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[MDOT Road Design Manual Section 12.12](#)

This advisory is superseded by any subsequent revisions to the references listed in this index.

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2012 AASHTO Bicycle Facilities Guide

The *2012 AASHTO Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities* is now in effect. A joint MDOT/FHWA review of the MDOT Road Design Manual was conducted to compare it with the new guide. Some revisions were required to keep MDOT standards and procedures in compliance with federal requirements. Notable revisions include:

- Consistency with MDOT Complete Streets Policy for consideration of bicycle facilities.
- Update of certain minimum design values.
- Differentiation of facility types (shared use, shared lanes, bike lanes)
- Applicability of design exceptions;
 - Required only for on-road facilities.
 - Required only for “bike lane” width and classified as a “lane width” design exception.

Section 12.12 of the [Road Design Manual](#) has been subsequently updated, and is the basis for MDOT design of bicycle facilities.