

ENGINEERING DIRECTIVE

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Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges – 2026 Edition

The purpose of this Engineering Directive is to formally issue the 2026 Edition of the MassDOT *Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges*.

The 2026 Edition of the *Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges* combines the 2025 Edition of this publication with the *Supplemental Specifications* dated September 30, 2025 and other revisions adopted by MassDOT during 2025.

The 2026 *Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges* shall be referenced in all contract documents for all projects advertised on or after February 21, 2026.

For active construction projects and for other projects advertised prior to February 21, 2026, 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 2026 *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 is divided into 3 separate files, one for each major Division of the *Standard Specifications*. MassDOT will not distribute or make available printed copies of this publication.

For a full accounting of the changes to the 2025 edition of the *Standard Specifications*, refer to the companion document: *Amendments to the 2025 Edition of the Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges*.

This Engineering Directive supersedes Engineering Directive E-25-003, dated March 12, 2025.