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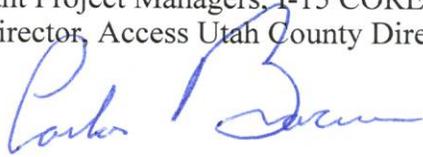
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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Region Directors, Group Leaders, Preconstruction Engineers, Project Designers, Project Managers, Consultant Project Managers, I-15 CORE Director, and Mountain View Corridor Director, Access Utah County Director

**FROM:** Carlos M. Braceras, P.E.  
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**SUBJECT:** Design Exception and Design Waiver and Deviation from UDOT Standards Procedure

The Design Exception, Design Waiver, and Deviation from UDOT Standards Procedure has been updated. Design Exceptions and Design Waivers will be processed in the same manner as before with a minor change to the number and makeup of the additional design criteria requiring Design Waivers. A new form and procedure has been developed for Deviations from UDOT Standards. Related information, instructions, and the new forms are on the UDOT Web site at: [www.udot.utah.gov/go/designexceptionprocess](http://www.udot.utah.gov/go/designexceptionprocess). The related information includes listings of the 13 Critical Elements and the Additional Design Criteria Requiring Design Waivers. References to the locations in the UDOT 2008 Standard Drawings, UDOT Roadway Design Manual of Instruction, and current AASHTO publication, *A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets*, are provided for both the 13 Critical Elements and the Additional Design Criteria.

Requirements for the submission of the forms are listed in the instructions. The development of the Design Exceptions, Design Waivers, and Deviation from UDOT Standards processes are ongoing and may have some modifications even after implementation. The current forms, instructions, and related information found on the above Web page will be used starting immediately.

Please submit requests in accordance with provided instructions for the approved forms through the required coordination levels to the UDOT Central Preconstruction Engineer for approval. The forms provide the documentation to allow an evaluation of the effects of allowing substandard or nonstandard conditions to remain.

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