

manual change transmittal

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This manual change transmittal introduces the release of the Seventh Edition Highway Design Manual (HDM). The Inside Cover, Foreword, Table of Contents, all Chapters, and the Index have been reformatted into single column text. This HDM release supersedes the previous manual versions.

The Seventh Edition HDM also includes compliance with the Caltrans Web Accessibility for All (CWAA) project initiated to respond to California Assembly Bill 434, which mandates that all public web content must be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

This HDM issuance does not change the guidance content of the previous Sixth Edition HDM effective March 20, 2020, except for minor corrections to typos, spelling, bullet numbering and website addresses. This manual release is effective July 1, 2020 and, although no guidance content has been changed, shall be applied to on-going projects in accordance with HDM Index 82.5 – Effective Date for Implementing Revisions to Design Standards.

HDM Holders may access the Seventh Edition of the HDM available on the Caltrans website at <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/design/manual-highway-design-manual-hdm>. Should a HDM Holder choose to maintain a paper copy, the Holder is responsible for keeping their paper copy up to date and current. Using the latest version available on-line will ensure proper reference to the latest design standards and guidance. If you would like to be notified automatically of any significant changes or updates to the HDM, go to <http://lists.dot.ca.gov/mailman/listinfo/highway-design-manual-updates-announce>.