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).

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SUBARTICLE 7-1.4 is expanded by the following:

Provide a biologist, experienced in performing bat exclusions, to maintain the previously installed bat exclusion devices to prevent bats from reestablishing roosts during construction on Bridge No(s) _____ and/or culvert No(s) XXX_XXX. Refer to the FDOT Guidance on Bat Exclusion Practices, Section 3, and Section 6, which can be found at the following URL: https://fdotwww.blob.core.windows.net/sitefinity/docs/default-source/environment/pubs/protected-species/final-bat-exclusion-handbook-and-appendices-aug-3_2023.pdf?sfvrsn=372e576c_2.

Immediately repair damaged or altered exclusion devices that could allow reentry of bats. Inspect structure and confirm no evidence of bats prior to these repairs.

Notify the Engineer if bats, remains of bats, or new evidence of roosting is found. The Engineer will notify the District Environmental Management Office that additional exclusion is needed. 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 https://www.weather.gov/ to remain above 50°F. Bat exclusion devices cannot be used during bat maternity season from April 15th through August 15th.

Remove the exclusion devices within 7 days of completing the work on the specified structures. Use non-shrink grout per Standard Specification 934 to fill and seal holes on the structure where mechanical methods were used to secure exclusion devices. Repair damage caused by removal of exclusion devices in accordance with Standard Specification 930.