

## Agency Agreements

The **ETDM** Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed by 23 agencies at the summit meeting on December 14, 2001. This agreement signified concurrence with the ETDM Process concept and commitment to continued development and implementation.



Implementation of the **ETDM** Process is supported by additional agreements with each agency:

- *Master Agreement* - documents agency acceptance of the **ETDM** Process, performance standards, dispute resolution process and statement of regulatory authority.
- *Operating Agreement* - documents agency-specific requirements including review timeframes.
- *Funding Agreement* - documents interagency funding provided by FDOT to assist participation in the **ETDM** Process.

## ETDM Vision Statement

*(Developed by multiagency working group)*

"It is our vision to improve transportation decision making in a way that protects our natural and human environmental resources. It is our goal that we, as environmental resource and transportation agencies, establish a systematic approach that integrates land use, social, economic, environmental, and transportation considerations. This approach will include the active participation of Federal, State and Local agencies, and the public. It will lead to decisions that provide the highest quality of life and an optimal level of mobility for the public we serve."

## The ETDM Story

**FDOT** developed the **ETDM** Process in response to Congress' call to "streamline" the environmental review and permitting process (Section 1309 of TEA-21).

The **ETDM** Process was developed over a 3-year period in collaboration with MPOs and federal and state resource agencies. FDOT's federal transportation partners included FHWA, FTA, and the U.S. Coast Guard. The vision statement guided development of a comprehensive process that FDOT began implementing in the spring of 2003. Collaborating agencies signed the **ETDM** Memorandum of Understanding. Program implementation details and funding requirements are documented in Agency Operating and Funding Agreements.

## Expected ETDM Benefits

- Early identification of avoidance/minimization options
- Socioeconomic effects balanced with natural environment
- Disputed projects addressed before programming
- Attention focused on key technical issues, not on proving the negative
- Agencies and affected community have ready access to quality data
- Summary reports provide feedback



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# FLORIDA'S ETDM PROCESS

*Efficient  
Transportation  
Decision  
Making*

The Florida Department of Transportation has developed an innovative process for planning and implementing transportation projects.



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