



## Florida Department of Transportation Research

Incorporating Transit and Other Multimodal Strategies into the Florida Department of Transportation Development of Regional Impact Review Process  
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A development of regional impact (DRI) is a large-scale housing or commercial planned development that is expected to impact more than one county. FDOT participates in DRI reviews to assess DRI impacts on Florida's State Highway System and to work with developers on proposed mitigation strategies.

Transportation review guidance is provided in the FDOT *Site Impact Handbook*. The FDOT handbook has focused on traditional transportation (i.e., automobile and commercial carrier impacts).

However, public interest in the use of alternative modes of transportation to serve new developments has risen in response to increased traffic congestion and decreased transportation funding. The handbook needed updating to provide guidelines for the review of multimodal transit.

Researchers from the University of South Florida performed an evaluation of the DRI review processes carried out by stakeholders in the development process. The researchers interviewed public transit agencies staff, regional planning council members, and FDOT staff and consultants.

The information gathered in these interviews aided the development of proposed policy language and review guidelines for multimodal transit proposals. Recommended review performance measures accompany each of the suggested guidelines.



*A bus, bicyclist, and Skyway monorail in Jacksonville, Fla.  
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The researchers also developed guidelines for building and enhancing relationships among the stakeholders.

Implementing the guidelines will enhance FDOT's leadership role in coordinating transportation needs with land use.