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BDE PROCEDURE MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: BDE Manual Revision – Chapters 53 and 54

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Chapters 53 and 54 have been revised to reflect changes in treatment selection for low volume roads and pavement design submittals, respectively. Please see the BDE Manual on-line to view the revisions.

Background

Several revisions were made to Chapters 53 and 54 following a review of TAMP performance measures and a request for streamlining the design approval process.

In August 2025, the Pavement Policy Working Group reviewed overall network condition against the department's Transportation Asset Management Plan (TAMP) performance measures. The review indicated high volume non-NHS roadways were deteriorating below the State of Acceptable Condition. To address this issue and elevate the priority of those roadways, the working group established a separate policy for non-NHS low volume roads (ADT < 3,000). This policy change included creating a separate section in Chapter 53 and shifting treatment options to align with the new priorities. This and other editorial changes were made.

The Bureau of Research reviews all life-cycle cost analyses and pavement designs. The increased construction program over the past several years created a backlog of pavement designs.

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On July 14, 2025, the Bureau of Design & Environment and the Bureau of Research issued a joint memorandum that changed the process to allow review and approval of non-Interstate projects by the originating District which streamlined the review process. Chapter 54 was revised to include this and other editorial changes.



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