

# **DISTRICT ETDM STATUS REPORTS OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER 2006**

## **District 1**

### **ETDM Pre-Screening Activities**

- Conducted pre-screening field reviews for 3 projects in Hendry, Collier and Manatee counties
- Obtained public commentary for the following projects:
  - CR 901/Vanderbilt Dr Bridge, Collier County
  - Interstate 75 at Coconut Rd, Lee County
  - SR 867 (McGregor Blvd), Lee County
- Initiated coordination for public outreach activities for projects in Polk County

### **MPO/SIS Coordination**

- Developed draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for SR 29 Dispute Resolution
- Revised SR 29 Dispute Resolution Information Package to document progress to date
- Coordinated with USFWS to obtain stipulations for MOU
- Released four projects for ETAT Review (5981, 8287, 7962, 8208)
- Coordinated with Lee MPO regarding I-75 at Coconut Rd P&N statement
- Initiated development of Purpose and Need Statements for 4 projects in Lee, Hendry and Manatee counties
- Completed SCE Evaluations for the following projects: 8090, 5981, 7962, 8208
- Reviewed ETAT commentary and prepared draft summary report for 5981

### **D1 ETDM Team Coordination**

- Completed development of SCE Evaluation “How-To” Guide; incorporated as Chapter 9 in District One Quick Start Handbook
- Continued revisions to Quick Start Handbook to roll in various documents and approaches, including Chapter 2 ETDM Process and color guidance sheets

### **D1 ETDM Newsletter**

- Continued development of articles for Issue 8 of D1 ETDM Newsletter

### **ETDM Benefits**

- The continued development of the D1 Quick Start Handbook has allowed for a greater understanding and improved relationship among the many phases in the ETDM process, ranging from project identification to PD&E studies
- Pre-screening field reviews continue to provide an early assessment of the sociocultural and environmental features associated with a project, while providing a conduit for FDOT and MPO/County staff to coordinate.
- The District planning staff attended our last ETAT meeting and came away with a new appreciation of the process, seeing where it would benefit them and their

work load. They have stepped up their level of involvement and are providing much more useful interaction with our MPOs.

## **District 2**

- Working to develop project input for projects remaining on FCMPO LRTP that have not been reviewed. This effort will ensure MPO compliance with the provisions of SAFTEA-LU.
- Developing project release schedule for the 2007 calendar year.
- Planning yearly D2 ETAT summit meeting for Spring 2007.
- Working to develop a quarterly ETDM / ETAT news letter.

## **District 3**

- Continued support/coordination between Opportunity Florida, FHWA, and ETAT members on the Gulf Coast Parkway Project
- Working with WFRPC, Florida-Alabama TPO, and Okaloosa-Walton TPO to release 2 projects for programming screen

## **District 4**

- Received LDCA SR 70(Okeechobee Road), District Four's first ETDM PD&E project.
- Submitted permits to ACOE and SFWMD for the SR 70 project
- Held dispute resolution meeting for SR 7 Extension project with FHWA, CEMO, SFWMD, USFWS, FWC, ACOE and Palm Beach MPO.
- Coordinated with FHWA on purpose & need and COA for SR 710 projects.
- Held first dispute resolution meeting for the Third East-West St. Lucie River Crossing with FHWA, CEMO, SFWMD, USFWS, FWC, ACOE, FDEP, Savannas State Preserve, St. Lucie MPO and City of Port St. Lucie.
- FDOT CLC is coordinating with St. Lucie MPO to complete the Sociocultural Effects review for the project.
- Released the Little Lake Worth Bridge replacement project for a Programming Screen
- Flagler Memorial Bridge ETDM PD & E in progress.
- Continuing ETAT Cultural Resource Coordination for the Flagler Memorial Bridge for Section 106.
- SR 80 Southern Blvd. Bridge ETDM PD&E in progress.
- 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.

- Continuing coordination with MPO's and FDOT MPO liaisons on project priority lists for next work program cycle.

### **ETDM Benefits**

- The ETDM process allowed the SR 70 PD&E study to be completed 8 months ahead of schedule and with an estimated savings of \$500,000 compared to the traditional PD&E process.
- ETDM screen and ETAT comments continue to be used for tailoring consultant scopes of service to each specific and unique project. Early identification of issues allows more focus on priority areas of importance.
- The dispute resolution process was instrumental in corridor selection for the SR 7 Extension. The potential dispute with the ETAT agencies was resolved by the selection of a preferred corridor which was acceptable to the ETAT.
- The dispute resolution process provides a forum to address the issues of the Third East-West St. Lucie River Crossing by bringing the concerns of the interested parties to the table in an agreed upon formal process.
- ETAT contacts are being consulted regularly for coordination of Section 106 for the Flagler Memorial Bridge.

