

PREFACE

The *Bureau of Local Roads and Streets Manual* (the Manual) has been prepared to provide uniform practices for local agencies, Bureau of Local Roads and Streets central office (Central BLRS), Bureau of Local Roads and Streets district offices (district), and consultant personnel in preparing reports and contract plans for local agencies projects. The Manual presents most of the information normally required in the development of a typical local agency project. The designer should attempt to meet all criteria and practices presented in the Manual. The designer should develop roadway designs that meet IDOT's operational and safety requirements while preserving the aesthetic, historic, or cultural resources of an area. Designers must exercise good judgment on individual projects and, frequently, they must be innovative in their approach to roadway design. This may require, for example, additional research into the highway literature.

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