

ICYMI: FDOT Projects Receive Recognition from American Council of Engineering Companies of Florida

Today, the Florida Department of Transportation received Outstanding Project Awards from the American Council of Engineering Companies of Florida (ACEC-FL) for seven projects throughout the state. Each year, the ACEC-FL, an affiliate of the Florida Engineering Society's (FES) Professional Engineers in Private Practice (PEPP), recognizes outstanding achievements by its member firms in accomplishing Florida transportation projects.

"The Florida Department of Transportation is proud to be the recipient of these prestigious awards," said Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Kevin J. Thibault, P.E. "This recognition highlights FDOT's continued commitment to building a safe and well-planned transportation system to fit the lives of Florida's residents and visitors both now and in the future."

The FDOT projects chosen as the winning projects for the ACEC-FL Outstanding Project Awards are:

- ❖ **Outstanding Major Project:** I-75 Design Build from South of SR 50 to Hernando/Sumter County Line

- ❖ **Outstanding Design Build:** SR 9B Phase III in St. Johns County
- ❖ **Outstanding Roadway Project:** SR 61 (Wakulla Springs Road) & CR 2204 (Oak Ridge Road) Roundabout Project in Leon County
- ❖ **Outstanding Bridge Project:** I-95 Overland Bridge Replacement in Duval County
- ❖ **Outstanding PD&E/Planning Project:** I-95 at Broward Blvd. Interchange PD&E in Broward County
- ❖ **Outstanding Environmental Project:** Everglades Restoration SR 90/US 41 (Tamiami Trail) Bridging in Miami-Dade County
- ❖ **Outstanding Special Project:** I-95/Viera Boulevard Diverging Diamond Interchange in Brevard County

Each year, FDOT's Central Office, Districts and Florida's Turnpike Enterprise submit projects for consideration. Awards will be distributed at the Florida Engineering Society's annual conference in August.

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About The FDOT

The goal of the DBE Supportive Services Program is to increase the number of DBEs participating on FDOT contracts and facilitate the opportunity for DBEs to obtain contracts. The services are designed to:

- Assist established construction firms to move them from bidding as a subcontractor to bidding as a Prime Contractor to produce sound bids.
- Provide access to training increases DBE expertise in handling of daily business operations.



About The Program

The Construction Estimating Institute (CEI) works with FDOT as the statewide provider of the federally funded Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Supportive Services Program. We want to increase the number of certified DBEs participating in highway and bridge construction, as well as assist DBEs in growing and eventually becoming self-sufficient. Additionally, CEI provides supportive services by assisting prime contractors and consultants with identifying DBEs for subcontracting opportunities on priority projects.

Florida Department of Transportation's Turnpike Enterprise Resumes Food Services at Plazas

In accordance with Governor DeSantis' "Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery," the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) has resumed food services at its eight plazas. In anticipation of the reopening, the following safety precautions have been implemented:

Cleanliness

- Plazas cleansed thoroughly using a disinfectant specially formulated to eliminate viruses.
- Managers and associates received new training on updated safety and sanitizing procedures.
- Additional sanitizer stations placed throughout plazas and restrooms.

Social Distancing

- Indoor dining is limited to no more than 25% capacity.
- Outdoor seating is configured for 6 feet of separation between tables.
- Floors are lined with tape to identify proper spacing.

- Plaza staff are required to wear masks and gloves.
- Guests are encouraged to wear masks, when possible.

Reducing Touchpoints

- Condiments will be provided at the counter instead of a self-serve station.
- High touchpoints, such as credit/debit card readers, disinfected frequently.

Additionally, managers will ensure team members are symptom-free before beginning their shifts. In accordance with the Phase 1 Recovery Plan for restaurants in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties, food services at Snapper Creek, Pompano and West Palm Beach plazas will be limited to takeout orders only.

All Dunkin' Donuts locations will be open 24 hours. Other restaurant concepts will operate with modified hours. The Department will monitor dining practices and adjust as new guidelines emerge.

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- Estimating Training
- Building Capacity
- Mobilization Financing
- Bonding Assistance
- Marketing Plan Development
- Creating a Business Plan
- Building a Website



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