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### **POLICY**

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### **PRACTICAL DESIGN**

It is the policy of the Florida Department of Transportation (Department) to use a Practical Design approach on transportation projects and activities *for all modes appropriate to scale, cost, location, and schedule.*

The objective of Practical Design is to maximize improvements to the transportation system by focusing resources on improvements that deliver the highest return on investment. The Practical Design philosophy requires critical thinking and sound engineering judgment to achieve the best system improvements, while maintaining a safe and efficient transportation system. The Department will maximize the value received for every dollar spent by evaluating multiple design options, encouraging group collaboration, considering all costs, analyzing bold and innovative techniques, and ensuring that all improvements fulfill the purpose and need of the project while supporting the overall vision for the corridor.

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