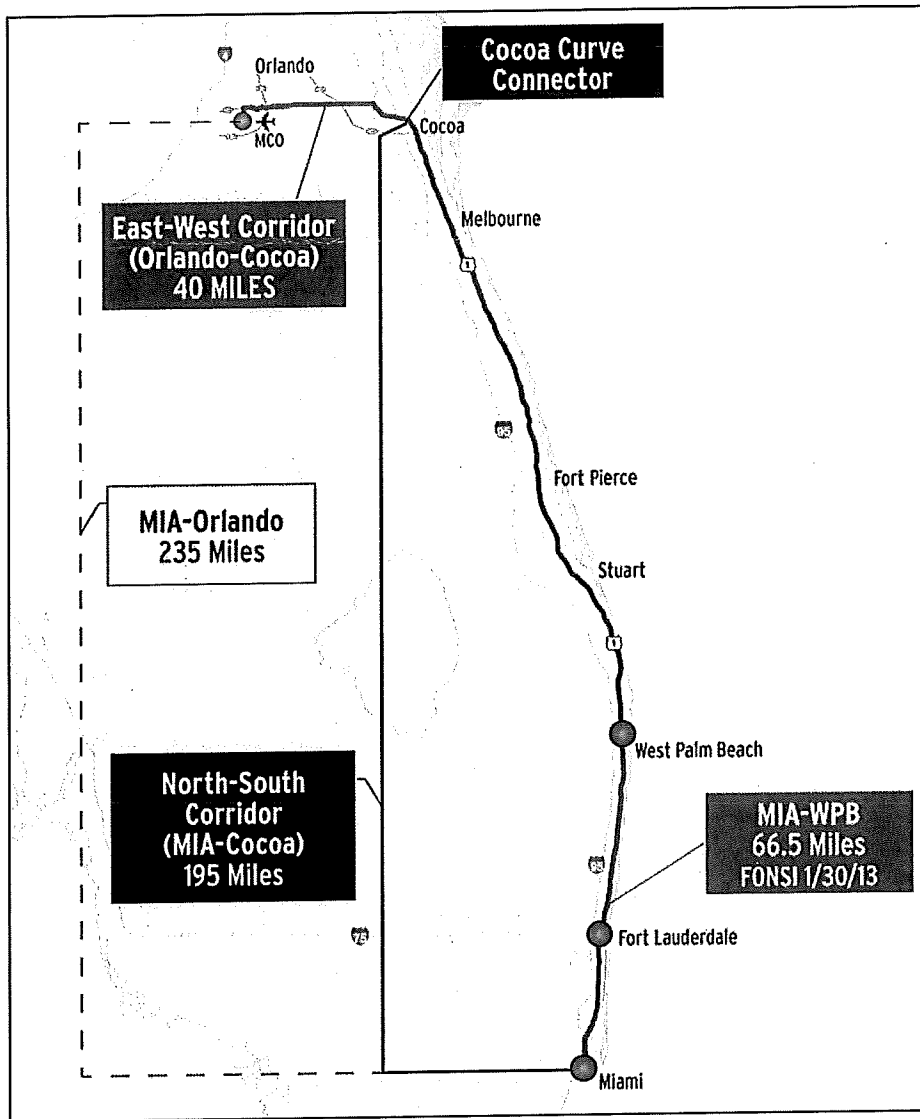
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Ms. Danielle Irwin, Deputy Division Director  
Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection  
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard MS 15  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

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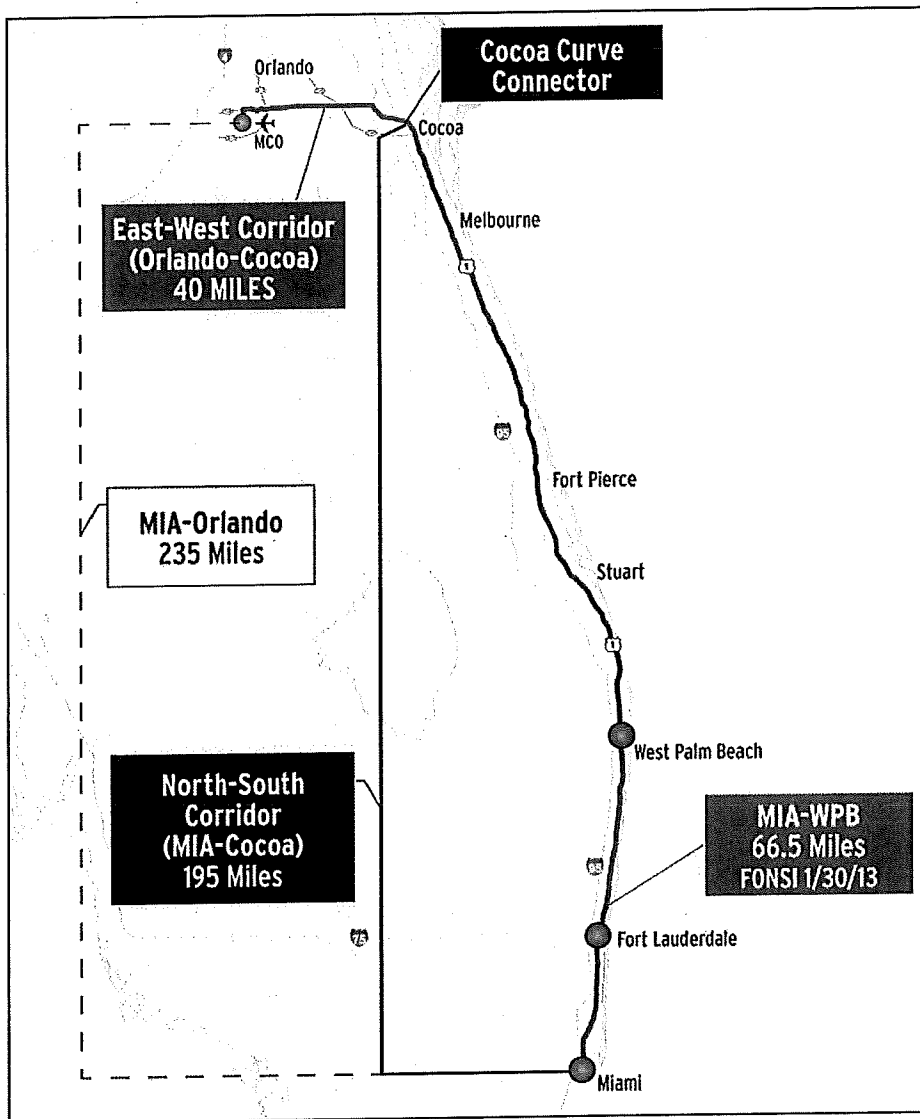
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Florida State Environmental Management Office  
605 Suwannee Street, MS 37  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Re: All Aboard Florida Intercity Passenger Rail Service Scoping Invitation

