


Manual Change Transmittal

TITLE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURES MANUAL	APPROVED BY  JANICE BENTON, Chief	Date Issued: December 10, 2021 Page 1 of 2
SUBJECT AREA Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Policy Update on Access to the Interstate System	ISSUING UNIT DIVISION OF DESIGN	
SUPERCEDES Chapter 27 – Access Control Modification	DISTRIBUTION ON-LINE	

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<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/design/manual-project-development-procedures-manual-pdpm>

PDPM Chapter 27 was revised to include reference to the new Engineering, Operational and Safety Analysis Guidance document prepared by the Divisions of Traffic Operations and Safety Programs that contains technical information intended to assist the project development team with scoping and developing the engineering, operations, and safety information to support access control modification requests. These changes related to the current FHWA policy are effective on all projects where the project initiation document is to be approved on or after January 1, 2022; however, districts may choose to implement earlier for access control modification requests not submitted to FHWA before January 1, 2022.

Enhancements to Chapter 27 include identification of the FHWA approval authority (CA Division office or FHWA headquarters) for various interstate access modifications, information about early consultation with FHWA, and clarifications about analysis and submittal requirements for interstate access modification requests.

The locations of revisions are denoted by a vertical line within the outside margin of the manual.

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that the specific reference becomes available on the internet, the user will have to contact their district liaison, Caltrans project manager, or the appropriate Headquarters division to inquire about the availability of the reference.

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