FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECTION 4(F) DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY

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Project Name:	Good Neighbor Trai	Gap PD&E Study		
FM#:	437264-2	ETDM#: N/A	FAP#: TBD	
Project Review	1/14/2019			
Date:				
FDOT District:	7			
County(ies):	Hernando			

A DOA IS REQUIRED FOR EACH SECTION 4(f) PROPERTY AND PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE.

Project Description including Section 4(f) Specific Information:

The proposed Good Neighbor Trail through Brooksville will complete a gap in Florida's Coast to Coast Trail in the Brooksville area. The proposed "gap trail" will begin on SR 50/Cortez Boulevard, west of Cobb Road, and continue easterly through Brooksville, ending at the present Good Neighbor Trail near the intersection of Main Street and Russell Street. The total distance is approximately 3.1 miles. This project is a collaborative partnership among the City of Brooksville, the FDOT and the Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The proposed trail will go thru Tom Varn Park and Bud McKethan Park within a portion of the parks' designated for trail use by the City of Brooksville.

Type of Property

Check all that apply:
☑ Public Parks and Recreation Areas
☐ Wildlife and Waterfowl Refuges
☐ Historic Sites

Description of Property: Tom Varn Park and Bud McKethan Park in the City of Brooksville. Tom Varn Park is located at 306 Darby Lane and Bud McKethan Park is located at 800 John Gary Grubbs Boulevard (at Veterans Avenue).

Criteria of Selected Property Type(s):

□ Public Parks and Recreation Areas

- o Must be publicly owned which refers to ownership by local, state or federal government
 - Ownership can also include permanent easements and long-term lease agreements
- o Must be open to the public during normal hours of operation
- The major purpose must be for park or recreation activities
- Must be designated or function as a significant park or recreational area.
 - Applies to the entire park or recreation area not just a specific feature

Wildlife and Waterfowl Refuge

- o Must be publicly owned which refers to ownership by local, state or federal government;
 - Ownership can also include permanent easements and long-term lease agreements;
- Must be open to the public but refuges are able to restrict access for the protection of refuge habitat and species;
- The major purpose must be for wildlife and waterfowl refuges;
- o Must be designated or function as a significant as a wildlife and waterfowl refuges; -
 - Applies to the entire wildlife and waterfowl refuges not just a specific feature

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Historic Sites- includes historic & archeological of	oric buildings, historic transportation districts and historic trails.	n facilities, archeological sites	traditional c	:ultura

- Must be of national, state or local significance and it must be eligible for listing or is listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP); or
- o If a site is determined not to be eligible OEM may determine that the application of Section 4(f) is otherwise appropriate when an official (such as the Mayor, president of a local historic society) provides information to support that the historic site is of local importance.

Does the identified resource meet all of the criteria for the selected property type?
Yes, continue to complete the form ⊠
No, STOP Section 4(f) does not apply □

Identify the Official(s) with Jurisdiction (OWJ) contacted: Brooksville City Manager Mark Kutnev

Date correspondence sent to the OWJ: 12/10/2018

Has the Official(s) with Jurisdiction (OWJ) responded?

Yes 🛛 No 🗌

Has the 30 day response period passed since the initial OWJ correspondence was sent?

Yes 🛛 No 🗌

Please answer the questions below about the resource:

Note: A potential source for this information can include the property management plan, resource website and/or communications with the OWJ (be sure to document these communications in writing).

What is the size and location of the property (include a map of the resource)?

A map of the two parks in included in Figure 1. Tom Varn Park is approximately 75 acres in size and Bud McKethan Park is approximately 4.2 acres, according to the Hernando County Property Appraiser's records. Who/what organization owns/manages the property?

The City of Brooksville Parks and Recreation Department (Mike Walker, Parks and Recreation Director)
What is the primary function (activities, features and attributes) within the meaning of Section 4(f) of the facility
or property?

The two parks have many recreational uses including softball diamonds and stadium, horseshoes, raquetball, volleyball, walking paths, disc golf, childrens playground, picnic areas and three lighted tennis courts. The parks also include a Senior Enrichment Center.

Please describe the location of available appurtenances and facilities (e.g. tennis courts, pools, shelter houses, sports fields, beaches) on the property:

Please refer to Figure 1 for the location of park facilities.

What is the function of/or the available activities on the property?

Available activities include softball, horseshoes, racquetball, volleyball, walking, disc golf, playground, picnic areas and tennis. The parks also include a Senior Enrichment Center.

