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Ms. Linda Duever, Chair
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Subject: Eligibility of US 441, Old Florida Heritage Highway for Inclusion in the Florida Scenic Highway Program

Dear Ms. Duever:

I have received the recommendation of the Scenic Highway Advisory Committee and, after careful consideration, agreed that US 441, Old Florida Heritage Highway, from Williston Road in Alachua County, just north of Paynes Prairie, to the Alachua/Marion County line, a distance of approximately 12 miles, exhibits the intrinsic qualities essential for eligibility and potential designation as a Florida Scenic Highway. Your Eligibility Application demonstrates that the roadway corridor contains three of the six intrinsic resources. Of these, the Scenic Highways Advisory Committee found that natural and historic resources were the most prominent. These intrinsic qualities are of great value to the state of Florida.

The Scenic 441 Corridor Advocacy Group, working closely with Alachua County, the Town of Micanopy, the Conservation Clinic of the University of Florida and the St. John's River Water Management District as well as private citizens and other public interests can preserve and sustain these important resources for future generations to enjoy. The Scenic 441 Corridor Advocacy Group can serve to educate the traveling public by "telling the story" about the beauty and uniqueness of the US 441 Old Florida Heritage Highway and its contributions to the quality of life of the State of Florida.

I offer my personal congratulations to you, the Corridor Advocacy Group membership, Alachua County, the Town of Micanopy and the St. John's River Water Management District and all volunteers and partners for your diligence and work quality in completing the Eligibility Phase. The next phase in the process requires the Corridor Advocacy Group to develop a Corridor Management Plan focused on protecting, preserving and maintaining the resources and attaining your vision for the corridor.

Personnel involved in the Florida Scenic Highways Program look forward to assisting you in this endeavor. A set of recommendations arising from the Scenic Highway Advisory Committee concerning the corridor will be sent to you through the District. Please address these recommendations and continue to work closely with the District in corridor management plan development. The Old Florida Heritage Highway upon completion of this next phase may be designated as a Florida Scenic Highway under the Department's program.

Thank you for caring about Florida's precious resources and working so hard to ensure their enjoyment for years to come. Congratulations again on your accomplishment!

Sincerely,

Thomas F. Barry, Jr., P.E.
Secretary

