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TO: District Directors of Transportation Operations, District Directors of Transportation Development, District Design Engineers, District Construction Engineers, District Geotechnical Engineers, District Structures Design Engineers, District Maintenance Engineers, District Roadway Design Engineers, District Traffic Operations Engineers, Program Management Engineers, District Drainage Engineers, District Materials Engineers

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SUBJECT: 2018 FDOT Design Manual (FDM)

This bulletin announces the release of the 2018 FDM, which is available on the Office of Design website at the following link:

http://fdot.gov/roadway/fdm

IMPLEMENTATION

• **Design-Bid-Build Projects:**
  - Use of FDM is required for projects beginning design on or after January 1, 2018.
  - FDM criteria may be applied on projects currently in design at the discretion of the District.

• **Design-Build Projects:**
  - Use of FDM is required for projects beginning with advertisement date on or after January 1, 2019.
  - For advertisement dates between January 1 and December 31, 2018 the district may specify the required use of the PPM or the FDM; however, use of FDM requires approval of Central Office Construction Office.
• **PD&E Projects:**
  - Use of FDM is required for projects that have the Public Hearing scheduled in April 2018 or later.
  - The 2017 PPM will apply through the completion of the project for projects that have the Public Hearing scheduled prior to April 2018.

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