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Access and Usage of the property by the Public:

The parks are open to the public 24 hours per day, accessible from West Jefferson Street (SR 50A) and Veterans Avenue south of West Jefferson Street.

Relationship to other similarly used lands/facilities in the vicinity:

The Jerome Brown Community Center (Sports Complex) is located immediately west of Tom Varn Park at 99 Jerome Brown Place (located off of Darby Lane)

Are there any unusual characteristics of the property that either limit or enhance the value of the resource? If so please explain:

The value of the parks are enhanced by the many community events which are held regularly in the parks.

Describe project activities that could potentially "use" the resource:

The proposed trail is located within the appropriately designated portions of the parks and would enhance the parks useage by improving access for non motorized users in addition to allowing bicyclists to use the trail to access the parks. Note that the proposed trail will be located within a previously designated trail right of way which was approved by the Brooksville City Council through several resolutions (see attached Resolutions 2016-05 and 2015-12).

If applicable, give a general description of the history of the Historic Site, Archaeological Site or Historic District:

Not applicable.

Based on the above information the recommended level of Section 4(f) evaluation for this property is: Select the level of Section 4(f) evaluation: Exception / Exemption

Reason the selected level is appropriate:

The use of the parks is soley for the purpose of enhancing the activities, features and attributes that qualify the parks for Section 4(f) protection, and city officials agree with this assessment. FDOT is presuming that the parks are signicant.

Supporting Documentation

The following items must be attached to this form:

- 1. A map of the resource based on the guidelines in the PD&E Manual Part 2, Chapter 7, including the proposed alternative being evaluated.
- 2. Statement of Significance from OWJ or FDOT's presumption of significance.
- 3. Determination of Eligibility or Listing in the National Register of Historic Places, Archaeological Site (include criterion of eligibility) or a Historic District if applicable.

Signatures

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by FDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 14, 2016, and executed by FHWA and FDOT.

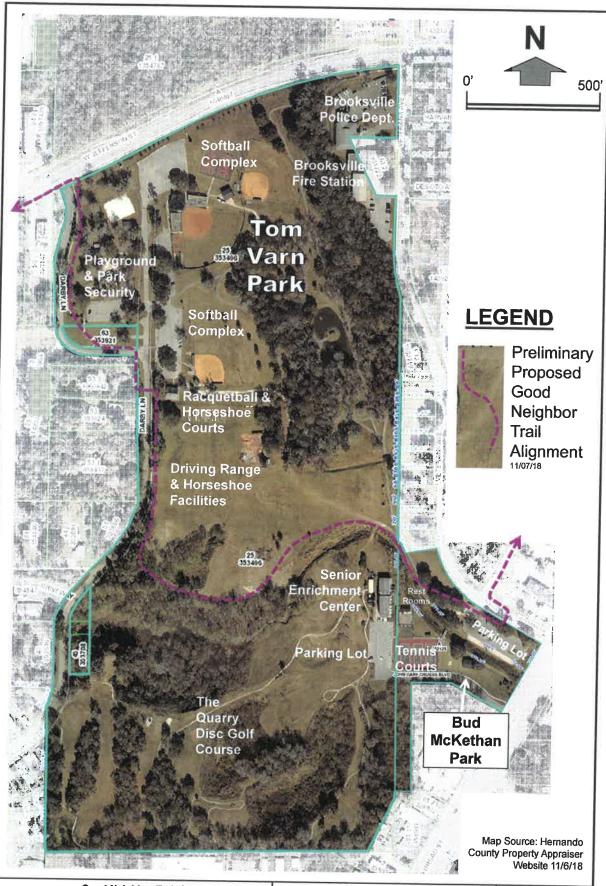
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	Environmental Manager, or designee		Date
OEM Concurrence:	206.h	2/15/2019	
Signature:	Director of OEM, or designee	2/15/19	Click here to enter a date.

