The purpose of this Engineering Directive is to formalize the use of Bluebeam software as the primary review platform for MassDOT Highway Division design projects.

Bluebeam software allows for comments and mark-ups to be shared instantly with all project reviewers to help avoid repetitive and conflicting review comments, eliminate delays and eliminate unnecessary printing. Bluebeam also allows MassDOT and project designers to share design submissions, mark-ups, review comments, responses and revisions quickly and efficiently in electronic format.

The general procedures described in this Engineering Directive regarding the use of Bluebeam software for design submission reviews shall supersede any relevant existing procedures regarding design submission reviews contained in Standard Operating Procedures, manuals, guides, directives, memoranda or other similar documents, effective immediately. MassDOT intends to revise any written procedures and guidance documents regarding the design review process to reflect the changes described in this Engineering Directive.

Project managers, designers and reviewers should refer to the Bluebeam User Guide for additional information regarding this software tool. A technical support email has been established for all Bluebeam users: DOTBluebeamSupport@dot.state.ma.us.