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To: County Engineers
City Engineers
MnDOT District State Aid Engineers
MnDOT District Materials Engineers
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Subject: Implementation of MnDOT Standard Specifications for Construction, 2018 Edition

Expiration

This Technical Memorandum supersedes [State Aid Rule 8820.2500, Subpart 2](#), and [Chapter 6.III.A 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 is released and 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.

Introduction/Purpose

MnDOT has approved and published the *MnDOT Standard Specifications for Construction, 2018 Edition*. MnDOT Technical Memorandum No. 17-09-TS-03 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/or Federal Aid funding, the requirements in this Technical Memorandum set clear dates for implementation of the 2018 Edition of the MnDOT Standard Specifications for Construction on local projects.

Guidelines

Projects with bid openings on or before September 30, 2018 may utilize the 2016 Edition of the MnDOT Standard Specifications for Construction.

Projects with bid openings on or after October 1, 2018 shall utilize the 2018 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 2018 Edition of the Minnesota Department of Transportation ‘Standard Specifications for Construction’ shall govern.”

Projects shall utilize the 2018 Edition of the MnDOT Standard Specifications for Construction throughout each project. This includes the Trns*port List, Special Provisions, and Schedule of Materials Control associated with the 2018 Edition if they are used. However, the Trns*port List, Special Provisions, and Schedule of Materials Control associated with the 2016 Edition of the MnDOT Standard Specifications for Construction may be used if those associated 2018 edition are not yet available.

NOTE: State Aid or Federal Aid projects that are on the National Highway or Trunk Highway Systems shall follow MnDOT Technical Memorandum No. 17-09-TS-03. This requires that all projects with bid openings after January 26, 2018 shall utilize the 2018 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 Rollin Larson, State Aid Construction Specialist at 507-205-6403.

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