Resource Mapping for Section 4(f) DOA and Approvals





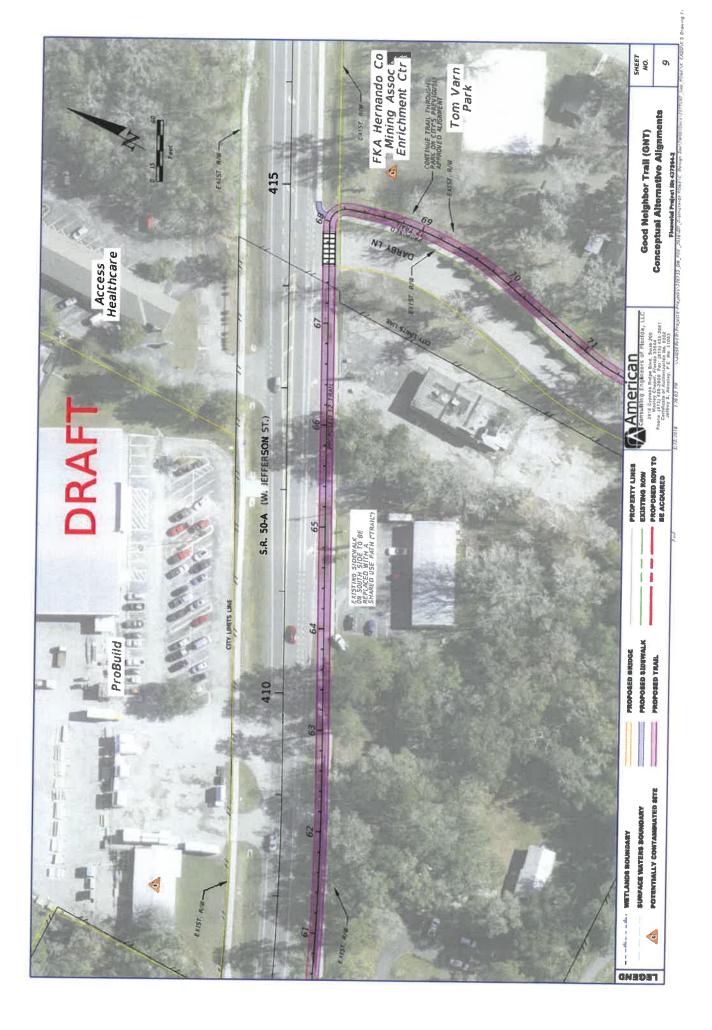


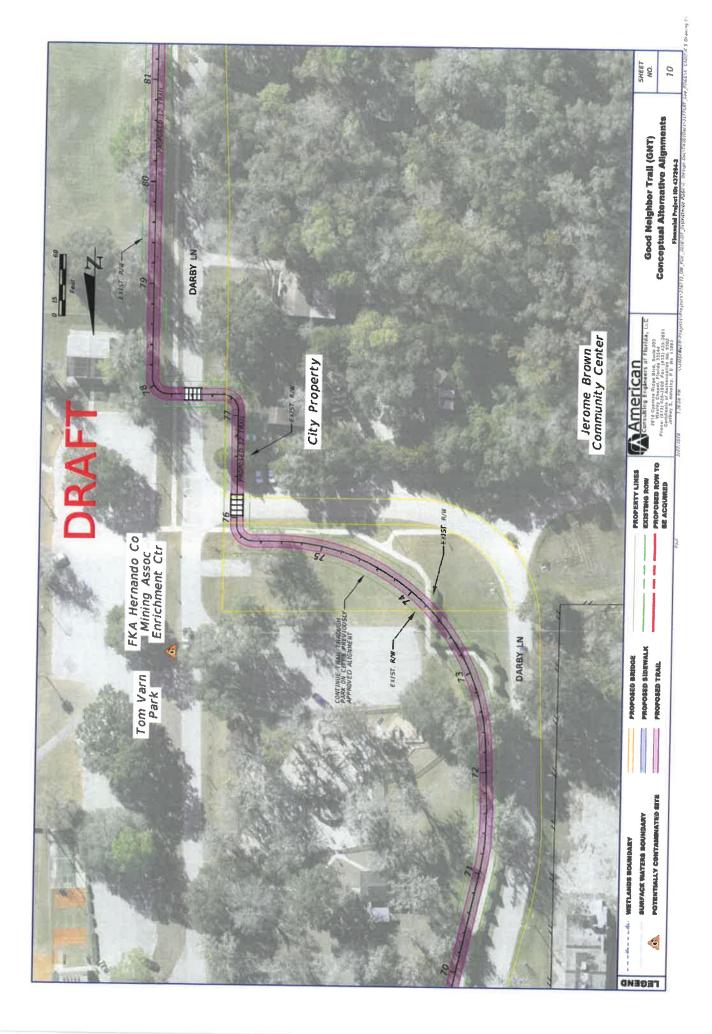


