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SR 997 / SW 177th Avenue / Krome Avenue South
from SW 296th Street (Avocado Drive) to SW 136th Street (Howard Drive)
Miami-Dade County, Florida

This project proposes roadway and safety improvements along a ten-mile segment of SR 997/SW 177th Avenue/Krome Avenue from SW 296th Street (Avocado Drive) to SW 136th Street (Howard Drive) in Miami-Dade County, Florida. The existing facility is a two-lane undivided rural roadway. The proposed action is to improve safety by providing four-lane divided rural and suburban sections, additional capacity, and implementing access management criteria.

For the foregoing reasons contained in this *Final Environmental Impact Statement / Record of Decision*, and based upon consideration of all the social, economic, and environmental evaluation contained in this *Final Environmental Impact Statement / Record of Decision*, with the input received from other agencies, organizations, and the public; the FHWA has determined that the *Draft Environmental Impact Statement* preferred alternative (Alternative 5 with minimization treatment), namely the Four-Lane Divided Rural/Suburban Roadway (with minimization treatment), is hereby the selected alternative. Therefore it is my decision to adopt this alternative as the proposed action for this project.

Submitted Pursuant to 42 USC 4332 (2)(c).

Dec. 22, 2014
Date


Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration

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This is the *Record of Decision* for the above subject project identified in the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), as adopted. The need for improvements on this corridor is based on a combination of safety, physical and functional deficiencies within the corridor plus overall capacity needs. The primary objective of the project is to address safety deficiencies along this section of the Krome Avenue corridor. The secondary objectives of the project are to provide additional capacity to accommodate anticipated future area travel demand and address other design deficiencies along the roadway. Additional secondary objectives include maintaining the effectiveness of the corridor as an emergency evacuation route and improving regional connectivity. This *Record of Decision* is made pursuant to the attached *Final Environmental Impact Statement*.

DECISION

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Florida Division, in coordination with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and associated laws, regulations, and orders, proposes the construction of the Krome South project. The selected alternative is Alternative 5 with minimization treatment. The ten-mile project will begin at SW 296th Street (Avocado Drive) and will extend to SW 136th Street (Howard Drive). The location map for the selected alternative can be viewed on page 2 of this *Record of Decision*.

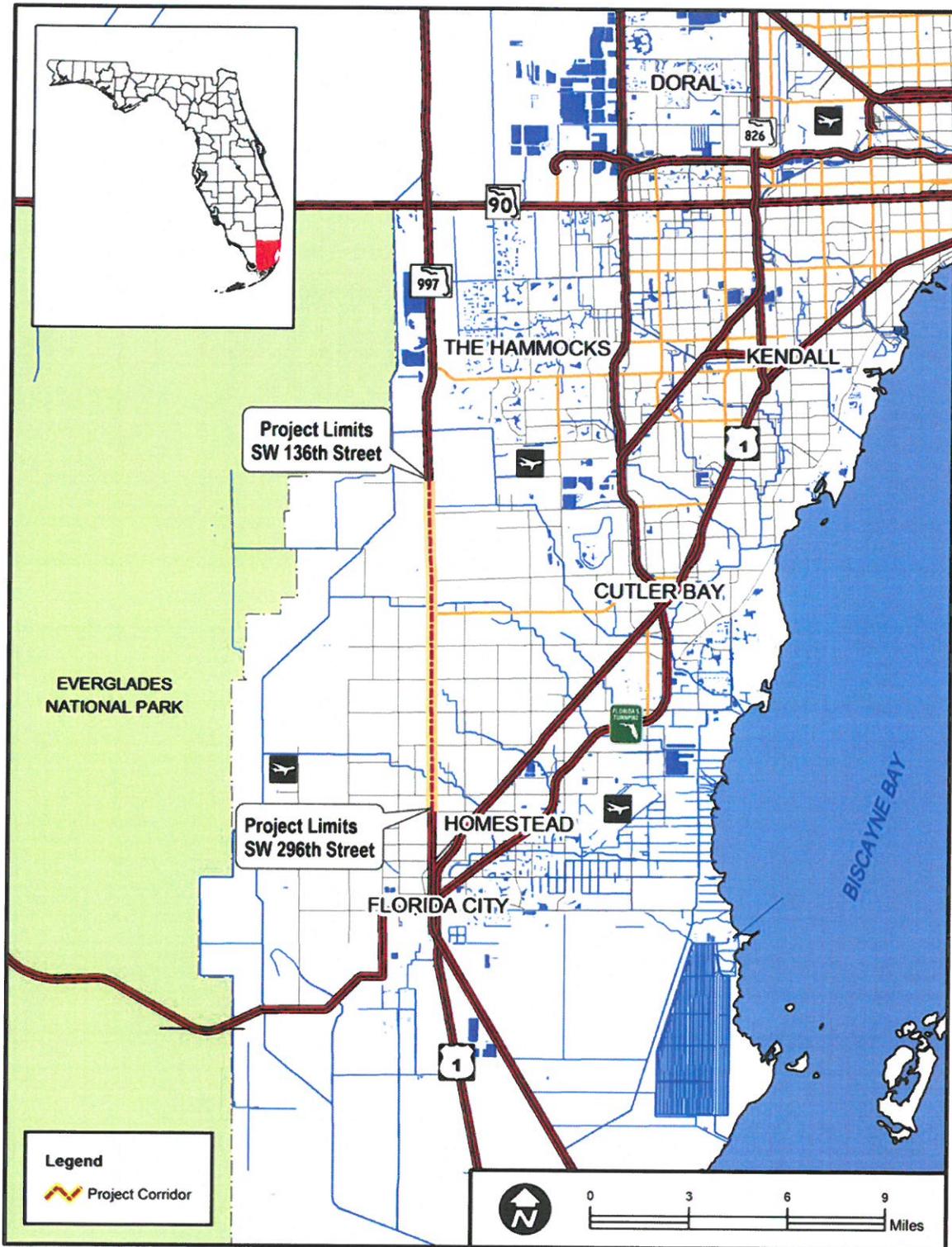


Figure R-1 – Location Map