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To: County Engineers
City Engineers
MnDOT District State Aid Engineers
MnDOT District Materials Engineers
FHWA

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Subject: Revision to the Required Implementation of MnDOT Standard Specifications for Construction 2020 Edition

Expiration

This Technical Memorandum supersedes **State Aid Technical Memorandum No. 21-SA-01 Implementation of the MnDOT Standard Specifications for Construction 2020 Edition** due to a delay in the release of the associated required special provision boilerplates.

This Technical Memorandum also supersedes Chapter 5.4 VIII J of the 2015 State Aid Manual and is effective immediately. It will remain in effect until a new edition of the MnDOT Standard Specifications for Construction goes into effect.

Implementation

The directions contained in this Technical Memorandum affect State Aid, Federal Aid and MnDOT funded local agency projects.

Introduction/Purpose

MnDOT approved and published the *MnDOT Standard Specifications for Construction, 2020 Edition* on March 30th 2021 and can be found at the following link: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/pre-letting/spec/index.html>.

[MnDOT Technical Memorandum No. 21-02-TS-02](#) contains more information on the release of these specifications and required dates of implementation for National Highway System or Trunk Highway Projects.

Requirements for projects on the National Highway System or Trunk Highway

All projects that are on the National Highway or Trunk Highway Systems shall follow MnDOT Technical Memorandum No. 21-02-TS-02. This requires that all **projects with bid openings after January 27, 2022 shall utilize the 2020 Edition of the MnDOT Standard Specifications for Construction**. Any exceptions to the requirements within that Technical Memorandum must be granted by the MnDOT State Design Engineer, through MnDOT State Aid.

Requirements for projects not on the National Highway System or Trunk Highway.

Projects with bid openings before February 1st, 2022 may utilize the 2018 Edition of the MnDOT Standard Specifications for Construction.

Projects with bid openings on or after February 1st, 2022 shall utilize the 2020 Edition of the MnDOT Standard Specifications for Construction. These projects shall have the following note placed on the Construction Plan title sheet and the cover of the Proposal:

“The 2020 Edition of the Minnesota Department of Transportation ‘Standard Specifications for Construction’ shall govern.”

Projects using the 2020 Edition of the MnDOT Standard Specifications for Construction shall also include the Trns*port List, Special Provisions, and Schedule of Materials Control associated with the 2020 Edition. However, the Trns*port List, Special Provisions, and Schedule of Materials Control associated with the 2018 Edition of the MnDOT Standard Specifications for Construction may be used if the associated 2020 editions are not yet available. A new list of pay items and a new set of boiler plate Special Provisions associated with the 2020 Edition are being developed and will be available by August 2nd 2021.

Questions

For information on the technical contents of this memorandum, please contact Elisa Bottos, State Aid Project Delivery Engineer at 651-366-3821.

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