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### ROADWAY DESIGN BULLETIN 09-03

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**TO:** District Design Engineers, Plans Preparation Manual Holders

**FROM:** David C. O'Hagan, PE, State Roadway Design Engineer

**COPIES:** Lora Hollingsworth, Robert Robertson, Mark Wilson

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to David C. O'Hagan, PE, the State Roadway Design Engineer mentioned in the 'FROM' field.

#### **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  $\geq 40$  mph, and to no less than 10 feet for design speeds  $\leq 35$  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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