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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** All Users of the Florida Department of Transportation  
**Structures Design Guidelines**

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**SUBJECT:** FDOT Structures Design Guidelines Topic No. 625-020-154-b  
**Structures Design Guidelines (LRFD)**

The Florida Department of Transportation Structures Design Office has officially released 2002 Structures Design Guidelines (LRFD). Copies of the Guidelines, in Adobe Acrobat PDF format, can be downloaded from the Structures Office website at [www.11.myflorida.com/structures](http://www.11.myflorida.com/structures).

The Guidelines will be updated every six months (January 1 and July 1) and to serve as the single source for FDOT design criteria applicable to the majority of structural design prepared by FDOT and consultant engineers. All users are encouraged to submit suggestions to improve and further develop this manual thereby providing maximum assistance to the structural engineering community and particularly to those unfamiliar with FDOT policies and design criteria. Suggestions should be submitted to Robert E. Nichols, Florida Department of Transportation, 605 Suwannee Street, MS 33, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0450, or e-mailed to [bob.nichols@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:bob.nichols@dot.state.fl.us).

The design criteria shall be incorporated on all future projects and on those projects currently being developed (i.e., when design and detailing has not already reached final stages.) Where incorporation is not feasible, requests for variances shall be submitted to the appropriate FDOT review office.

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