

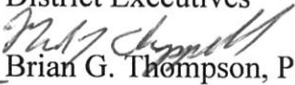


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**DATE:** November 6, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Publication 10 (Design Manual, Part 1 Series)  
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**TO:** District Executives

**FROM:** *For*  Brian G. Thompson, P.E.  
Director  
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The Bureau of Project Delivery's Highway Design and Technology Section is releasing the November 2015 Edition of the Publication 10 (Design Manual, Part 1 Series). This release only includes incorporation of the following:

- Outstanding strike-off letters (list is on each part's transmittal letter)
- Design Exceptions (Updated Policy)
- The updated Stewardship & Oversight Agreement
- New policy to consider using the Highway Safety Manual for Detailed Planning Studies, Alternative Analysis, Line, Grade and Typical Section, District Safety Review, Points of Access, and Design Exceptions

Publication 10 is only available electronically (.pdf files) by downloading the files through the Department's website at: [www.dot.state.pa.us](http://www.dot.state.pa.us). Click on Forms, Publications & Maps.

DM-1X, Appendix P, Design Exceptions, is entirely rewritten. The new policy is effective for projects that have not yet completed preliminary engineering as January 1, 2016, but may be used for projects that have completed preliminary engineering.

Design Exception Request templates are available in the ECMS File Cabinet. Although not required, electronic signatures are encouraged. For questions and to sign up for eSignature, please contact [eConstruct@pa.gov](mailto:eConstruct@pa.gov).

In order to ensure that Design Exception Requests are to be stored in perpetuity, please select the document type "Design Exception" when uploading in EDMS. The existing document type "Design Excerptions Approval Letter" is being phased out because it does not store design exceptions in perpetuity.

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