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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, 2014 Edition**

Expiration

This Technical Memorandum supersedes [Section 5.6.III.A of the 2011 State Aid Manual](#), and will remain in effect until the 2014 edition of the MnDOT Standard Specifications for Construction is replaced, and that new edition goes into effect.

Implementation

The direction contained in this Technical Memorandum affects all State Aid and Federal Aid funded projects that are off the National Highway or Trunk Highway Systems. It applies to all such projects turned into SALT after November 1, 2014.

Introduction/Purpose

MnDOT has approved and published the *MnDOT Standard Specifications for Construction, 2014 Edition*. This edition has been published in two volumes; the *Standard Specifications for Construction*, and the *Materials Lab Supplemental Specifications for Construction*. [MnDOT Technical Memorandum No. 13-15-TS-05](#) contains more information on the release of these specifications.

State Aid and Federal Aid funded projects that are off the National Highway or the Trunk Highway Systems often rely on specific special provisions provided by the State Aid for Local Transportation (SALT) 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 Federal Aid funding, the requirements in this Technical Memorandum set clear dates for implementation of the 2014 Edition of the MnDOT Standard Specifications for Construction on local projects.

Guidelines

Projects that meet one or more of the following conditions shall utilize the 2014 Edition of the MnDOT Standard Specifications for Construction:

- Projects in which construction activities are to begin in 2015 or later
- Projects turned in to SALT after November 1, 2014

Projects meeting one or more of the above conditions shall have the following note placed on the Construction Plan title sheet and the cover of the Proposal:

"The 2014 Edition of the Minnesota Department of Transportation 'Standard Specifications for Construction' and the 2014 Edition of the 'Materials Lab Supplemental Specifications for Construction' shall govern."

Project shall utilize the 2014 Edition of the MnDOT Standard Specifications for Construction throughout the project. This includes the Trns*port List and Special Provisions associated with the 2014 Edition, if they are used.

NOTE: State Aid or Federal Aid projects that are on the National Highway or Trunk Highway Systems shall follow [MnDOT Technical Memorandum No. 13-15-TS-05](#). This requires that all projects bid in December 2013 or later shall utilize the 2014 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.

Questions

For information on the technical contents of this memorandum, please contact Mitch Bartelt, State Aid Construction Engineer, at 651-366-3832.

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