Prominent Changes in the MTO Design Supplement 2020 to be Implemented in the version of 2023

Chapter 1/Appendix 1 – Design Philosophy

Issues	Changes
Climate Change	Guidance for climate change provided in Section 1.3.3
Cost of Collision	Section 1.3.2.4 is updated in line with the Provincial Traffic Office Memo. Exhibit 1A is replaced with the updated cost of collisions for engineering analysis.

Chapter 2/Appendix 2 – Design Controls, Classification and Consistency

Issues	Changes
Climate change	Guidance for climate change provided in Section 2.3.6.1
Design Speed 130 km/h	Policy and guidance for selection of DS 130 km/h are provided in Section 2.3.6.1

Chapter 3/Appendix 3 – Alignment and Lane Configuration

Issues	Changes
Climate Change	Climate change guidance provided for the
	following Sections:
	3.1.1, 3.2.1.2, 3.2.2.3, 3.3.2.4, 3.3.5.3, 3.6.2.1,
	3.6.4, 3.7.1.1, 3.8.1, and 3.9.1
Railway Grade Crossing	Reference and hyper link provided for
	ministry's guidance on Railway Grade Crossing
	Regulations and Standards in Section 3.2.6.1
Speed Change Lanes	Two Exhibits and guidance are deleted for SCL
	from Section 3.6.3.2 and refer to see Chapter
	10 and Appendix 10 to avoid any confusion.

Chapter 4/Appendix 4 – Cross Section Elements

Issues	Changes
Width of Shoulder	Section 4.4.2: More clarity provided for the
	width of shoulder on high-speed and/or high
	volume highways.
Safety Analyst software	Safety Analyst software is replaced with the
	Traffic Engineering Software for centre line
	rumble strips in Section 4.2.2.2
Climate Change	Climate change guidance provided for the
	following Sections:
	4.1.6, 4.3.2.1, 4.8.3, 4.10.1.1, and 4.12.1
Side Clearance at Bridges	Existing Exhibits of 4U and 4V for Table 4.10.1
	and for Table 4.10.2 is replaced with one new
	Table (Exhibit-4U) for more clarity and to avoid
	confusion.
Narrow median with barrier	A bullet point added for the guidance for
	narrow median with barrier in Section 4.4.2
Minimum bridge width for future	A note is added for Exhibit - 4T that about the
rehabilitation	use and guidance of this Exhibit

Chapter 5/Appendix 5 – Bicycle Integrated Design

Issues	Changes
Not Applicable	No changes and Not Applicable

Chapter 6/Appendix 6 – Pedestrian Integrated Design

Issues	Changes
Climate Change	Guidance for climate change provided in
	Sections 6.5.6.5, 6.5.7, and 6.6.6.2

Chapter 7/Appendix 7 – Roadside Safety

Issues	Changes
Not Applicable	No changes and Not Applicable

Chapter 8/Appendix 8 - Access

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Issues	Changes
Climate Change	Guidance for climate change provided in
	Section 8.1.5

Chapter 9/Appendix 9 - Intersection

Issues	Changes
Intersection Control	More guidance provided in Section 9.9.2.3
	for approach sight triangle for Case B
	(Intersection with Stop Control on the Minor
	Road).
Widening Through Signalized Intersection	Sec 9.12
	More guidance provided in section 9.12 for
	offsetting between departing and receiving
	lanes at Signalized Intersections.
Turning Radius and Speed	More guidance provided for turning path
	radius and turning speed in Section 9.13.2.
Approach and Departure Tapers	Section 9.17.3
	More guidance provided in Section 9.17.3 for
	extra length for Left-turn taper length on a
	down grade including an example.
Double Left-turn Lanes	Section 9.17.5.1
	Additional guidance provided in Section
	9.17.5.1 for double left-turn and selection of
	design vehicles.

Chapter 9A/Appendix 9A – Volume Warrants for Left-turn Lanes-Intersections

Issues	Changes
Signalized Intersections	More guidance provided for left-turn lane at
	signalized intersections.
Volume warrants for unsignalized intersection	Additional guidance provided for Left-turn
	volume which are between the two available
	charts.

Chapter 10/Appendix 10 - Interchanges

Issues	Changes
Sight distance to bull nose	Exhibit 10-D and 10-G updated for 130 km/h
	design speed
Interchange Warrants	Guidance for consideration of Active
	transportation and Transit added in Section
	10.2
Ramp Design	General guidance for "Ramp Design Types"
	with illustrations provided in Section 10.6.2

Design Speed for Ramps	Section 10.6.2.1:
	Guidance for Inner loop ramp for rural
	condition provided.
	Guidance for two-lane inner loop ramps also
	provided.
	Table 10.6.1
	The corresponding ramp design speed for
	130 km/h freeway design speed provided in
	the Exhibit.
Ramp Width	More guidance and Exhibits provided for
	Cross Slope, Shoulder & Curbs, Profile &
	Grade, Superelevation, and Superelevation
	Runoff for ramp width in Section 10.6.2.5
Exit Terminal Design	Section 10.6.3.1
	Additional guidance along with illustrations
	provided for one, two, and three-lanes exit
	design.
	Also, guidance and illustrations provided for
	bullnose offsets.
Sight Distance at Exit and Entrance terminals	Section 10.6.3.4
	Sight distance at exit and entrance for 130
	km/h design speed provided in Section
	10.6.3.4
Entrance Terminal Design	Additional guidance and illustrations
S S	provided for one, two and three-lanes
	entrances and bullnose offsets design in
	Section 10.6.4
Climate Change	Guidance for Climate change provided in the
5	following Sections:
	10.1.1, 10.1.2, 10.1.3.5, and
	10.7.4.
Design Speed of 130 km/h in Typical Exhibits	Explicitly stated that Exhibits are typical
Design speed of 130 km/m m Typical Exhibits	examples and designer should select the
	values from the Chapter and Design
	Supplement.
	Supplement.

Chapter 11/Appendix 11 - Special Roads

Issues	Changes
No issues	No Changes

Chapter 12/Appendix 12 – Managed Lanes

Issues	Changes
Climate Change	Guidance provided for Climate Change in the
	following Sections:
	12.1, 12.1.1.2.1, 12.1.1.13.1, 12.1.1.3.2, 12.2.1,
	12.3, 12.3.1.1, 12.8.1, and Table 12.5.6
Left-turn Slip Around	Two figures for left-turn slip around deleted to
	avoid any confusion between this chapter and
	the TAC GDG Chapter 9

Appendix A - Glossary

Issues	Changes
New Definitions	25 new definitions added mostly based on the
	terminologies used in chapter 13- work zone

Appendix B – MTO Geometric Design Standards Summary Tables

Issues	Changes
Design Speed 130 km/h	Design Criteria for 130 km/h provided for rural
	Kings highways