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**TO:** District Executives

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The Bureau of Design's Highway Quality Assurance Division is releasing the August 2009, Edition of Design Manual Part 2 (Publication 13M). This edition incorporates and, therefore, deletes the following Strike-Off Letters:

- 432-08-01 - Railing System Test Level Selection for Bridges, February 22, 2008
- 432-08-12 - Smart Transportation Interim Policy, September 18, 2008
- 433-08-08 - Americans with Disabilities Act: Policy and Design Guidance Publication 13M, Design Manual Part 2 (DM-2) Chapters 6, 7 and 9, and Sidewalk Policy, November 14, 2008

The August 2009, Edition of Design Manual Part 2 more closely correlates to the 2004 Edition of the AASHTO publication *A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets* and the 2006 Edition of the AASHTO *Roadside Design Guide* than the previous edition of Design Manual Part 2.

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