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December 22, 2011

Lindsey
Dear Ms. [REDACTED]:

In response to your November 21, 2011 letter, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has reviewed the Administrative Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Section 404 Permit Application Supporting Information (AD-DEIS) for the I-395/Route 9 Transportation Study. As a federal cooperating agency in the preparation of this document, we have previously reviewed and provided comments to you on individual chapters as the AD-DEIS was being developed. Enclosed please find our comments on the complete AD-DEIS as written directly into your Adobe Acrobat version of the document (CD enclosed).

As you note in your letter, we also believe that we are collectively moving forward toward publishing a DEIS for public comment in the near future. We do not have any major concerns or comments on the AD-DEIS. Instead, we are offering a number of comments aimed to clarify or enhance information provided in the document. After review of this document, we also believe that we will be able to support selection of your preferred alternative, 2B-2, as the Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative when we provide our formal comments on the public DEIS.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. If you have any questions, please contact Wende Mahaney of my staff at Ext. 118.

Sincerely,

Laury A. Zicari,
Field Supervisor

Enclosure