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05/17/2018 – DOT Issues Design Standards Proposal for Highway Construction & Maintenance

The Federal Highway Administration requests comments on a proposed revision to design standards and standard specifications that applies to new construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, restoration, and rehabilitation projects on the National Highway System. [See, 83 FR 21972 (05/11/2018), Docket No. FHWA-2017-0001]. The proposed rule would incorporate by reference the latest versions of design standards and standard specifications previously adopted and incorporated by reference and would remove the corresponding outdated or superseded versions of these standards and specifications. Use of the updated standards will be required for all NHS projects authorized to proceed with design activities on or after the effective date of the final rule. [Link to DOT rulemaking](#)

If your firm is interested in commenting on this proposal, the **due date is: June 11, 2018**.

Submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251;
- *Mail:* U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590;
- *Hand Delivery:* U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays; or
- *Electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name, docket name, and docket number (FHWA-2017-0001) or Regulatory Identification Number (RIN) for this rulemaking (2125-AF72). Note that all comments received will be posted without change to: <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

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