



*Designers should incorporate these changes in projects being developed for the February 2025 PS&E Submittal.*

### Chapter 3: Facilities Development Process

#### Section 3-15 ..... Complex or Unique Projects

Deleted sentences in 3-15-5 and 3-15-10, Project Management Plans and Project Financial Plans. Updated reference on page 28 in Attachment 1.1 to the new location of the FHWA and WisDOT Stewardship Agreement in FDM Chapter 3 and updated Attachment 1.11 with a new chart.

#### Section 3-30 ..... U.S. Department of Transportation

This is a new section. The guidance was moved from FDM Chapter 5, which is now empty.

### Chapter 9: Surveying and Mapping

#### Section 9-45 ..... Geospatial Projects

Changed references to "WSI file" to "Ground Control CSV file" throughout section. Edits to Attachment 1.1 and 35.1, and removed Attachment 40.1, which renumbered subsequent attachments. Edits to Attachments 40.2 and 40.3.

### Chapter 11: Design

#### Section 11-1 ..... Introduction

Updated references in 11-1-20, Design Justifications, to the new location of the FHWA and WisDOT Stewardship Agreement in FDM Chapter 3.

#### Section 11-15 ..... Cross-Section Elements for Projects on Rural Highways, Freeways, and Interstates

Updated guidance in 11-15-1.8.1.2.2, Shoulder Rumble Strips.

#### Section 11-50 ..... Traffic Control

Updated guidance in 11-50-7 Mitigation Contracts, 11-50-15 Work Zone Traffic Control Plan Process (removed Attachment 15.1), 11-50-21 Design Details of Traffic Control Plans, 11-50-25 Smart Work Zones, and 11-50-31 Temporary Pedestrian Accommodations. Updated Attachments 5.2, 5.3, and 5.4.

### Chapter 12: Right-of-Way Plat and Exhibit Development

#### Section 12-1 ..... General

#### Section 12-10 ..... Transportation Project Plat Preparation

#### Section 12-15 ..... Traditional Right-of-Way Plat Preparation

#### Section 12-20 ..... Acquisition Exhibit Preparation

Guidance updated in all sections, except 12-5.

### Chapter 13: Drainage

#### Section 13-1 ..... Drainage Practice

Added new section, 13-1-12 Aquatic Connectivity, and a new Attachment 12.1, Aquatic Connectivity Coordination.

## **Chapter 17: Railroad Coordination**

### Section 17-1 ..... Overview

Edits to expand the general introduction and to move some of the details to a later section. For example, FDM 17-1-5 has been changed from the WisDOT/Railroad Partnership to a Railroad Coordination Overview. The OCR role has been moved to FDM 17-10-15 and has been further elaborated on.

### Section 17-10 ..... Agency Responsibilities

The entire 17-10-7 Local Program Management Consultant section was removed. Edited guidance in 17-10-15, Office of the Commissioner of Railroads. Moved some material from FDM 17-1 on OCR responsibilities, expanded discussion on OCR powers, and reorganized the WisDOT role statements for additional clarity. Removed the words "Bureau of Traffic Operations" in Attachment 10.1.

### Section 17-35 ..... Crossing Closure and Consolidation

Updated Attachment 1.1: This is the Crossing Closure Incentive Payment Project Process. The main change here is to move former step 17 to follow step 11.

## **Chapter 19: Plans, Specifications, and Estimates**

### Section 19-22 ..... Post-Advertisement Activities

Deleted a sentence on the first page about guidance that is not required due to the July 2024 update to the FHWA/WisDOT Stewardship & Oversight Agreement.

### Section 19-40 ..... Review

Updated Exhibit 1.2, Standard Detail Drawings, for the upcoming PS&E Project Letting Process.

## **Chapter 26: Cultural Resource Preservation**

### Section 26-1 ..... General

### Section 26-5 ..... Section 106 Process

### Section 26-10 ..... Reporting

### Section 26-20 ..... Compensation Regarding Historic Preservation

### Section 26-25 ..... Burial Sites & Burial Related Discoveries

### Section 26-30 ..... Qualifications

### Section 26-35 ..... Other Applicable Laws

Significant changes were made to all sections. The revisions update guidance to provide clear clarification and align with current policies and procedures. All Exhibits and Attachments (except 1.1, the glossary) have been removed. There was consultation with tribal and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) partners throughout the editing process.