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Drainage Manual: 09/01/2026
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FDOT Design Manual: 10/23/2026

DATE: October 30, 2026

TO: District Directors of Transportation Operations, District Directors of Transportation Development, District Design Engineers, District Construction Engineers, District Maintenance Engineers, District Pavement Design Engineers, District Consultant Project Management Engineers, District Structures Design Engineers, District Roadway Design Engineers, District Geotechnical Engineers, District Traffic Operations Engineers, District Program Management Engineers, District Drainage Engineers, District Materials Engineers, District Specifications Engineers, District Estimates Engineers, District Safety Engineers, District Safety Administrators

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SUBJECT: **2027 Roadway Design Office Manuals**

This bulletin announces the release of the ***2027 FDOT Design Manual (FDM)***, ***2027 Drainage Manual***, ***2027 Flexible Pavement Design Manual,*** and ***2027 Rigid Pavement Design Manual***. These manuals are available on the State Roadway Design Office website at the following links:

http://fdot.gov/roadway/fdm

https://www.fdot.gov/roadway/drainage/criteria-and-guidance

http://fdot.gov/roadway/PM/publications.shtm

IMPLEMENTATION

The manuals listed above are effective on all projects beginning design on or after January 1, 2027 and on projects currently in the design phase where implementation will not adversely impact production schedules.

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Changes implemented via Roadway Design Bulletins issued between December 2025 and November 2026 are incorporated into these manuals. These changes are effective as described in their respective Bulletin.

COMMENTARY

Roadway Design Bulletins are available on the Office of Design website at the following link:
http://www.fdot.gov/roadway/Bulletin/default.shtm

The summary of changes to the ***FDM*** can be found at the link below. Webinars providing an overview of the major changes to the ***FDM*** are under development and will be available by December 31, 2026.
https://www.fdot.gov/roadway/fdm

The summary of changes to the ***Drainage Manual*** can be found at the following link:
https://www.fdot.gov/roadway/drainage/criteria-and-guidance

The summary of changes to the ***Flexible Pavement Design Manual*** and the ***Rigid Pavement Design Manual*** can be found at the following link:
http://fdot.gov/roadway/PM/publications.shtm

There were no revisions to the ***2019 Pavement Type Selection Manual***; therefore, this version of the publication will remain effective.

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