Design Engineering On Local Government Projects

Purpose
To define how design Utah Department of Transportation (Department) engineering may proceed on Local Government Federal Aid Projects.

Policy
The Department will participate in field reviews, concept and scoping meetings, perform environmental reviews, PS&E reviews, and final reviews in order to maintain consistency in plans, estimates, and specifications on local Federal-Aid Projects. Additional services such as providing operational safety reports, foundation analysis, and checking design calculations will be performed upon request and with written approval of the local government representative. Appropriate costs will be charged either to the project or to the design engineer.

The Department will not perform design engineering on local Federal-Aid Projects unless the local government can show that a hardship exists and that substantial savings can be realized by using Department design engineering. The Preconstruction Division will assign a design engineer only with written request by the local agency and with written approval by the Department Executive Staff.

Local governments may use their engineer of record or a consultant to perform design engineering on local Federal-aid Projects for design engineering provided they are certified to perform design engineering.

Department employees are encouraged to continue their traditional coordination and technical assistance to local governments in both Federal-Aid and Non-Federal-Aid transportation issues.