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Sent: Friday, December 23, 2011 12:54 PM
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Subject: Wow again, USFWS comments & support for LEDPA - I-395/Route 9 Transportation Study Administrative Draft EIS
Attachments: signed AD-DEIS comments transmittal letter.pdf

Attached is Wende Mahaney's transmittal letter for USFWS comments on the Administrative Draft EIS for I-395/Route 9 Transportation Study. Wende's comments are on a cd most of the comments ask for clarification wording to be added to the document.

Another WOW factor, the letter states that USFWS "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."

The complexity of the transition from Adm. Draft to public DEIS will hinge on discussion of Mark H. comments.

Judy

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Subject: USFWS comments on Administrative Draft EIS for I-395/Route 9 Transportation Study

Hi Judy - Attached is the signed transmittal letter for the USFWS's comments on the AD-DEIS. I put my comments directly onto your document in Adobe Acrobat, so the file is WAY too large for me to e-mail to you. So, I've burned a CD and will drop it in the mail this afternoon. Hopefully you will get it tomorrow. Sorry that the comments will not arrive today, but my computer locked up and crashed yesterday afternoon, so I could not complete the task in time to get the package mailed yesterday.

If any of you on the cc: list would like to see my comments, please let me know and I will have to create a CD and mail it to you (which won't happen until I return to the office on January 3 - I'm on Annual Leave starting today).

(See attached file: signed AD-DEIS comments transmittal letter.pdf)

Happy holidays, Judy, and enjoy your last few days at work. Best wishes in retirement.

Wende



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Ms. Judy Lindsey, Project Manager
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December 22, 2011

Dear Ms. ^{Lindsey} [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,
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