

APPENDIX E

DOI CONCURRENCE LETTER



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Dear Ms. Anderson:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the final Section 4(f) evaluation for the Wekiva Parkway (SR 429)/SR 46 Realignment, Orange, Lake, and Seminole Counties, Florida. The Department of the Interior (Department) responded, through the National Park Service, in an October 7, 2011, letter regarding your request for concurrence for Section 4(f) impacts to the Wekiva Wild and Scenic River. Remaining at issue were two Section 4(f) properties consisting of the Bock House and Strite House.

The Department concurs that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of Section 4(f) properties, which consist of the Bock House and Strite House, and that all possible planning has been done to minimize harm to those properties, as described in the Memorandum of Agreement executed by the Federal Highway Administration and Florida State Historic Preservation Officer on July 12, 2011.

Sincerely,

Willie R. Taylor
Director, Office of Environmental
Policy and Compliance