

FY 2026-27 Standard Plans – 550-001 (Fence Type A), 550-002 (Fence Type B) –

Adding Wildlife Fence Details

For review by the Chief Engineer

Summary of the Revisions:

The Department is adding details to Index 550-001 for wildlife fencing along with transitioning all notes referring to materials to their respective Division II and III Specifications. The addition of the wildlife fencing was done at the requests of the Districts and in coordination with District 3. The notes in both 550-001 and 550-002 were moved and sometimes reworded to stay consistent with other Indexes and Specifications.

Are changes in line with promoting and making meaningful progress on improving safety, enhancing mobility, inspiring innovation, and fostering talent; explain how?

Yes, this change promotes meaningful progress on improving safety as it provides a standard to build wildlife fences along our roadway that is in line with the Department's safety standards.

What financial impact does the change have; project costs, pay item structure, or consultant fees?

Project costs are not expected to change. Design costs may be reduced as there is now a standard option for Wildlife Fence.

What impacts does the change have on production or construction schedules?

Construction schedules will not change. Production may be slightly faster as a standard design is now available and will not have to be detailed in the Plans.

How does this change improve efficiency or quality?

This will provide standardized details for constructing wildlife fencing along the roadway which adds to quality and uniformity.

Which FDOT offices does the change impact?

This update impacts the Design, Maintenance and Construction offices.

What is the impact to Districts with this change?

No new challenges are anticipated for Districts. This is another Standard available for use by the Districts.

Does the change shift risk and to who?

These changes do not shift any risks.

Provide summary and resolution of any outstanding comments from the districts or industry?

All comments from Industry and Internal Review have been reviewed, addressed and responded to. These specific comments are available for review on the [Track the Status Page](#).

What is the communication plan?

After completion of FHWA Review/Approval, this index will be published by November 1st of this year with FY 2026-27 Standard Plans (Effective July 1, 2026). Standard Plans Update Training will be provided prior to January 1, 2026. All documents will be available on our website.

What is the schedule for implementation?

- *The FY 2026-27 Standard Plans will be published on or before November 1, 2025.*
- *Standard Plans Update Training webinars will be provided for revisions in December of 2025.*
- *The FY 2026-27 Standard Plans will be effective for all projects let in July 2026 or after.*