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**TO:** District Directors of Transportation Development, District Directors of Operations

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**SUBJECT:** 2013 Design Standards

The **Design Standards** are published and released as an annual **e-Booklet** and posted on the Roadway Design Office web site. The official edition of the **2013 Design Standards** and all component packages are available at:

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

The effective date for implementation is issued by **Design Bulletin** and coincides with the beginning of the calendar year, which is January 1, each year. The **e-Booklet** is published and released six (6) months prior to its effective date.

The 2013 Design Standards shall be applied to all projects beginning with the January 2013 letting. The Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Design Standards and FY 2012/2013 Design Standards Revisions shall continue to be applied to all projects to be let PRIOR to January 2013.

The implementation schedule for this year will result in the publication and release of the 2013 Design Standards e-Booklet on July 2, 2012 for an effective date of January 1, 2013. The 2013 Design Standards publication and release will overlap and supersede the second half of the Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Design Standards e-Booklet. The cycle of July release for January implementation will be repeated in subsequent years.

**Design Standards Revisions** will be issued with revised **Index Drawings** (the complete Index not just the sheet that changed) by **Design Bulletin**. The bulletin will include the effective date for implementation and will be posted to the Roadway Design Office web site. Design Standards Revisions will be issued on an “as needed” basis to effect changes which require immediate implementation or are cost effective to implement immediately.

As Revisions to Design Standards are developed, processed and finalized throughout the year, decisions on implementation for individual standards revisions will be made on technical merit, potential cost savings benefits, and other factors of relative merit for each change. Revisions to the Design Standards will not default to automatic January implementations, moreover may be implemented on an intermediate basis by Design Bulletin when deemed critical or cost effective (when the cost to implement is offset by savings in Design and/or Construction and/or Maintenance).

The 2013 Design Standards incorporate the following:

- New Design Standard Index 11871, “SINGLE POST MEDIAN BARRIER MOUNTED SIGN SUPPORT,”
- Deleted Design Standard Index 18204, “FIBER OPTIC SPLICE BOX AND PULLBOX,”
- Detailed listing of all design standards revisions (refer to the front of the e-Booklet).

Please contact the Roadway Design Office at (850) 414-4324 if you have any questions.