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***Baseline Document Change Announcement***

***AASHTO 2001 related changes to  
NJDOT Design Manual - Roadway (English)***

**BDC02MR-3**

**December 27, 2002**

**Subject: Revisions to the 2001 NJDOT Design Manual - Roadway (English) to implement "AASHTO 2001 A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets" requirements**

AASHTO has issued an updated policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets. The Department adopted this policy in its entirety for the design of projects. As a result, the 2001 Roadway Design Manual has been revised to reflect the changes. In addition, several other minor editorial corrections have also been made. The revised pages shall be replaced as instructed below:

<b>Table of Contents</b>	<b>Replace page TC-1 &amp; TC-2</b>	<b>with New Page TC-1 &amp; TC-2</b>
<b>Section 1</b>	<b>Replace Page 1-1 &amp; 1-2 (Entire Section)</b>	<b>with New Page 1-1 &amp; 1-2 (Entire Section)</b>
<b>Section 2</b>	<b>Replace Page 2-3, 2-4, 2-5, 2-6, &amp; 2-9</b>	<b>with New Page 2-3, 2-4, 2-5, 2-6, &amp; 2-9</b>
<b>Section 4</b>	<b>Replace Page 4-1 through 4-30 (Entire Section)</b>	<b>with New Page 4-1 through 4-30 (Entire Section)</b>
<b>Section 6</b>	<b>Replace Page 6-3 through 6-16, 6-21 through 6-24, 6-29 through 6-32, 6-37 &amp; 6-38</b>	<b>with New Page 6-3 through 6-16, 6-21 through 6-24, 6-29 through 6-32, 6-37 &amp; 6-38</b>
<b>Section 7</b>	<b>Replace Page 7-7, 7-8, 7-15 through 7-18</b>	<b>with New Page 7-7, 7-8, 7-15 through 7-18</b>
<b>Section 8</b>	<b>Replace Page 8-1 through 8-4, 8-9, 8-10, 8-23 through 8-26, 8-39 through 8-41</b>	<b>with New Page 8-1 through 8-4, 8-9, 8-10, 8-23 through 8-26, 8-39 through 8-41</b>
<b>Section 13</b>	<b>Replace Page 13-1 &amp; 13-2</b>	<b>with New Page 13-1 &amp; 13-2</b>
<b>Section 14</b>	<b>Replace Page 14-15 &amp; 14-16</b>	<b>with New Page 14-15 &amp; 14-16</b>

The pages containing revised text bear this new BDC number (BDC02MR-3) on top right-hand corner, other pages are being reissued for continuity.

A summary of the changes to each Section is as follows

### **Section 1**

- Subsection 1-01; Revised list of design exception elements to agree with NJDOT Procedures Manual Chapter 3.8.1 and publication dates for the referenced publication have been revised.
- Subsection 1-03; Publication dates for several of the referenced publications have been revised and two additional reference publications have been added

### **Section 2**

- Subsection 2-03.3; revised definition of Design Speed
- Table 2-2; design vehicle dimensions have been revised
- Table 2-2; and Subsection 2-03.3, date of referenced publication has been revised

### **Section 3**

- No changes

### **Section 4**

- Table 4-1; the desirable lengths for stopping sight distance have been eliminated. Values for 65 mph has been added. Values for the minimum stopping and minimum passing sight distance have been revised
- Subsection 4-02.2; height of object for passing sight distance has been revised from 4.25 ft to 3.5 ft.
- Subsection 4-02.3; height of object has been revised from 6 inches to 2 ft.
- Subsection 4-02.5; object height changed from 6 inches to 2 ft and height at midpoint changed from 2 ft to 2.75 ft.
- Figure 4-A; revised to reflect new stopping sight distances
- Figures 4-B and 4-C; several superelevation values have been revised
- Subsection 4-03.2.2; discussion on superelevation transition revised to agree with AASHTO. Three new tables (table 4-2, 4-3, & 4-4) have been added
- Table 4-2; renumbered to 4-5 and several values have been revised
- Figure 4-D; notes 2 and 3 revised to reflect change in superelevation transition
- Table 4-3 and 4-4 renumbered to 4-6 and 4-7 respectively
- Table 4-5; renumbered to 4-8, values for 70 mph added to Freeways
- Subsection 4-04.5; height of object revised from 6 inches to 2 ft, minimum length of vertical curve revised from 0.6 times design speed to 3 times design speed, drainage consideration for crest vertical curves revised from 55 mph to 60 mph and object height at intersection revised from 4.25 ft to 3.5-ft. Table 4-6; renumbered to 4-9 and value for 65 mph added
- Figures 4-I and 4-J; revised to reflect new stopping sight distance criteria, and value for 65 mph added
- Subsection 4-05; references to AASHTO "Green Book" figures have been revised
- Subsections 4-02.3, 4-04.1, and 4-05; referenced publication dates have been revised

### **Section 5**

- No change

## **Section 6**

- Subsection 6-03.2; revised to reflect changes to Figure 6-A and 6-B (see below). Also, minor wording change
- Subsection 6-03.3; minor wording change
- Figure 6-A; new figure
- Figure 6-B; deleted and left blank
- Figure 6-C; revised values
- Figures 6-D through 6-I; revised dimensions
- Subsection 6-05.1; revised AASHTO figure and table reference
- Subsection 6-05.4; Design vehicle category has been revised
- Figure 6-O; values have been revised
- Table 6-1; revised the desirable stopping sight distance values and removed minimum stopping sight distance requirement
- Subsections 6-05.1, 6-05.4, Figures 6-D through 6-I, and Figure 6-O; referenced publication dates have been revised
- Subsection 6-07.1; revised heading for table 6-1
- Subsection 6-08.5; minor wording change

## **Section 7**

- Subsection 7-05; The length of superelevation transition reference have been revised
- Subsection 7-06.4 and Figure 7-I; referenced publication dates have been revised

## **Section 8**

- Figure 8-A, Figure 8-B, and Figure 8-C; values revised
- Figure 8-C; values revised
- Subsections 8-01, 8-02.3, Figure 8-A, Figure 8-B, Figure 8-C, Figure 8-Q, Figure 8-R and Figure 8-S; reference publication dates revised
- Subsection 8-02.4; referenced publication date has been revised

## **Sections 9, 10, 11 and 12**

- No change

## **Section 13**

- Subsection 13-01; referenced publications and dates have been revised

## **Section 14**

- Figure 14-A; referenced publication date has been revised

## **Instructions to Designers**

In accordance with the draft Corrective Action Notice that was recently distributed at the "New Delivery Pipelines and Revisions to Project Input and Quality Assurance Process" training (New Pipeline Training) these revisions shall apply to all new starts.

These revisions shall also apply to active projects that did not have an approved environmental document by October 1, 2002. However, where application of any element of these revisions has a negative impact on the project (increased environmental impacts, increased utility impacts, increased right of way impacts, increased construction costs, schedule delays, etc.) the designer shall document the features and the impacts in the project file, and advance the project based upon the current standards in the NJDOT design Manual-Roadway as long as the project is advertised prior to October 1, 2005. These revisions will become mandatory for all projects advertised after this date.

Project that did have an approved environmental document by October 1, 2002 shall be exempt from these revisions as long as the project is advertised before October 1, 2005.

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Attachment: Revised pages of Roadway Design Manual (English) as listed

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