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SUBJECT: Bicyclist Needs on Resurfacing, Restoration and Rehabilitation (RRR) Projects

Background:
The January 1, 2009 PPM Update contained changes that clarified FDOT requirements for bicycle and pedestrian facilities. This Design Bulletin clarifies the intent of those recent changes.

Requirements:
In the Plans Preparation Manual, Volume 1, Section 25.4.19, replace the first paragraph under Bicyclist Needs with the following paragraph:

Bicyclist Needs - For existing sections without bicycle facilities where no widening is planned, consideration shall be given to reducing lane widths to provide bicycle lanes, wide curb lanes, or paved shoulders. These facilities shall meet the criteria provided in Chapter 8. The reduction of existing lane widths for this purpose is restricted to no less than 11 feet for design speeds ≥ 40 mph, and to no less than 10 feet for design speeds ≤ 35 mph, for this purpose. When bicycle facilities are not provided in accordance with Section 8.1, a Design Variation is required. Additional information regarding bicycle facilities is contained in Chapters 2, 8, 10, and 21 of this volume. See Section 25.4.5 for additional information on lane widths.

Implementation:
These changes are effective on all applicable projects beginning immediately.

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