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The FDOT Roadway Design Office is pleased to announce the publication of the 2026 FDOT Design Manual. This manual is effective on all projects beginning design on or after January 1, 2026 and on projects currently in the design phase where implementation will not adversely impact production schedules.

Featured Cover Photo: District 2 – Diverging Diamond Interchange

This year's featured photo highlights a major intersection improvement—the newly completed **Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) at CR 216 (Cathedral Oak Parkway)**, part of the **First Coast Expressway (SR 23)** in Clay County, Florida, within **District 2**.

The SR 23 corridor is a new alignment, limited-access, tolled expressway spanning 46 miles from I-10 in Duval County to I-95 in St. Johns County. Designed to alleviate local traffic congestion, stimulate economic development, and enhance hurricane evacuation routes in Northeast Florida, SR 23 represents a major infrastructure advancement in the region.



**SR 23 at CR 216,
Clay County**

This DDI at CR 216 connects to another new alignment corridor developed in partnership with Clay County, and it incorporates pedestrian and bicyclist enhancements, safety improvements, optimized traffic operations, and thoughtful integration of existing vegetation into the design.

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