

# Design Advisory

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## Design Process and Plan Changes – Phase II

The first of a multi-phase implementation of changes to design processes and plan set standards was rolled out in the spring of 2011. Phase I implemented new sheet borders, employed the use of MS Word and Excel to create information sheets, and enhanced the way that drawing and sheet numbers are developed.

Phase II process development efforts led by the Right of Way Process Improvement (ROW PI) and the Design Deliverables Enhancement Project (DDEP) teams are completed and posted for implementation on the MDOT website for [Guidelines for Plan Preparation, Road Sample Plans](#). These instructions will remain on this webpage until they are subsequently incorporated in the future publishing of MDOT plan samples and plan preparation guidelines.

The changes include the incorporation of the Reference Information Document (RID), and provide detailed guidance for the preparation of plans including true typical sections, design cross sections at development milestones, and Right of Way (ROW) and alignment concepts

The guidance for RID is effective for all projects starting with the January 11, 2013, letting.

The plan and process changes are effective for all projects with design commencing after November 1, 2012.