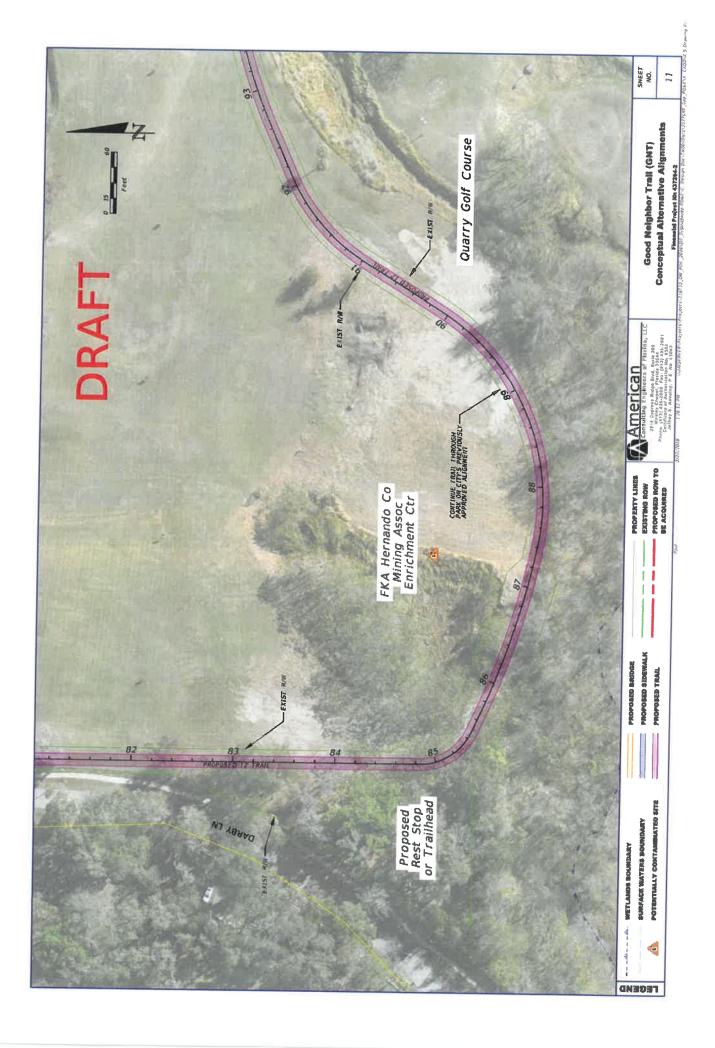
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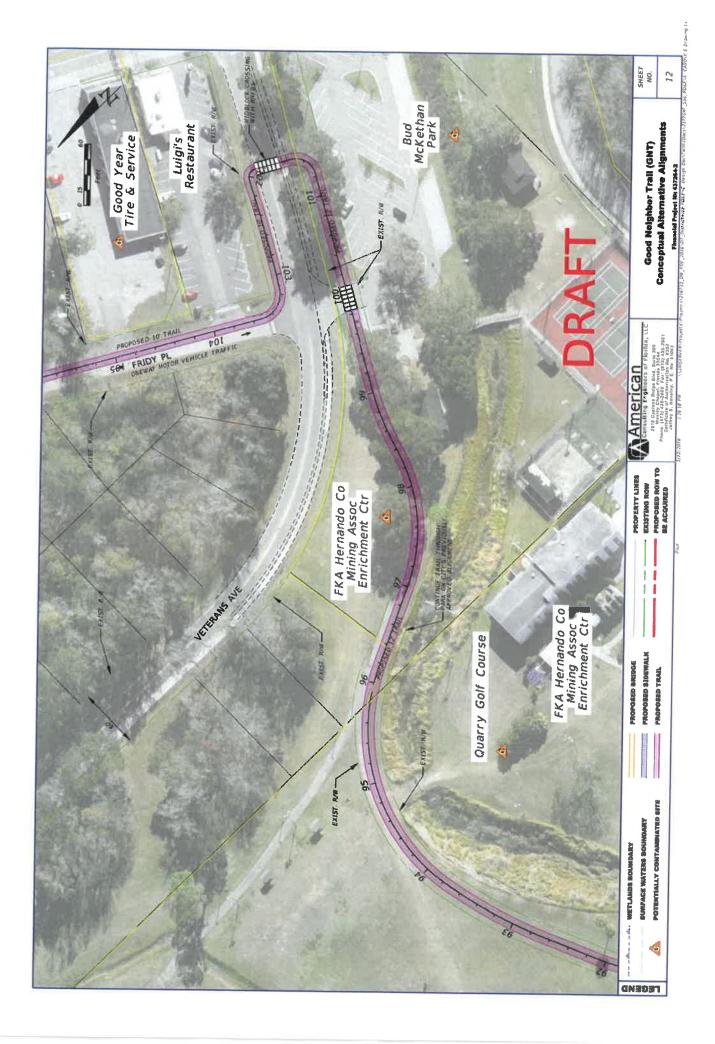


