

Design Advisory

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Road Design Manual Chapters 11 and 14 Re-organization

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Project Managers and Designers should be aware of recent changes to MDOT's Road Design Manual.

Chapter 11 has been updated to include new procedures for naming and submitting special provisions.

Chapter 14 now includes the Specifications and Estimates procedures that were formerly in Chapter 11.

Effective June 13, 2013, Special Provisions must be submitted using the new naming convention. This change will provide an easier way to search for previously approved special provisions. Those submitted not following the new naming convention will be returned to the submitter.

A concerted effort must be made to decrease the number of unique special provisions in order to aid in achieving the Department's goal of statewide alignment. Making previously approved and recommended special provisions more readily available and easily found will help achieve that goal.

Chapter 11 details the process of developing and submitting special provisions and provides some aids, such as a checklist for Project Managers.

It is necessary that this chapter be read in order to:

- Decrease the number of returned special provisions and improve approval cycle times
- Be informed of current and new requirements in the special provision development process
- Know the new formatting requirements
- Learn how to establish new pay items and when to use "modified" and "special"