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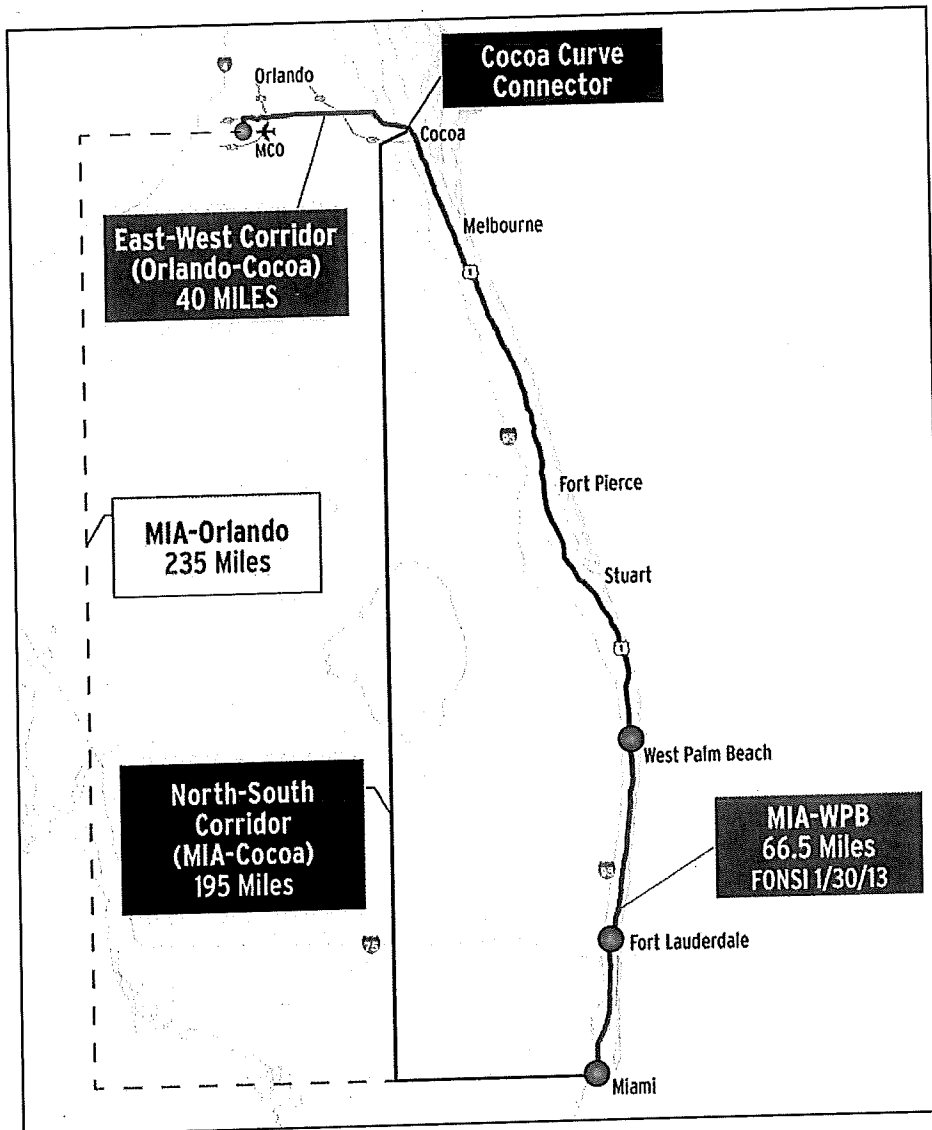
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National Park Services  
100 Alabama St., SW  
1924 Building  
Atlanta, GA 30303

Re: All Aboard Florida Intercity Passenger Rail Service Scoping Invitation

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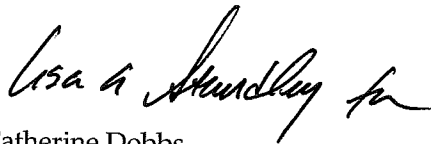
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