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SUBJECT: BDE Manual Revision – Chapters 24, 25, 26 and Appendix D

DATE: December 12, 2017

Chapters 24, 25, and 26 have been revised due to the creation of Appendix D-Guidance on EA/EIS preparation. Chapter 26 was also revised due to eliminating the requirement to run Stochastic Empirical Dilution Model (SELDM) for ADT greater than 50,000. Please see Chapter 24, 25, 26 and Appendix D of the *BDE Manual* on-line to view the revisions.

Background

Appendix D is a new appendix in the *BDE Manual* that resulted from collaboration between FHWA and BDE. This document will assist district and consultant staff with writing Environmental Assessments (Chapter 24) and Environmental Impact Statements (Chapter 25). In addition, Appendix D incorporates reader-friendly concepts that tell the project story instead of the traditional style, which has been criticized for being difficult to understand and not properly informing the public.

This update also includes the following revisions:

- Section 24-3 has been removed and incorporated into Appendix D.
- Sections 25-3, 25-4, and 25-5 have been removed and incorporated into Appendix D.
- Figure 24-2.H and 25-2.K were updated regarding which agencies want to receive EAs, DEISs and FEIS/RODs.
- Section 26-6.09 was reorganized and the standard language used in NEPA documents revised to be more reader friendly.
- In consultation with FHWA and FHWA Headquarters, Section 26-19 was revised to remove the requirement to run Stochastic Empirical Dilution Model (SELDM) for projects with ADT greater than 50,000.

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