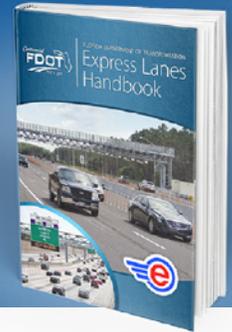




# FLORIDA EXPRESS LANES HANDBOOK AT-A-GLANCE

The *Express Lanes Handbook: At-A-Glance* is designed as a quick introduction to the recently published FDOT Express Lanes Handbook. We encourage you to download the complete handbook at [FloridaExpressLanes.com](http://FloridaExpressLanes.com) and the [Systems Planning Office Publications](#) page.



## Express Lanes Are A Priority For Florida

Express lane projects are gaining popularity as congestion management tools in urban areas across the US because they are cost-effective facilities that provide active management of transportation demand. With demand rising and fewer funds available, FDOT has established express lanes as a priority in transportation planning.

## Consistency Is Key To Success

Florida is one of the few states in the country that has multiple urban areas planning express lane projects making statewide consistency critical. The Express Lanes Handbook provides guidelines for FDOT to plan, design and operate express lane projects that are consistent, predictable and repeatable for the traveling public throughout the state.

## The Handbook Contents

Each chapter provides information on a different aspect of express lane facility planning and implementation.

- **Authoritative References:** Provides criteria, guidelines and computational procedures
- **Policies and Requirements:** Includes our vision, legislation and directives, lane management policy and exemptions and toll revenue allocation
- **Agency Responsibilities:** Defines the roles and responsibilities of all the entities
- **Traffic and Revenue Studies:** Outlines planning considerations, Traffic and Revenue Studies and Final Feasibility Assessment
- **Design:** Provides recommendations and guidance for design elements including types of separation, access and ramps, signing and pavement markings, and ITS design specific to express lanes
- **Toll Collection:** Includes equipment, interfaces, toll amounts and pricing, express lane segment and trip building
- **Operations:** Details operations involvement, Transportation Management Centers and enforcement of traffic infractions and toll violations
- **Express Lanes Maintenance:** Consists of maintaining tolling equipment, ITS equipment, and the portion of the roadway that is operating as express lanes
- **Public Communication:** Establishes criteria for educating the customer and gaining project support
- **Reporting:** Includes sources of data, types of data and frequency of reporting

