

DISTRICT ETDM STATUS REPORTS JULY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2006

District 1

ETDM Pre-Screening Activities

- Conducted pre-screening field reviews for four projects in Hendry and Lee counties
- Conducted early public outreach for two projects in Hendry County

MPO/SIS Coordination

- Presented information on SAFETEA-LU compliance at the D1 Coordinated Urban Transportation Studies (CUTS) Meeting on July 11, 2006
- Continued work on the SR 29 Dispute Resolution, including meetings with the Collier MPO, Collier County Rural Lands Stewardship Program, USFWS, FFWCC, and major land owner representatives.

D1 ETAT Meeting

- Held ETAT Meeting in Bradenton Beach on September 11-12, 2006

D1 ETDM Team Coordination

- Continued preparation of SCE Issues in Quick Start Handbook
- Initiated the coordination of Quick Start Handbook (Cultural Resources) with CEMO staff and the SHPO.
- Met with CEMO regarding our Public Outreach methodology, and prepared to present it at the ETDM Coordinators meeting.

ETDM Benefits

- The District One ETAT Meeting served as an excellent conduit for information and idea exchange. The meeting resulted in enhanced understanding of the ETDM process in District 1, ideas for improved coordination and working relationships to better address project issues, and strengthened relationships between the D1 ETDM Team, ETAT members, CEMO, and supporting staff. New relationships between ETAT members were forged, and old relationships were renewed and strengthened.
- Early public outreach for ETDM projects has resulted in better understanding of community concerns, desires, and perceptions, creating better foundations for conducting SCE Evaluations.
- Coordination meetings with USFWS, FFWCC, Collier County MPO, Collier County Comprehensive Planning, and land owner representatives toward the resolution of the SR 29 dispute (potential effects to Florida panther and habitat) has facilitated understanding of the range of issues and development of potential solutions early in the process.

District 2

- Began to develop plans to further implement ETDM in the District. We are basically operating in a reactionary mode where by projects are directly entered into the programming screen. The immediate goal is to remedy this issue to best of our ability and have ETDM function as intended.
- Currently working with the MPOs to determine if we are current on projects from the CF Plan.
- Working with FHWA to ensure that we have a better understanding of how to develop purpose and need statement that are consistent with the provisions set forth in SAFTEA-LU.
- After attending the state-wide ETDM Coordinator / EA meeting we have brought back many new ideas as to how we will further implement ETDM in our district.

District 3

- Continued support/coordination between Opportunity Florida, FHWA, and ETAT members on the Gulf Coast Parkway Project
- Coordination with CRTPA on scheduling for release of 3 projects for planning screen and 1 project for programming screen
- Working with WFRPC, Florida-Alabama TPO, and Okaloosa-Walton TPO to release 2 projects for programming screen
- Working with WFRPC on release of several projects

District 4

- Coordinating ETAT Workshop for South Florida East Coast Corridor Transit Analysis, {SFECCTA }
- Finalized Programming Summary Report and obtained approved Class of Action as Environmental Assessment for the Airport-Seaport Broward Intermodal Center and People Mover (Now known as “SUNPORT”)
- Finalized Programming Summary Report for US 1 Low Level Bridges.
- Held Public Hearing for SR 70(Okeechobee Road), District Four’s first ETDM PD&E project.
- Flagler Memorial Bridge ETDM PD & E in progress.
- Conducting Cultural Resource coordination for the Flagler Memorial Bridge for Section 106.
- I-95 ETDM PD&E in Broward & Palm Beach Counties in progress. (Oakland Park Blvd. to Glades Road)
- Continuing Project Development using ETDM Process for SR 811/Alternate A1A (SEIR). This project is being managed by Palm Beach County with FDOT liaison.
- Finalized Programming Summary Report for SR 80 Widening.
- Coordinating dispute resolution for SR 7 Extension Programming Screen

- Coordinating with FHWA on purpose & need and COA for several SIS projects.
- Released the Third East-West St. Lucie River Crossing for Programming Screen.
- Coordinating with MPO's and FDOT MPO liaisons on project priority lists for next work program cycle.
- Hosted EST training at Regional Training Center

ETDM Benefits

- ETDM screen and ETAT comments are instrumental in tailoring consultant scopes of service to each specific and unique project. Early identification of issues allows more focus on priority areas of importance.
- ETDM screen and ETAT comments are being used to facilitate corridor selection on the SR 7 Extension and Third East-West River Crossing projects.
- ETAT contacts are being consulted for coordination of Section 106 for the Flagler Memorial Bridge.

