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MEMORANDUM TO GROUP LEADERS, CONSULTANTS, CRM EAST, CRM WEST

Subject: A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets 2001 (Green Book 2001)

AASHTO has released the 2001 edition of the Green Book for use as design guidelines for the new construction of highways. The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) is adopting this edition as the design standard for all projects.

Your cooperation is requested in order to have a smooth transition from the present Green Book to the 2001 edition. All new projects programmed after September 30, 2001, will use the 2001 edition as the design guide. Projects that have proceeded substantially beyond the design field review stage and are approaching right-of-way plan completion as of September 30, 2001, will continue to use the existing Green Book. For all other projects, the policy most applicable for that project will be used. To determine which edition should be used on an existing project, please contact the appropriate Consultant Coordinator Engineer in Bridge Design Office. Together you will determine which Green Book to reference. They will also see that any design conflicts that may occur on a specific project related to the design guide is resolved. When a decision is made on existing projects which edition to use, documentation will be provided to the Department of that decision, the prevailing conditions used to make that decision and those involved in making it.

In all future contracts, standard contract language should be revised to reference the new Green Book 2001. The Department's Highway Design Manual is scheduled to be updated over the next year and a half and will use the 2001 edition of the Green Book as a guide.

We encourage you to order as many copies of A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets 2001 (Green Book 2001) as your company may need. Orders may be mailed to: AASHTO Publications Sale, PO Box 96716, Washington, DC 20090-6716. To place an order by phone call 1-800-231-3475 or by fax to 1-800-525-5562. If you have any questions, please call Doug McClure at 803-737-1431.

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