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Ms. Pat Steed
Executive Director
Central Florida Regional Planning Council
555 East Church Street
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RE: Evansville Western Railway, Inc CSX – Rail Termini Facility DRI

Dear Ms. Steed:

The Florida Department of Transportation, District One, has reviewed the Evansville Western Railway, Inc CSX – Rail Termini Facility DRI dated December 2007 and offers the following comments:

- 1) Please provide the existing turning movement counts and geometries used for intersection analysis at SR 60 and Rifle Range Road and at SR 60 and Pollard Road.
- 2) Please provide the storage length calculation, for any eastbound right and westbound left turn lanes at the intersection of SR 60 and Pollard Road. The analysis should be based on the FDOT Plans Preparation Manual. If the vehicle queue in these lanes exceeds the length of the turn lane and backs into the adjacent through lane, the results of the analysis are not valid. A queue analysis needs to be provided to confirm that this blockage does not occur, or to identify the improvements needed to accommodate the queued vehicles. The queue analysis should take into account the impact of the trucks at the intersection.
- 3) Although the interchange of SR 60 and US 27 is not contained within a significantly impacted facility, this interchange has regional importance and safety concerns for the Department, based on the importance of this intersection, please provide analysis denoting the impacts the project will have on the interchange.

4) Although the two intersections of SR 60 and US 98 (at Broadway) and SR 60 and US 98 (at the Bartow Wal-Mart) are not contained within a significantly impacted facility, these intersections have regional importance and safety concerns for the Department. Based on the importance of these intersections, please provide analysis denoting the impacts the project will have on these two intersections.

If you have any questions please free to contact me at (863) 519-2395 or bob.crawley@dot.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,



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