

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**INTER-DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION**

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**SUBJECT:** Highway Design Manual

**AT (OFFICE):**  
Department of Transportation  
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**TO:** Recipients of the Manual

**MEMORANDUM**

Highway Design is continuing the process of updating the Highway Design Manual. This update has been undertaken for several reasons which include:

- Changing the unit notation. The 1999 manual is in metric units. The change will now include dual units with the primary units being Imperial;
- Making the Manual a “Living” document, available on the Internet; and
- Documenting procedural and policy changes that have occurred over the years.

The update to the Manual is being accomplished on a chapter-by-chapter basis with input being solicited from other DOT bureaus. As promised, the revised chapters are being made available as the rewrites are finalized based upon comments received during the review period. A list of MAJOR revisions for each chapter will be included with each distribution. Grammatical and spelling corrections to the 1999 version will be made but will not be listed for obvious reasons. *Chapter 11 – Special Plan Elements*, has been completed and is ready for distribution. Please replace the 1999 version of Chapter 11 with the attached document. The Manual’s revised chapters, as well as the complete 1999 edition of the Highway Design Manual, are available on the Internet and in SharePoint for internal use.

Volume II of the Highway Design Manual is also being rewritten and chapters/sections will be distributed as they are completed. Please stay tuned.