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The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has reviewed the information provided and finds that the proposed action is not likely to adversely affect any federally listed species or designated critical habitat protected by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et. seq.). A record of this consultation is on file at the South Florida Ecological Service Office.

This fulfills the requirements of section 7 of the Act and further action is not required. If modifications are made to the project, if additional information involving potential effects to listed species becomes available, or if a new species is listed, reinitiation of consultation may be necessary.

Roxanna Hinzman, Field Supervisor

Via Electronic Mail

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Attn: John Wrublik

Subject:

ESA Section 7 Consultation/Concurrence Request Letter

Project Name: State Road 9 / Interstate 95

From South of SW 10th Street to North of Hillsboro Boulevard

Financial Management No.: 436964-1-22-02

Federal Aid Project No.: 0202-054-P

ETDM No.: 14244 County: Broward

Dear John:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) conducted a Project Development and Environment Study (PD&E) for the referenced project. The project extends along I-95 from just south of SW 10th Street (MP 22.00) to just north of Hillsboro Boulevard (MP 25.10) and along both SW 10th Street from just west of Military Trail east to SW Natura Boulevard and along Hillsboro Boulevard from Goolsby Boulevard east to SW Natura Boulevard. The entire project lies within the City of Deerfield Beach.

The PD&E Study evaluated improvements to the I-95 partial cloverleaf interchanges at SW 10th Street and Hillsboro Boulevard and along I-95 from just south of the SW 10th Street interchange to just north of the Hillsboro Boulevard. SW 10th Street provides a direct connection between I-95 and the Sawgrass Expressway. The study is also evaluating improvements along both SW 10th Street and Hillsboro Boulevard near I-95. Additionally, this study evaluates the potential modification of the existing merge and diverge ramp areas at the SW 10th Street and Hillsboro Boulevard interchanges, considers the replacement of the existing SW 10th Street bridge over I-95 and provisions of a grade separation at the existing at-grade CSX Railroad crossing at Hillsboro Boulevard. This project connects into the State Road 869 / SW 10th Street Connector Project to the west along SW 10th Street (FM#