



# *DESIGN STANDARDS*

*FOR DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND UTILITY  
OPERATIONS ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM*

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