MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members

From: Staff

Date: July 18, 2008 Council Meeting

Subject: Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Log

The attached Intergovernmental Coordination and Review (ICR) Log presents two applications for federal funding of projects or programs. The Review Log contains the applicant’s name, project location, project description, federal funding source, and the amount of funds requested, as well as designation of Notification of Intent if it is a preliminary application. Staff recommendations are provided on the consistency of funding applications with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

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<td>ACCERL8 Project Permit Application – Draft Environmental Impact Statement to Construct Stormwater Treatment Areas</td>
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<td>Advance Notification – Kings Highway Project Development and Environmental Study</td>
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Recommendation

Council should approve staff comments and authorize their distribution.

Attachments
This Draft Environmental Impact Statement evaluates the environmental effects of South Florida Water Management District’s (SFWMD) proposal to construct and operate stormwater treatment areas on Compartments B and C of the Everglades Agricultural Area in Palm Beach and Hendry Counties, Florida.

Compartment B is a 9,585 acre parcel of land located in Palm Beach County south of the Everglades Agricultural Area, northwest of Water Conservation Area 2A and east of US Highway 27. Compartment C is an 8,800 acre parcel of land located in Hendry County just west of Rotenberger Wildlife Management Area, east of C-139 basin agricultural lands, north of stormwater treatment area 6, and south of stormwater treatment area 5.

The SFWMD proposes to convert approximately 13,740 acres of publicly owned, primarily agricultural lands to additional stormwater treatment areas. Construction of additional stormwater treatment areas on Compartment B and C is requested to further improve the quality of water entering the Everglades Protection Area and to further restoration in the Everglades ecosystem.

Additional water quality treatment capacity is necessary in the Everglades Agricultural Areas to lower levels of phosphorus contained in releases from the agricultural area and Lake Okeechobee prior to entering the protection area. Increased phosphorus levels in the Everglades protection area have altered ecological habitat, reduced its functional quality, and exacerbated colonization of invasive exotic plant species.
Agency and public scoping meetings were conducted in July 2007 to identify issues relevant to the proposed action such as federally listed species, archeological resources, water quality and quantity, fish and wildlife, vegetation, recreation and socioeconomics.

**FUNDING AGENCY:** None

**PROJECT COSTS:** N/A

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** The proposed project is not in conflict or inconsistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:** Palm Beach County
APPLICANT: Florida Department of Transportation

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Advance Notification – Kings Highway Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) Study

This project consists of the widening of an existing two-lane facility known as SR 713/Kings Highway located in St. Lucie County to a six-lane divided urban highway. Kings Highway extends 10.2 miles from its beginning at the Florida’s Turnpike Interchange at SR 70/Okeechobee Road northward to SR 5/US 1. Its functional classification is a rural minor arterial. The roadway forks at the northern end and connects to SR 5/US 1 at two locations. The existing roadway consists of two 12-foot lanes, with 6 or 8-foot unpaved shoulders and no bicycle lanes or sidewalks. Guardrail is located along the project where the roadway parallels a drainage canal. The existing right-of-way for the southern seven miles of the project generally varies from 30 to 50 feet with intermittent areas of right-of-way of 95 feet. There are three bridge crossings over drainage canals located within the project limits and two roadway bridges (I-95) which cross over Kings Highway.

The proposed project recommends constructing a six-lane divided urban typical roadway section with a 22-foot wide median, bicycle lanes, sidewalks, upgraded drainage and five intersection expansion improvements from Okeechobee Road to Indrio Road. The re-construction of the existing bridges over drainage canals will be included in the project, and four box culverts will be extended.

The primary purpose and need for this project is to add capacity along the corridor due to extensive recent and projected development. The significant growth has resulted in a need for added capacity along this corridor. Various safety improvements are required and will be incorporated into the proposed widening. Currently, the PD&E is the only phase of the project in the St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization cost feasible Long Range Transportation Plan. Design, right-of-way and construction are unfunded.
FUNDING AGENCY: U.S. Department of Transportation

PROJECT COSTS: $124,000,000 Federal
$124,000,000 Total

RECOMMENDATIONS: The proposed project is not in conflict or inconsistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

AGENCIES CONTACTED: All St. Lucie County Municipalities
Indian River County
St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization
Indian River County Metropolitan Planning Organization
City of Vero Beach