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### MEMORANDUM

**Date:** 2/02/2011

**To:** Region Directors, Group Leaders, Preconstruction Engineers, Design Squad Leaders, District Engineers, Traffic Operations Engineers, Program Managers, Project Managers, and Consultant Project Managers

**From:** Lisa Wilson, P.E.  
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**Re:** Implementation of Practical Design

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#### Practical Design Guide

UDOT is implementing Practical Design, effective immediately. Practical Design supports UDOT's continuing emphasis on innovation, cost savings, and providing the public with the transportation system that meets their needs. The goal of Practical Design is to only build "right sized" projects that meet focused needs. This allows UDOT to spread limited resources more effectively throughout the transportation system.

Please refer to the [Practical Design Guide](#) for more information on the implementation and benefits of Practical Design. Refer to the [Practical Design Savings Summary - Documenting Instructions](#) for instructions on reporting Practical Design savings. Jesse Sweeten will be working with the regions on implementation and tracking savings for Practical Design as well as providing assistance in any way you feel may be helpful. Please feel free to contact him at 801-965-4986 with any questions.

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