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Air Quality Screening Test

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The proposed project is located in Miami-Dade County, an area currently designated as being in attainment for particulate matter (2.5 microns in size and 10 microns in size) and carbon monoxide (CO).

The project alternatives were not subjected to a CO screening model since the project is a State Environmental Impact Report and does not meet the following thresholds per Section 19.2.2.1, Part 2, Chapter 19 of the PD&E Manual:

1. The project is an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and/or;
2. The total vehicular delay time (veh-hours) at an intersection in the design year build condition is projected to increase when compared to the design year no-build condition and/or;
3. The project is expected to have community controversy regarding air quality. (Coordination with District specialists may be required to determine potential community controversy.)

Florida is in attainment for particulate matter; therefore, no project level analysis is needed. In addition, since the Class of Action has been determined to be a State Environmental Impact Report, the project has no potential meaningful Mobile Source Air Toxics (MSAT) effects and is exempt from a MSAT analysis.

This project is not expected to create adverse impacts on air quality because the project area is in attainment for all National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and because the project is expected to improve the Level of Service (LOS) and reduce delay and congestion on all facilities within the study area.

Construction activities may cause short-term air quality impacts in the form of dust from earthwork and unpaved roads. These impacts will be minimized by adherence to applicable state regulations and to applicable FDOT Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction.