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Chapter 3: Facilities Development Process

Section 3-1 Process Overview

Updated two references in Attachment 1.2 from 11-20-10 to 11-25-48, Driveways. Also removed references to the now retired Traffic Signal Design Manual.

Chapter 8: Consultant Services

Section 8-5 Securing Consultant Services Updated guidance in 8-5-60.10 and 8-5-60.35.

Chapter 11: Design

Section 11-5 General Design Considerations

Removed references to the now retired Traffic Signal Design Manual on pages 10 and 13.

<u>Section 11-15</u> Cross-Section Elements for Projects on Rural Highways, Freeways, and Interstates Updated reference on page 15 from 11-20-10 to 11-25-48, Driveways. Also removed references to the now retired Traffic Signal Design Manual.

Section 11-20 Cross-Section Elements for Projects on Urban Roadways and Highways

Removed references to the now retired Traffic Signal Design Manual on page 16. Added new subsection, 11-20-1.10, Urban Driveways and Entrances. Removed section 11-20-10, since that information is now in 11-25-48. Moved Attachments 10.1 and 10.2 from 11-20 to 11-25, and they are now Attachments 48.1 and 48.2.

Section 11-25 Intersections at Grade

Moved guidance regarding Driveways (and 2 attachments) from 11-20-10 to 11-25-48 and edited some of the guidance. Also removed references to the now retired Traffic Signal Design Manual. Moved Attachments 10.1 and 10.2 from 11-20 to 11-25, and they are now Attachments 48.1 and 48.2.

Section 11-30 Interchange

FDM 11-30-15 has been updated and attachments 15.10 and 15.11 have been added to address changes to interstate access under the new 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 624. The Part 624 final rule was published in the Federal Register on November 7, 2024. The Final rule was effective on December 9, 2024, with state DOTs required to use the new regulations on all Interstate Access Justification Reports dated after December 9, 2025.

Section 11-50 Traffic Control

Updated guidance in 11-50-21, Safety of Work Zones; 11-50-25, Smart Work Zones; 11-50-30 Statewide Freeway and Expressway Lane Closure and Delay Guidelines; and 11-50-31 Temporary Pedestrian Accommodations.

Section 11-52 Traffic Engineering and Operations

Removed guidance in 11-52-5, Traffic Signal Design Manual (TSDM), since the guidance is now in the Traffic Engineering, Operations and Safety (TEOpS) Manual.

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Chapter 12: Right-of-Way Plat and Exhibit Development

Section 12-1 General

New image in Attachment 16.1.

Section 12-10 Transportation Project Plat Preparation

Edits throughout section and in Attachments 1.1, 1.3, 1.5, 5.1, and 5.2. Removed the word "legal" in attachment titles 20.1 and 20.2; content did not change.

Section 12-15 Traditional Right-of-Way Plat Preparation

Edits throughout section and in attachments.

Section 12-20 Acquisition Exhibit Preparation

Edits throughout section.

Chapter 13: Drainage

Designers should incorporate these changes in projects being developed for the February 2026 PS&E Submittal. For projects that have already progressed beyond the 30% plans milestone and have completed primary drainage designs, the use of the new FDM 13-10 Tables 1.2 and 1.3 is preferred. However, if applying these tables is not feasible, it is acceptable to use the previous FDM 13-10 Attachment 1.1 Flood Design Frequency Selection Chart (dated August 8, 1997) or the drainage requirements specified in the project corridor manual. Designers should coordinate with their region's design oversight engineer for concurrence on the selected approach.

All projects that have not yet reached the 30% plans milestone shall use the new 13-10 Tables 1.2 and 1.3.

Section 13-1 Drainage Practice

Updated guidance in 13-1-5.2, General Guidelines, under #10, Overflow Section. Updated Attachment 1.1, Glossary of Terms, and deleted Attachment 5.1, Drainage Data Requirements, Design Aids and Computer Software.

Section 13-10 Hydrology

Entire section updated. All attachments have been updated except 5.3 (previously 5.4), Rainfall Intensity-Duration-Frequency Curves. Deleted Attachments 1.1-1.3 and 10.1-10.11.

Chapter 17: Railroad Coordination

Section 17-20 Implementing Projects

Sections 17-20-1, 17-20-5, and 17-20-10 are all significantly redone, and Section 17-20-8 is new. Figure 8.1 is content that was previously in 17-20, Attachment 5.1 (which was then deleted).

Chapter 19: Plans, Specifications, and Estimates

Section 19-1 Introduction

Updates to Chapter 19 to match latest procedures and provide clarification with the PSE submittal and review process. Updated contact names in Attachment 1.2.

Section 19-10 PS&E Transmittal and Composition

Updates to Chapter 19 to match latest procedures and provide clarification with the PSE submittal and review process. Updated unit name in Attachment 5.1.

Section 19-15 Special Provisions

Updates to Chapter 19 to match latest procedures and provide clarification with the PSE submittal and review process.

Section 19-40 Review

Updated Exhibit 1.2, Standard Detail Drawings, for the upcoming PS&E Project Letting Process.

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