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Mr. Karl Blischke  
Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development  
Office of the Governor  
The Capitol  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Dear Mr. Blischke:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is pleased to submit our 2011 Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) Report, in accordance with section 288.0656(8), Florida Statutes and instructions issued by your office. This report includes general information related to the Department's REDI program activities, as well as a compilation of transportation-related projects in rural counties and communities throughout Florida. Various transportation resources and funding opportunities for rural areas, including any waiver of program match requirements or allowances for projects, are also contained in this report.

The Department is proud to be a key partner in providing technical and financial assistance to rural interests throughout the State. These partnerships become even more crucial as Florida continues to address the complex rural issues our State faces during these challenging economic times.

FDOT will continue to work with REDI in coordinating transportation issues that arise each year. Please direct any questions related to the report via e-mail to either Melanie Weaver Carr [melanie.carr@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:melanie.carr@dot.state.fl.us) or me [kathleen.neill@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:kathleen.neill@dot.state.fl.us). Alternately, you may reach us by phone at (850) 414-4800.

Thank you for your support over the past year in helping make REDI such a successful program. FDOT staff looks forward to working with your staff and the other REDI partners over the upcoming year.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Neill, Director  
Office of Policy Planning

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Enclosure: 2011 FDOT REDI Report

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