District 5

- Working w/ MPO to send the following Planning screen project for ETAT review:
 - US 441 from Lake/Orange C.L. to SR 429 in Orange Co.
- SR 40 through Marion, Lake, and Volusia Counties:
 - Developing the Programming Summary Report
 - Coordinated with USFWS to resolve dispute on project impacts to wildlife and habitat.
 - Coordinated with ETAT member from Seminole Tribe to assist with EST issue.
 - Met with USFS to train ETAT member on use of the EST
 - Continuing coordination with USFS to get agency comments put into the EST.
- I-95/I-4/US92 Interchange in Volusia Co.
 - Data collection completed for EST
 - Project sent to ETAT
- Completed the following Programming Summary Reports:
 - John Young Pkwy. from Vine St. to Pleasant Hill Rd. in Osceola Co. (PD&E in yr06/07)
 - SR A1A Maintenance project in Flagler Co. (erosion emergency)
- Data collection for cultural resource study to track significant bridges with the worst sufficiency ratings to predict historic bridges most likely to be affected in the near future.
- Data collection regarding Seminole War Period and Native American heritage sites.
- Ongoing public involvement meetings organized as part of SR A1A Maintenance project.
- Sent out District Five's 4th ETDM newsletter

- Gathering / verifying SCE data layers of Schools, Medical Facilities, Cemeteries, Fire Departments, Law Enforcement Agencies, & Parks for eight of the nine D5 counties for eventual uploads into the EST (the ninth county, Volusia, was already done last year as a pilot)
- On-going data collection and coordination efforts on 4 projects to be reviewed by ETAT.

ETDM Benefits

- Early data collection, analysis of project concepts and purpose and need and coordination is particularly valuable for projects that received federal earmarks. ETDM provides a process to evaluate these projects early on and efficiently, without having to complete the 5-6 month process of selecting a consultant to complete a PD&E study.
- ETDM can be used to evaluate developer driven projects to ensure that these projects are not flawed.
- Agencies with FDOT/ FHWA paid for ETAT member positions are very responsive. Project coordination with these agencies is greatly improved compared to pre ETDM coordination efforts, both in terms of timely responses and increased involvement during project development.

District 6

- Hosted Joint District 4/District 6 ETAT Workshop (July 12 and 13, 2006)
 - Planning of workshop, including coordination with FDOT D4 ETDM Team, FDOT CEMO and Miami-Dade MPO to determine dates, agendas, attendees, presentations and materials for the workshop.
 - Prepared CD with Meeting Materials and distributed meeting notes to ETAT members and District 4 MPO members that were unable to attend the workshop.
- ETDM 7579: Miami Streetcar (Programming Screen – City of Miami Transit Project)
 - ETAT review ended
 - City of Miami prepared responses to ETAT comments
 - ETDM Coordinator reviewed responses and entered into system
 - Class of Action submitted as a SEIR
 - Programming Screen Summary Report Published
 - SEIR being prepared by the City of Miami for approval – currently in DRAFT status pre-public hearing
- ETDM 7800: Krome Avenue South (Programming Screen)
 - ETAT review ended
 - Project team is preparing responses to ETAT
 - ETDM Coordinator coordinating/reviewing responses
- ETDM 7701: I-395 (Programming Screen)
 - ETAT review ended
 - Project team is preparing responses to ETAT
 - ETDM Coordinator coordinating/reviewing responses

- ETDM 8268: SR 968/Flagler Street (Programming Screen)
 - SCE and public outreach started prior to screening
 - MPO coordination for SCE and public outreach activities
 - ETAT review began 9/11/06
- I-75 (Programming Screen)
 - PD&E project manager is preparing input information
- Coordinating with EST Development Team to develop pre-Storm screenings of state roads to assist in damage assessment as well as Class of Action determinations post-disaster. Looking into other uses such as review of minor projects.
- Held FDOT District 6 team meetings throughout the quarter to refine District implementation plan to:
 - Increase involvement of Planning, PD&E and consultant staff in the ETDM process
 - Provide guidelines on processing projects
 - Provide a division of duties and responsibilities
- Held coordination conference calls with the Miami-Dade MPO throughout the quarter.
- Scheduled meeting w/Planning and PD&E managers to determine which projects on LRTP and TIP to screen through ETDM.

District 7

- Updated Purpose and Need Statement, digitized interchanges, and entered Project Description for:
 - ETDM #8001 – I-75 (SR 93) from Moccasin Wallow Road to South of US 301
 - ETDM #8002 – I-75 from south of US 301 to North of Fletcher Avenue; both in the Programming Screen.
- Evaluated GIS data, developed Degree of Effects and finalized Planning Screen Summary Reports for ETDM #7883 – SR 54/US 41 Interchange (Planning Screen).
- Evaluated Geographic Information System (GIS) data and developed Degree of Effects (DOE) for ETDM #6011 – U.S. 301 (S.R. 39) from C.R. 54 to U.S. 98 Bypass (Programming Screen). Coordinated responses with DCA and FHWA.
- Initiated a Sociocultural Effects Evaluation for ETDM #6011 – U.S. 301 (S.R. 39) from C.R. 54 to U.S. 98 Bypass (Programming Screen) which included conducting a project field visit.

Turnpike Enterprise

- One Turnpike person attended ETDM training, and we have used the tool to assist us in preparing 2 Concept Reports.
- No projects were sent for ETAT review or summarized this quarter.
- There has been no progress in filling the Vacant ETDM coordinators (ie Planning/Concept Manager) position
- Currently gaining insight as to the secondary and cumulative effects information needed for the ETDM summary report.