

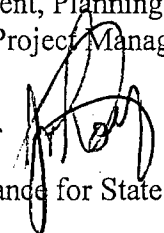
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## *Memorandum*

**Date:** July 28, 2006  
**To:** Directors of Project Development, Planning,  
Maintenance and Operations, Project Managers  
and Traffic Engineers  
**From:** John E. Dority, Chief Engineer   
**Subject:** Update of Stopping Sight Distance for State  
Standards

I presented an update in the subject standard to the Engineering Council on July 27, 2006, and it received no objections from those present.

The update presented was to revise the Stopping Sight Distances in the State Standards to the distances listed under "Design" in Exhibit 3-1 Stopping Sight distance, page 112 of AASHTO A Guide on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets 2004.

With the obstacle in the road increasing from 6 inches to 24 inches in height, in the SSD definition, we need to be in compliance with the newest sight distance requirements.

Please inform your personnel of this update, and that these new Stopping Sight Distances are to be used on all State Standards Design Governed Project, except those on which the vertical geometrics have been finalized.

The State Standards Design Guide should be revised to reflect this change ASAP.

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