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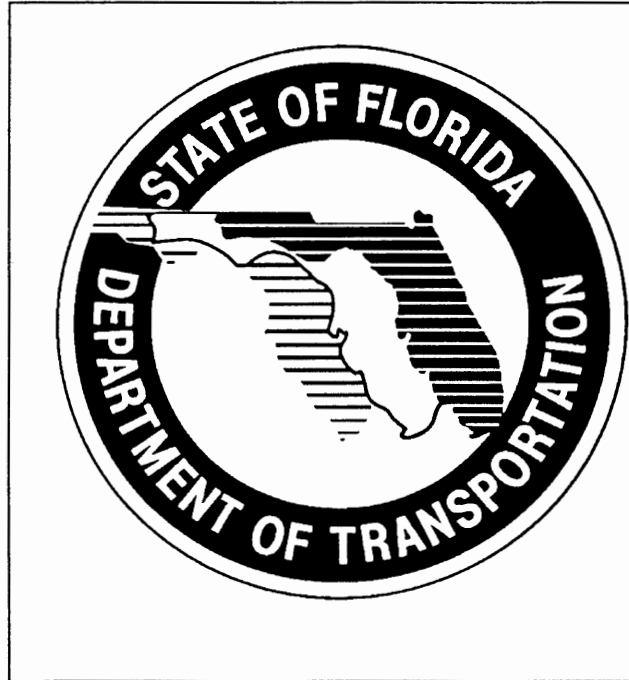
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Subject: Revisions to Current Greenbook Edition

The Greenbook Committee just met and approved sending out the attached revisions to the November 1994 version of the manual which you should be currently using. The attachments include a cover sheet with the correct version date since original version was not dated, a list of existing membership of committee (responsible for Introduction revisions), and a revised "Introduction" sheet. The statute language has been added for quick reference for use of Greenbook standards and there is now language (in 3rd paragraph from bottom, 3rd sentence) allowing a county or municipality to adopt DOT standards and criteria for use on their facilities.

We are planning to send out a September, 1998 new complete version of the Greenbook which will include revisions made by the committee over the past two years. A companion metric version is scheduled for distribution in January, 1999. Both the English and metric versions will then be updated annually. We will be working toward electronic access to these in the future and will notify you when they are available.

***MANUAL OF UNIFORM MINIMUM STANDARDS
FOR DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE
FOR STREETS AND HIGHWAYS***



***STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA***

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this manual is to provide uniform minimum standards and criteria for the design, construction and maintenance of all public streets, roads, highways, sidewalks, curbs and curb ramps, crosswalks (where feasible), bicycle facilities, underpasses and overpasses used by the public for vehicular and pedestrian traffic as directed by Sections 334.044(10)(a) and 336.045 Florida Statutes.

In the following statute excerpts, the term “department” is referring to the Florida Department of Transportation.

Florida Statute 334.044 Department; powers and duties. The department shall have the following general powers and duties:

(10)(a) To develop and adopt uniform minimum standards and criteria for the design, construction, maintenance, and operation of public roads pursuant to the provisions of FS 336.045.

Florida Statute 336.045 Uniform minimum standards for design, construction and maintenance; advisory committees.

(1) The department shall develop and adopt uniform minimum standards and criteria for the design, construction, and maintenance of all public streets, roads, highways, bridges, sidewalks, curbs and curb ramps, crosswalks, where feasible, bicycle ways, underpasses and overpasses used by the public for vehicular and pedestrian traffic. In developing such standards and criteria, the department shall consider design approaches which provide for the compatibility of such facilities with the surrounding natural or manmade environment; the safety and security of public spaces; and the appropriate aesthetics based upon scale, color, architectural style, materials used to construct the facilities, and the landscape design and landscape materials around the facilities....

(4) All design and construction plans for projects that are to become part of the county road system and are required to conform with the design and construction standards established pursuant to subsection (1) must be certified to be in substantial conformance with the standards established pursuant to subsection (1) that are then in effect by a professional engineer who is registered in this state.

These standards are intended to provide basic guidance for developing and maintaining a highway system with reasonable operating characteristics and a minimum number of hazards.

Standards established by this Manual are intended for use on all new construction projects off the state highway and federal aid systems. It is understood that the Standards herein cannot be applied completely to all reconstruction and maintenance type projects, however, the Standards shall be applied to the extent that economic and environmental considerations and existing development will allow.

When this Manual refers to guidelines and design standards given by current American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials publications, these guidelines and standards shall generally be considered as minimum criteria. The Department may have standards and criteria which differ from the minimum presented in this Manual or by AASHTO for streets and highways under its jurisdiction. A county or municipality may substitute standards and criteria adopted by the Department for some or all portions of design, construction and maintenance of their facilities. Department standards, criteria and manuals must be used when preparing projects on the state highway system or the national highway system.

Criteria and standards set forth in other manuals which have been included by reference shall be considered as requirements within the authority of this Manual.

The contents of this Manual are reviewed annually by the Florida “GreenBook” Advisory Committee. Membership of this committee is established by the above referenced Florida Statute 336.045(2). Revisions or additions to the Manual will be distributed to all registered manual holders and dated in the bottom right-hand corner of the page. The Committee responsible for specific revisions has corresponding membership dates. Comments, suggestions, or questions may be directed to any committee member.



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