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Bud McKethan Park





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OWJ Communication / Statement of Significance



Florida Department of Transportation

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ERIK FENNIMAN SECRETARY

December 6, 2018

Mr. Mark A. Kutney, AICP, ICMA-CM Brooksville City Manager 201 Howell Avenue, Brooksville, FL 34601

Re: WPI Segment No. 437264-2 - Good Neighbor Trail Gap Study - Section 4(f)

Dear Mr. Kutney,

The Florida Department of Transportation has been working with city staff on a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study since May 2017, for the extension of the Good Neighbor Trail from west of SR 50/Cortez Blvd/Cobb Road to the existing Good Neighbor Trail beginning point on Main Street. Specifically, we have been closely coordinating with Bill Geiger and Mike Walker in addition to Cliff Manuel with Coastal Engineering.

As part of the federal study process we must address involvement with public park lands which are considered as potential Section 4(f) resources according to the U.S. DOT Act of 1966 (49 USC 303). In this case, we believe that potential impacts to Tom Varn and Bud McKethan Parks can be considered as an exception to the requirement for Section 4(f) approval due to the fact that the city has previously dedicated a proposed trail alignment right of way through these two parks.

Title 23 CFR Sec. 774.13, paragraph g, provides the following exception to the requirement for Section 4(f) approval: $(OWJ = Officials \ with \ Jurisdiction)$

- g. Transportation enhancement projects and mitigation activities, where:
 - 1. The use of the Section 4(f) property is solely for the purpose of preserving or enhancing an activity, feature, or attribute that qualifies the property for Section 4(f) protection; and
 - 2. The OWJ over the Section 4(f) resource agrees in writing to paragraph (g)(1) of this section.

Mr. Mark A. Kutney Page 2 December 6, 2018

In order to obtain approval for this proposed exception, we need your agreement that Section g quoted above correctly applies to the proposed trail alignment which runs through the two parks noted above.

If you (or your designee) could sign below and return this letter (or a PDF scan of it) to my attention, it would facilitate the approval process and allow us to submit documentation to the FDOT's Office of Environmental Management for approval, on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration. Please contact me by email or phone if you have any questions, at kirk.bogen@dot.state.fl.us or at (813) 975-6448.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by FDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 14, 2016 and executed by FHWA and FDOT.

Sincerely,

Kirk Bogen, P.E.

FDOT District 7 Environmental Management Engineer

Concurrence

(Signature)

(Date)

Mark A. Kutney

City Manager

Cc: Mike Walker, Parks & Recreation Director
Bill Geiger, Community Development Director
Justin Hall, District 7 GEC (Design Phase Project Manager)
Lilliam Escalera, District 7 PD&E Study Project Manager
Robin Rhinesmith, District 7 Environmental Administrator

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- In applying this exception the analyst must consider whether:
 - (1) The property acquisition was completed prior to the designation or the change in the determination of significance.
 - (2) The Cultural Resources Assessment Survey (CRAS) report was considered complete and sufficient at the time of its submittal.

