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◆ FDOT Mission Statement
  – The department will provide a safe transportation system that ensures the mobility of people and goods, enhances economic prosperity and preserves the quality of our environment and communities.

◆ Permit Office Mission Statement
  – To Facilitate the Public’s due access to FDOT right-of-way
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- DISTRICT FOUR PERMITTING GOALS:
  - Application of principles, laws, disciplines, and engineering to respond to the vehicular access rights of the public while maintaining and enhancing highway safety and capacity.
  - Applicants’ acceptance and support for the criteria of access management.
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- We, in the Fourth District have focused on the “pre-application” time period to realize these goals.
  - Pre-application Review Team
    - District Permits Engineer
    - An Assistant Permits Coordinator
    - District Access Management Coordinator
    - Other persons invited for their specific issue input
  - District Variance Committee
    - District Maintenance, Traffic, and Design Engineers
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Start

Am I confident that the plan I have conceived will be permitted?

Yes

Even knowing that if I'm wrong, there is a non-refundable application fee?

Yes

No

Request a Pre-Application Review

Apply for Permit

End
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- Pre-application requests made by e-mail or fax.
  - Our Administrative Professional maintains the agenda in electronic format
  - Meetings are held on Thursdays
  - Each meeting is set for 25 minutes
  - Seven* sessions per Thursday is our target limit
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▶ In 2003 we held 180 pre-application reviews. During that same period we accepted 291 driveway (vehicular access connection (VAC)) permit requests for review.
  – Eliminating many hours of permit review and comment.
  – Reducing planning and design time and costs for applicants.
    ◆ Permit application fees vary from $50.00 to $5000.00
    ◆ No fee for Pre-application or Variance review

▶ In 2004, through June, we have held 99 reviews.
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- It is our intent to conclude with a signed letter to:
  - Approve as requested
  - Approve with comment or condition
  - Disapprove
  - Disapprove with comments of suggestion
  - Refer the issue to the District Variance Committee

- Approval means that we will review a permit request that is true to the approved concept.
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- Since 1996 we have entertained more than 1500 issues at pre-application sessions.
- More particularly we have received more than 1500 responses from the applicants as to the quality of those sessions.
- That’s 625 hours or 15 weeks and 3 days spent in meetings.
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- We ask for applicant responses to:
  - Our courtesy to them
  - The fairness of our decision
  - Our listening to their presentation
  - The length of time provided for the pre-application review
  - Result (their getting what they had requested)
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Pre-Application Trends

- courtesy
- fair
- listened
- time
- got it

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Survey Results for the 79 Reviews This Year

- Time: 97.12%
- Courtesy: 99.04%
- Results: 80.84%
- Listened: 96.47%
- Fair: 96.75%
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Secret Survey, 2003

122 Responses

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Secret Survey 2004-69 Responses

- January: 97
- February: 85
- March: 90
- April: 93
- May: 87
- June: 93
- July: 91
- August: 0
- September: 0
- October: 0
- November: 0
- December: 0

Average: 91
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Heather did it
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- If we refer the issues to the District Variance Committee;
  - At the applicant’s request, we add the issue to the Variance Committee agenda
  - We may advise the applicant on the likelihood of favorable review by the committee
  - We may offer suggestions as to how to present their case

- Variance Committee functions similar to Pre-application Team
We are confident that our pre-application format is a sound and portable model. Our confidence is bolstered by the positive comments by the applicants. Our success is greatly dependent upon:

- Personnel in the reviews with experience, knowledge and a compulsion for good public service
- A great Administrative Professional Assistant
- Computers
- Local Area Network
- Information Technology
- Professionalism in administration of the process
- A measure of informality in discussing the issues
- Focus (Meetings are only 25 minutes)
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Plan your next vacation
with Florida access in mind!

Thank you!
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