


## Technical Memorandum No. 21-SA-01

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

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**Subject: Implementation of MnDOT Standard Specifications for Construction 2020 Edition**

### Expiration

This Technical Memorandum 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 all State Aid and Federal Aid funded projects that are not on the National Highway or the Trunk Highway systems.

### Introduction/Purpose

MnDOT approved and published the *MnDOT Standard Specifications for Construction, 2020 Edition* on March 30<sup>th</sup> 2021 and can be found at the following link: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/pre-letting/spec/index.html>. Hard copies will be available to order after May 1, 2021.

MnDOT Technical Memorandum No. 21-01-TS-01 contains more information on the release of these specifications. [https://edocs-public.dot.state.mn.us/edocs\\_public/DMResultSet/download?docId=12294496](https://edocs-public.dot.state.mn.us/edocs_public/DMResultSet/download?docId=12294496)

### Guidelines 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. 21-01-TS-01. This requires that all **projects with bid openings after August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 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.

State Aid and Federal Aid funded projects that are not on the National Highway or the Trunk Highway systems often rely on specific special provisions provided by MnDOT's State Aid for Local Transportation office or developed by local agencies themselves. In order to provide a reasonable amount of time for local agencies to prepare plans, while also ensuring that the same specifications are consistently used on local projects receiving State Aid and/or Federal Aid funding, the requirements in this Technical Memorandum set clear dates for implementation of the 2020 Edition of the MnDOT Standard Specifications for Construction on local projects.

## **Guidelines for projects not on the National Highway System or Trunk Highway.**

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

**Projects with bid openings on or after February 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

## **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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