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	 (3) The OKAS report identified the property in question as a resource that would require re-examination or that would become significant prior to construction. (4) The property in question is an archaeological site important primarily for the information it contains.
	 Temporary occupancies of land that are so minimal as to not constitute a use within the meaning of Section 4(f). The following conditions must be satisfied: (1) Duration must be temporary, i.e., less than the time needed for construction of the project, and there should be no change in ownership of the land; (2) Scope of the work must be minor, i.e., both the nature and the magnitude of the changes to the Section 4(f) property are minimal; (3) There are no anticipated permanent adverse physical impacts, nor will there be interference with the protected activities, features, or attributes of the property, on either a temporary or permanent basis; (4) The land being used must be fully restored, i.e., the property must be returned to a condition which is at least as good as that which existed prior to the project; and (5) There must be documented agreement of the OWJ over the Section 4(f) resource regarding the above conditions.
	Park road or parkway projects under 23 U.S.C. 204 which is the Federal Lands Access Program, providing access to transportation facilities located on or adjacent to, or provide access to Federal Lands.
	Certain trails, paths, bikeways, and sidewalks, in the following circumstances: (1) Trail-related projects funded under the Recreational Trails Program, 23 U.S.C. 206(h)(2);
	(2) National Historic Trails and the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail, designated under the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. 1241-1251, with the exception of those trail segments that are historic sites as defined in 23 CFR 774.17, such as any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object included in, or eligible for inclusion in the NRHP. The term includes properties of traditional religious and cultural importance to an Indian tribe that are included in, or are eligible for inclusion in the NRHP.
	 (3) Trails, paths, bikeways, and sidewalks that occupy a transportation facility right-of-way without limitation to any specific location within that right-of-way, so long as the continuity of the trail, path, bikeway, or sidewalk is maintained; and (4) Trails, paths, bikeways, and sidewalks that are part of the local transportation system and which function primarily for transportation unless they are historic.
	Transportation enhancement projects and mitigation activities, where: (1) The use of the Section 4(f) property is solely for the purpose of preserving or enhancing an activity, feature, or attribute that qualifies the property for Section 4(f) protection; and (2) The OWJ over the Section 4(f) resource agrees in writing to the use described in (1) of this section.
Esta	Section 4(f) Exemption Eligibility (Refer to Chapter 7.3.4 for further information and criteria) Section 1303 of the FAST Act incorporates the ACHP Program Comment exemption for common post-1945 concrete and steel bridges and culverts into Section 4(f), eliminating review requirements for these structures under Section 4(f). This exemption applies to specific types of bridges and culverts built after 1945, including various forms of reinforced concrete slab bridges, reinforced concrete beam and girder bridges, steel multi-beam bridges or multi-girder bridges, and culverts and reinforced concrete boxes (See Section V Program Comment).
	(Section 11502 (23 U.S.C. 138(f)/49 U.S.C. 303(h)) exempts from Section 4(f) review the use of rail. The exemption to Section 4(f) applies regardless of whether the railroad or rail transit line, or element thereof, is listed on or is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
	The exemption applies to the following resource types which might otherwise be considered abandoned or not in use: • Railroad and transit lines over which service has been discontinued under the process described in 49

Railroad and transit lines that have been railbanked (a voluntary agreement between a railroad company and a trail agency to use an out-of-service rail corridor as a trail until a railroad might need the corridor

again for rail service as described in 16 U.S.C. 1247(d)); and

U.S.C. 10903;

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 Railroad and transit lines that have been otherwise reserve passengers. 	ed for the future transportation of goods or
23 CFR 774.11(e)(2). The interstate highway system is exempt from Section 4(f), unless the U.S. Secretary of Transportation determined exceptional historic significance and should receive protection. Interstate highway-related facilities in Florida determined historically and therefore not exempt under Section 4(f) are: I-275 Bob Graham/Sunshine Skyway Bridge I-75 Alligator Alley- Milepost range 19.6-49.3 I-75 Snake Wall I-95 Myrtle Avenue Overpass	es individual elements possess national or
(23 CFR 774.11(h)) When a property formally reserved for a future park, recreation, or wildlife and waterfowl refuge purposes in the in- duration, will not subject the property to Section 4(f).	transportation facility temporarily functions for terim, the interim activity, regardless of
23 CFR 774.11 (i) When a property is formally reserved for a future time a park, recreation area, or wildlife and waterfowl refuge is esta development of the transportation facility and the Section 4(f) resort transportation facility will not be considered a use as defined in §77 planning or development include, but are not limited to:	ablished and concurrent or joint planning or urce occurs, then any resulting impacts of the 74.17. Examples of such concurrent or joint
 Designation or donation of property for the specific purpose with jurisdiction or ownership of the property for both the po 	e of such concurrent development by the entity opening transportation facility and the Section
 4(f) property; or Designation, donation, planning, or development of propert jurisdiction for the potential transportation facility and the S other. 	ty by two or more governmental agencies with
Explanation supporting the Section 4(f) property meets all of the criter	ria of the Exception or Exemption
The proposed trail as located in Tom Varn and Bud McKethan Park	ks will enhance the recreational features of the
parks by providing improved and safer access to the parks for pedestrians,	bicyclists and other nonmotorized trail users.
Furthermore, with the connection to the Coast to Coast Connector Trail, the	parks will experience increased exposure,
popularity and useage.	
Documentation	
The following items must be attached to this form to ensure proper docume	entation of the Section 4(f)
Exception/Exemption:	
DOA form and documentation	
Required communications with the OWJ (i.e. concurrence letters) for	or the Exception/Exemption as applicable
Signatures	
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Signature:

Environmental Manager, or designee

OEM

Concurrence:

Signature: Director of OEM, or designee 2/15/2019

Click here to enter a date.