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| <p>Design for Access: The County is committed to supporting the principles of Universal Design in all projects and ensuring a truly accessible environment through compliance with ADA requirements.</p> |
| <p>Design for Context: Design should refer to the surrounding context including the history, land use, landmarks and preserve the unique character of neighborhoods. The design must be guided by civic consciousness and social responsibility in order to inspire in the County and maintain status as a world class urban environment.</p> |
| <p>Design for Cost Effectiveness: Public works design requires a cost effective design approach incorporating life-cycle analysis in the selection of materials and systems.</p> |
| <p>Design for Energy Efficiency: Emphasize leadership in energy efficiency through architectural and engineering design, materials, and equipment selection and construction methods.</p> |
| <p>Design for Excellence: High performance features within County initiated projects add value to the County's assets in addition to helping to protect the environment.</p> |
| <p>Design for Innovation: A balance must be achieved between the desire for innovative design and the realities of traditional operating and maintenance practices. Durability, ease of maintenance and material innovation are encouraged</p> |
| <p>Design for Livability: Expanding the use of public open space can facilitate social, civic and economic interactions. Design to encourage physical activity for all ages and populations by making walking, bicycling and transit attractive and convenient.</p> |
| <p>Design for Safety: Life safety is the highest design goal for public Buildings. Layout, materials, systems and processes shall be selected or specified to go beyond code compliance.</p> |
| <p>Design for Sustainability: provide designers, planners and residents the tools to create a more durable, environmentally friendly and attractive infrastructure. The design should also reflect a clear understanding of the County's facilities operations, maintenance practices and project goals. It should also contribute to environmental health with features that reduce storm water runoff and add greenery.</p> |