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BDE PROCEDURE MEMORANDUM

NUMBER: 12-03

SUBJECT: BDE Manual Revisions – Chapters 5, 52, 53, and 58

DATE: March 6, 2012

Chapter 5, Chapter 52, Chapter 53, and Chapter 58 of the BDE Manual have been revised to clarify and update the accessibility policy. Clarification to policy was required to explain when accessibility standards apply. Updates to policy were required due to the adoption of some of the guidelines in the (draft) Public Right of Way Access Guidelines proposed by the United States Access Board.

Background

Section 5-5.02(b) of the BDE Manual was revised to clarify that the cost sharing for curb ramps is treated the same as the cost sharing for sidewalk.

Sections 52-5.02(k) and 53-4.03 of the BDE Manual were revised to inform designers to refer to Section 58-1.09(a) regarding curb ramps.

Section 58-1 of the BDE Manual was revised to update accessibility policy based on the U.S. Access Board's draft *Public Right-of-Way Access Guidelines* for those areas not addressed or not adequately addressed by the Illinois Access Code or the Americans with Disabilities Act Access Guidelines. The manual's revisions also clarify the level of accommodations required due to varying project scope and jurisdiction.

The U.S. Access Board has released for review and comment *Public Right-of-Way Access Guidelines* (PROWAG). Previous ADA guidelines were developed primarily for buildings and facilities on sites and thus were not comprehensive enough to cover the public right-of-way. The intent of the PROWAG guidelines is to give guidance for ADA compliance within the public right-of-way.

Engineer of Design and Environment _____

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