

Basic Instructions for completing the Design Exception/Waiver Form

Design Exceptions and Design Waivers from UDOT Standards

All projects, no matter how funded, must meet UDOT design standards. The Design Exception and Design Waiver from UDOT Standards may be used in specific instances where it is cost effective to deviate from the design criteria or UDOT Standards. Cost is not always the consideration to deviate from design criteria or Standards.

Provide as much information and detail as possible to make an informed decision. Design Exceptions and Design Waivers from UDOT Standards will be approved on a case by case basis and will be evaluated with the Operational Safety Report.

Design Exceptions and Design Waivers from UDOT Standards can be initiated as early as the project concept phase. All Design Exception and Design Waiver requests are submitted to the Standards and Design Preconstruction Engineer once all Region signatures are obtained.

Design Exception/Design Waiver

Fill in the first two pages of the form completely. Check that project information exactly matches ePM. Add remarks and commentary as necessary to add detail and clarification.

1. Design Exceptions are required when the 13 Critical Elements or the Bridge Rail or Parapet Standards are not met in the project design.
2. Design Waivers are required when the Additional Design Criteria are not met in the project design.

3. Design Exceptions and Design Waivers are required on Orange Book projects where existing conditions change.
4. Design Exceptions and Design Waivers are required on Purple Book projects where existing conditions change.

All deficiencies that the designer is aware of on Orange and Purple book projects should be noted in the project files, typically in the project log, whether an exception/waiver is required or not.

Approval/Signatures

All signatures on the signature sheet are required for an approved Design Exception or Design Waiver with the exception of the FHWA representative. The FHWA signature requirement is based on the current Stewardship and Oversight Agreement. This signature will be coordinated through the Standards and Design office. All submitted forms are required to be signed digitally.

General: Process

1. Complete the UDOT Design Exception / Design Waiver form.
2. Select the type of request and enter the required information.
3. Obtain the required signatures.
4. Submit form electronically to the Standards and Design Engineer at:
glukes@utah.gov
5. The Standards and Design Engineer will make any necessary arrangements for FHWA coordination and approval.