



MEMO

April 2, 2021

To: District Engineers

From: William L. Hale, P.E.
Chief Engineer

DocuSigned by:
William L. Hale
B9775932E4FB44F...

Subject: Bicycle Accommodation Design Guidance

TxDOT issued an administrative memo on March 23, 2011 which outlined guidance for emphasizing bicycle and pedestrian accommodations; the substance of this guidance was subsequently incorporated into the Roadway Design Manual. Since that time substantial progress has been made with respect to the state of the practice for bicycle facilities. The attached updated Bicycle Accommodation Design Guidance incorporates best practices for the development of bicycle facilities on TxDOT roadways.

Additionally, the Roadway Design Manual (RDM) is currently in the development and review process of updates that are targeted for publication in the July 2021 timeframe; this updated bicycle guidance will be incorporated into the RDM at that time. The intention for this earlier release of the Bicycle Guidance is to provide Districts with a head start on the planning and development of projects.

This guidance applies to all highway and street projects. Due to projects that may be further along in development with current criteria, this guidance will be effective for all projects Let on or after the September 2022 letting date; AND do not have approved 30% plans, or an approved schematic as of November 1st, 2021. The District has the option of using this guidance for project development effectively immediately.

| | By November 1st, 2021 approved 30% plans or schematic | By November 1st, 2021 30% plans or schematic not approved |
|---------------------------------|---|---|
| Let Prior to September 2022 | Optional | Optional |
| September 2022 Letting or later | Optional | Required |

A copy of this guidance and additional information is located at the Roadway Design Guidance webpage at <https://tntoday.dot.state.tx.us/des/Pages/Roadway-Design-Guidance.aspx>. Information webinars on this topic will also be conducted in the coming weeks. Please distribute this information to the appropriate district staff and area offices, as well as consulting engineers working on TxDOT projects.

OUR GOALS
MAINTAIN A SAFE SYSTEM ▪ ADDRESS CONGESTION ▪ CONNECT TEXAS COMMUNITIES ▪ BEST IN CLASS STATE AGENCY

An Equal Opportunity Employer

If you have any questions regarding this guidance, please contact Kenneth Mora, P.E., Roadway Design Section Director at (512) 416-2678.

Attachment: TxDOT Bicycle Accommodation Design Guidance

CC: Marc D. Williams, P.E., ADM
Quincy D. Allen, P.E., ADM
C. Michael Lee, P.E., ADM
Brian R. Barth, P.E., ADM
Jeff Graham, GCD
Marisabel Z. Ramthun, P.E., DES
Graham Bettis, P.E., BRG
Michael A. Chacon, P.E., TRF
James Stevenson, P.E., MNT
Duane S. Milligan, P.E., CST
Jessica Butler, P.E., TPP
Eric L. Gleason, PTN
Bonnie Sherman, PTN
TP&D Directors
Ujval Patel, FHWA
Stephen J. Ratke, FHWA
Samantha Pratt, FHWA