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## BUREAU OF LOCAL ROADS AND STREETS MANUAL

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The new Bureau of Local Roads and Streets Manual is now available on IDOT's web site effective April 4, 2005. This manual will replace both the Bureau of Local Roads and Streets' Federal-Aid Procedures for Local Highway Improvements (FAPLHI) and Administrative Policies manuals. The new manual may be found under "[Public Partners](#)" on the IDOT web site. No hard copies have been issued at this time.

The proposed timeline for use of the new manual is as follows: Any design begun after April 4, 2005 should use the new manual. The old manuals will be used for projects submitted before April 4, 2005. For projects already started and submitted for review between April 4, 2005 and January 1, 2006, the local agency will be encouraged to make changes in the design to meet criteria in the new manual, but will have the option of using the criteria in the old manuals. The decision on which criteria to follow will be documented. All projects submitted for review after January 1, 2006 must use the design criteria in the new manual, unless a variance request is approved by IDOT. Questions regarding the difference between the old and new manuals for existing projects should be directed to the district.

We encourage users of the manual to inform us of any inconsistencies, errors, need for clarification, or any other questions or comments. Comments may be sent by e-mail at [BLRDOTManual@dot.il.gov](mailto:BLRDOTManual@dot.il.gov) or by completing and mailing the BLRS Manual Comment/Correction Form included in the manual.

Between now and the end of this year, electronic revisions will be made approximately once each month based on the comments received. We also intend to provide links inside the manual that take the user to the chapter, section, figure or table referenced.

After January 1, 2006, new editions of the entire manual will be issued at regular intervals. CD versions of the manual may be available at that time. Policy changes made between manual editions will be made via Procedure Memorandums. The user should refer to these interim memorandums when using the manual until they are incorporated in an updated edition.

All BLR forms are being renumbered to coincide with the appropriate chapter and section in the manual. We anticipate the new forms to be posted on the IDOT web site by the end of May. The new form numbers will also be included in the new manual.

If you have any questions, please contact Gary Galecki at 217/785-8564.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles J. Ingersoll". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and "I".

Charles J. Ingersoll, P.E.  
Engineer of Local Roads and Streets

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