### **District 5**

- Presented candidate ETDM Planning screen project, US 441 from Lake/Orange C.L. to SR 429 in Orange Co., to four MPO Committee Meetings at METROPLAN ORLANDO.
- Sent the following Programming Screen Project for ETAT Review:
  - SR 600 / US 92 TRIP Project in Volusia Co. (PD&E underway by Developer)
- Completed the following Programming Summary Reports:
  - I-95/I-4/US92 Interchange in Volusia Co (PD&E underway)
  - SR 40 through Marion, Lake, and Volusia Counties (PD&E underway)
- SR 40:
  - Met with USFS ETAT member to help input late agency comments
  - Continuing coordination with PD&E Consultant and Project Manager
  - Continuing coordination with USFS on dispute resolution
  - Drafting new responses for soon to be re-published summary report
- Held Public Workshop for SR A1A Maintenance project
- Final QC on SCE data layers of Schools, Medical Facilities, Cemeteries, Fire Departments, Law Enforcement Agencies, & Parks for the District. These will be uploaded into the EST.
- Met with Brevard MPO's Public Involvement consultant to discuss data sharing and overlapping SCE data efforts
- Coordinated with current District PD&E consultants to ensure documents are being uploaded to the EST throughout the PD&E study
- Working on upcoming D5 ETDM Newsletter

### **ETDM Benefits**

- SHPO ETAT member noted that a CRAS did not need to be done for ETDM Project # 7760 (I-95 Interchange from I-4 to US 92 in Volusia Co.), as records showed that one had been done previously
- Improved coordination between USFS and FDOT on outstanding issues for the SR 40 Project (ETDM Project #4390)
- Helped to clarify project description for SR 40 Project
- Improved coordination between developer's consultant and agencies on the US 92 project (ETDM Project #8407)

## **District 6**

- Participated in statewide EA/ETDM Coordinator/CLC and the CLC/Public Involvement meeting that followed in early October.
- ETDM 7579: Miami Streetcar (Programming Screen – City of Miami Transit Project)
  - Programming Screen Summary Report Published
  - City of Miami held Public Hearing
  - SEIR being finalized by the City of Miami for approval by the FDOT
  - City is responding to D6 PTO comments.
- ETDM 7800: Krome Avenue South (Programming Screen)
  - Project team and ETDM team are preparing responses to ETAT
- ETDM 7701: I-395 (Programming Screen)
  - Project team prepared responses to ETAT
  - Responses entered into the EST
  - DOE's being revised for "Coastal & Marine," "Wetlands" and "Wildlife & Habitat."
  - Draft COA prepared as EIS
- ETDM 8268: SR 968/Flagler Street (Programming Screen)
  - ETAT review ended
  - Responses being prepared by in-house Environmental PM and ETDM team
- ETDM 7519: SFECCTA – D4 Screening (Programming Screen)
  - Commented on D4's Tier 1 EIS that resulted from the Programming Screen
- I-75 (Programming Screen)
  - PM finalized Purpose and Need and the Description
  - ETDM Team entered information into EST
  - Project input information being finalized for GIS Analysis and FIHS consistency review
  - Target ETAT review start date January 26, 2007
- Grade Separated Flyover at NW 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave. and NW 36<sup>th</sup> St. (Programming Screen)
  - Planning PM prepared Purpose and Need and the Description and is being entered into the EST.

- Screening is pending Linkage Study completion by the D6 Planning Office
- Finalizing Task Work Orders for EST Development Team and District consultant to develop pre-Storm/minor project screenings of state roads to assist in damage assessment and impact review.
- Held FDOT District 6 team meetings throughout the quarter to continue refining 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
- \* Draft has been prepared and is in review.
- Attended October 30-31 Indirect and Cumulative Effects Task Group in Orlando.
  - Reviewing ICE documentation for future comments
- Reviewed PD&E Manual Chapter updates and provided comments.
- District has a new NOAA ETAT member, Brandon Howard replaced Madelyn Martinez.
- ACOE ETAT has left his position, D6 waiting for official word from ACOE on who the replacement ETAT will be.

## **District 7**

- Evaluated GIS data, reviewed agency comments, and developed Degree of Effects for ETDM #8001 – I-75 (SR 93) from Moccasin Wallow Road to South of US 301 and #8002 – I-75 from south of US 301 to North of Fletcher Avenue; both in the Programming Screen. Coordinated with CEMO and the Miccosukee Tribe concerning Dispute Resolution for the Historic and Archeological Resources issue. Through coordination and project commitments the Degree of Effect was changed by the Miccosukee Tribe to Substantial.
- Finalized and entered the Sociocultural Effects Evaluation for ETDM #6011 – U.S. 301 (S.R. 39) from C.R. 54 to U.S. 98 Bypass (Programming Screen).
- Continued to coordinate responses with DCA and FHWA for ETDM #6011 – U.S. 301 (S.R. 39) from C.R. 54 to U.S. 98 Bypass (Programming Screen). Finalized Degree of Effects and submitted Class of Action to FHWA. Finalized Programming Screen Summary Report on December 19, 2006.

## **Turnpike Enterprise**

- Completed one summary report on the Pace Road Interchange in Polk County