

ETDM Performance Measures Annual Report

Before ETDM Implementation

Prior to MOU and agreements, describe in detail how your agency conducted daily business on FDOT projects.

- 1) Describe how your agency was organized in Florida?
***The Office of Intergovernmental Programs (OIP) within the Florida Department of Environmental Protection houses the Florida State Clearinghouse and provides coordination services for a broad range of activities subject to State and Departmental review. Please refer to the DEP and OIP websites for further information:
<http://www.dep.state.fl.us/>
<http://www.dep.state.fl.us/secretary/oip/>***
- 2) How did project information enter your organization?
Paper copies of Advance Notifications were (and still are) submitted to the Florida State Clearinghouse.
- 3) How many staff were involved and how were they allocated?
Five staff members were/are involved – one Clearinghouse coordinator and four regional reviewers.
- 4) How were projects assigned?
On a regional basis.
- 5) How frequently did staff consult or coordinate with FDOT on projects?
Other than the Advance Notification package reviews, OIP staff has participated in some of FDOT's interagency coordination meetings (i.e., NEFT, Suncoast Parkway Phases I and II, State Road 40, etc.).
- 6) How many FDOT projects were reviewed and coordinated with FDOT each year?
An average of 43 projects per year over the last 4 years.
- 7) Describe your typical involvement with FDOT projects and at what phase that involvement usually occurred: planning, PD&E, permitting, etc...
We review projects for potential impacts to water quality, environmental resources, and public conservation lands. OIP has historically reviewed projects at the Advance Notification stage.
- 8) How many staff hours per month were typically devoted to working on FDOT projects? Planning Phase? PD&E phase? Permitting?
OIP regional reviewers spend approximately four (4) hours on each project, but that time cannot be estimated on a monthly basis, because projects were not submitted on a routine or regular basis. OIP has not been involved in PD&E or Permitting phase reviews.

- 9) What were the major barriers to coordination and involvement with FDOT projects: Budget? Staff? Other Resources? Time? Communication? Meetings? Field Reviews?
While there have been no major “barriers” to coordination and involvement between FDOT and FDEP, OIP reviewers have commented that once we issue the State Clearinghouse letter on a project’s AN, we never hear about the project again.
- 10) Describe your involvement with the MPO’s planning process?
None
- 11) When did your agency typically provide review on DOT transportation projects?
At the Advance Notification stage (only).
- 12) How often have you published joint notices with FDOT?
None

After ETDM Implementation

After MOU and agreements, describe in detail how your agency conducts daily business on FDOT projects.

- 1) Describe how your agency is organized in Florida?
Same answer as #1 above.
- 2) How does project information enter your organization?
We receive electronic notifications that refer us to the ETDM website.
- 3) How many staff are involved and how are they allocated?
Same answer as #3 above.
- 4) Describe how Section 1309 funds have been used to streamline process?
We have not used any Section 1309 ETDM funds.
- 5) How are projects assigned?
Same answer as #4 above
- 6) How frequently does staff consult or coordinate with FDOT on projects?
As often as necessary during review of Advance Notifications, ETDM reviews, and FDOT interagency coordination meetings.
- 7) How many FDOT projects have been reviewed or coordinated with FDOT over the past year? How does this differ from prior business practice?
Since June 1, 2005, OIP has reviewed 48 Advance Notifications and 79 ETDM projects. Addition of the ETDM screening events has tripled the total number of FDOT projects reviewed by OIP.

- 8) Describe your typical involvement with FDOT projects and at what phase that involvement occurs: Planning, PD&E, Permitting, etc...
We review projects for potential impacts to water quality, environmental resources, and public conservation lands. OIP now reviews projects during the Planning and Programming screens in ETDM, as well as during the Advance Notification stage.
- 9) How many staff hours per month are typically devoted working on FDOT projects? Planning Phase? PD&E phase? Permitting?
Each OIP regional reviewer spends approximately 4-6 hours on FDOT projects each month (average). OIP has not been involved in PD&E or Permitting phase reviews.
- 10) Describe your involvement with MPO's planning process?
None
- 11) Describe instances of where early collaborative decision-making with FDOT has occurred to eliminate duplication or resolve issues?
Interagency meetings with FDOT on the Suncoast Parkway and State Road 40 projects resolved issues, but have not reduced the number of reviews due to the need to follow FHWA's NEPA review guidelines.
- 12) When did your agency become aware of and receive public input on a transportation project? Planning? Programming? Project development
During the Planning and Programming screens in ETDM, as well as during the Advance Notification stage.
- 13) How often have you published joint notices with FDOT?
None
- 14) What are the major barriers to coordination and involvement with FDOT projects: *Issues to consider* Budget? Staff? Other Resources? Time? Communication? Meetings? Field Reviews? Environmental Screening Tool?
There are no major barriers at this time (July 2006), but any increase in review work load (i.e., Indirect and Cumulative Effects evaluations) will necessitate additional staff. While the EST is an excellent tool, the GIS portion slows down FDEP review due to the multiple data layers in place for other agencies. FDEP therefore uses its own GIS system containing DEP-relevant layers independent of the EST. New staff members will need EST training, along with staff from the FDEP Office of Greenways and Trails, which is now involved in the ETDM review process.
- 15) What are some of the findings or results you have discovered related to your agencies operations, FDOT operations or the environmental process in general since participation in the MOU and agreements?
We are spending more time on FDOT reviews, since we now review the ETDM Planning and Programming screens in addition to the previously reviewed Advance Notifications.

- 16) What recommendations would you make to improve the environmental streamlining of the process?

We are working with the FDOT to incorporate the Advance Notification reviews into ETDM to reduce the current duplicative AN/Programming screen reviews.

Agency Specific Performance Measures (PM) Questions

- 1) If your agency has established Performance Measures, describe your Performance Measures and how participation in ETDM process and streamlining has contributed to meeting these measures?

N/A – FDEP has not established performance measures for ETDM.

- 2) Using EST reports, discuss how your agency has met the performance measures established in the ETDM Agreements.

N/A – FDEP has not established performance measures for ETDM.