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TO: District Maintenance Engineers/Administrators, District Design Engineers

FROM: Tim Lattner, P.E., Director, Office of Maintenance 

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SUBJECT: Requirements for Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodation on Permitted Right Turn Lane Projects

This memo is being issued to provide direction on when bicycle and pedestrian accommodation is to be addressed as part of a Permit Application on the State Highway System. This direction follows what is required on FDOT projects per Florida Statute 335.065 and as specified in Chapter 8 of the Plans Preparation Manual (PPM), Volume 1.

Permitted projects where right turn lanes are being added shall meet the following requirements for bicycle and pedestrian accommodation:

1. A 5-foot bicycle lane shall be provided between the through lane and right turn lane.
2. A sidewalk shall be provided, however beyond one mile of an urban area, where only occasional pedestrian traffic is expected, a shoulder (paved and unpaved) or footpath meets the need for pedestrian accommodation.

A shared use path meets the requirement for a sidewalk; however a shared use path is not considered a substitute for bicycle lanes.

Following are links to the PPM and Urban Area 1-Mile Buffer Maps, Index 17347 for details on how to mark the bike lane or paved shoulder.

<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/rddesign/PPMManual/PPM.shtm>

<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/rddesign/DesignStandards/Standards.shtm>

Permits for turn lanes may propose to omit bicycle and pedestrian facilities if the permittee submits for a Design Variation citing one (or more) of the following exemptions with supporting data and analysis:

1. Where their establishment would be contrary to public safety;
2. Where the cost would be excessively disproportionate to the need or probable use;
3. Where other available means or factors indicate the absence of need.

The District Maintenance Office receiving the Permit Application shall forward the Design Variation and project plans to the District Design Engineer for review and approval. The District Design Engineer shall determine if the omission of bicycle and/or pedestrian facilities is warranted and if so, forward a copy of the approved Design Variation back to the District Maintenance Office.