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In Reply Refer To: HPO-FL

Mr. James Wolfe, P.E.
District Four Secretary
Florida Department of Transportation
3400 west Commercial Boulevard
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33309

Attention: Mr. Paul Lampley P.E.

Dear Mr. James Wolfe:

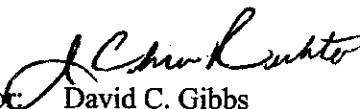
Subject: Location and Design Concept Approval
I-595 /SR-862 from west of I-75/Sawgrass Expressway to east of I-95
Federal-Aid Project No.: 595-1 (539) I
Financial Project ID: 409354-1-22-01
Broward County

Enclosed is one signed copy of the Environmental Class of Action Determination for a Type II Categorical Exclusion (CE) for the subject project. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) reviewed the Type II CE document according to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), and 23 CFR 771.

The Type II CE is considered appropriate, and approval for the location and design concept of the preferred alternative is granted.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Nahir DeTizio at (850) 942-9650, extension 3027.

Sincerely,


For: David C. Gibbs
Division Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Steve Braun, P.E., Senior Project Manager, FDOT District Four



STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

County: Broward
Project Name: I-595 (SR 862) PD&E Study
Project Limits: From the I-75 Interchange to the I-95 Interchange
Project Numbers: 409354-1-22-01 5951 539 1
Financial Project Federal

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- a. Existing: See Attachment 2.A.
b. Proposed Improvements: See Attachment 2.B.

3. CLASS OF ACTION

- a. Class of Action: Environmental Assessment
 Environmental Impact Statement
 Type 2 Categorical Exclusion
- b. Other actions:
 Section 4(f) Statement
 Section 106 Consultation
 Endangered Species Assessment

c. Public Involvement:

1. A public hearing is not required, therefore, approval of this Environmental Assessment constitutes acceptance of the location and design concepts for this project.
2. A public hearing was held on November 29, 2005 and a transcript is included with the environmental determination. Approval of this Type 2 Categorical Exclusion constitutes location and design concept acceptance for this project.
 An opportunity for a public hearing was afforded and a certification of opportunity is included with the environmental determination. Approval of this constitutes Type 2 Categorical Exclusion acceptance of the location and design concepts for this project.
3. A public hearing will be held and the public hearing transcript will be provided at a later date. Approval of this Type 2 Categorical Exclusion DOES NOT constitute location and design concept acceptance for this project.
 An opportunity for a public hearing will be afforded and a certification of opportunity will be provided at a later date. Approval of this Type 2 Categorical Exclusion DOES NOT constitute acceptance of the project's location and design concepts.

d. Cooperating Agency: COE USCG FWS EPA NMFS NONE

4. REVIEWER'S SIGNATURE



FDOT Project Manager

5 / 31 / 2006
Date



FDOT Environmental Specialist

5 / 31 / 2006
Date



FHWA Transportation Engineer

6 / 29 / 06
Date

FHWA CONCURRENCE



For Division Administrator

6 / 29 / 06
Date