SP0070104-10 Legal Requirements and Responsibility To The Public – Laws To Be Observed – Compliance With Federal Endangered Species Act And Other Wildlife Regulations (FDOT Installed Bat Exclusion)

COMMENTS FROM INDUSTRY REVIEW

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Comments: (9/18/2023)

Please consider incorporating the following: Install bat exclusion devices on the structure prior to commencing work on the structure. At the Pre-construction conference, submit a Bat Exclusion Plan outlining entry and exit point identification, installation of exclusion devices, methodology for securing all openings half an inch or greater in size, and monitoring methodology. Provide a specialty contractor or biologist experienced in performing bat exclusions to implement the Bat Exclusion Plan. Initial installation of bat exclusion devices can only occur from August 15th through April 15th. Maintain all exclusion devices throughout work on the structure. Immediately repair damaged or altered exclusion devices that could allow reentry of bats. Repairs must be conducted by a qualified specialty contractor or experienced biologist. Remove the exclusion devices upon completion of construction. Notify the Engineer if bats, bat remains, or new evidence of roosting is found.

Response: The proposed special provision is specifically for situations where FDOT is performing the initial exclusion and any subsequent exclusions required during construction. The requested verbiage does not fit this situation.

Action: No action needs to be taken.

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Comments: (10/11/2023)

"FDOT will perform the exclusion for a minimum of four consecutive days/nights when the low temperature is forecasted by the U.S. National Weather Service…." Should FDOT perform the exclusion or the Contractor?

Response: As stated in the draft Special Provision, FDOT will perform additional exclusions that may be required during construction.

Action: No action needs to be taken.

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