

## **ENGINEERING DIRECTIVE**

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### **Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges – 2023 Edition**

The purpose of this Engineering Directive is to formally issue the 2023 Edition of the MassDOT *Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges*.

The 2023 Edition of the *Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges* combines the 2022 Edition of this publication with the *Supplemental Specifications* dated September 30, 2022 and other revisions adopted by MassDOT during 2022. Appendix A of the 2023 *Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges* provides a full accounting of the changes to the previous (2022) edition of this publication.

The 2023 *Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges* shall be referenced in all contract documents for all projects advertised on or after February 11, 2023.

For active construction projects and for other projects advertised prior to February 11, 2023, no changes to the contract documents are required. All standard and special provisions referenced in the contract documents for those projects will remain in effect.

The 2023 *Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges* is available in electronic (.pdf) format on MassDOT's public website (mass.gov). Please note that for ease of downloading and use, the document has been divided into 4 separate files, one for each major Division of the *Standard Specifications* and one for Appendix A. MassDOT will not distribute or make available printed copies of this publication.

This Engineering Directive supersedes Engineering Directive E-22-001, dated February 4, 2022.