

# Vermont Agency of Transportation State Design Standards Update

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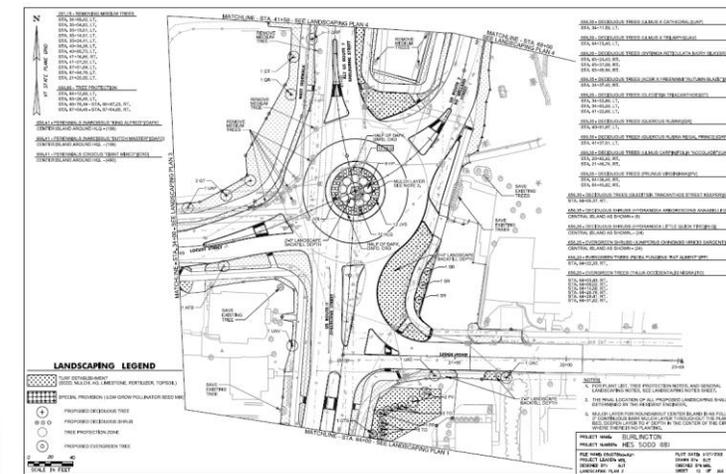
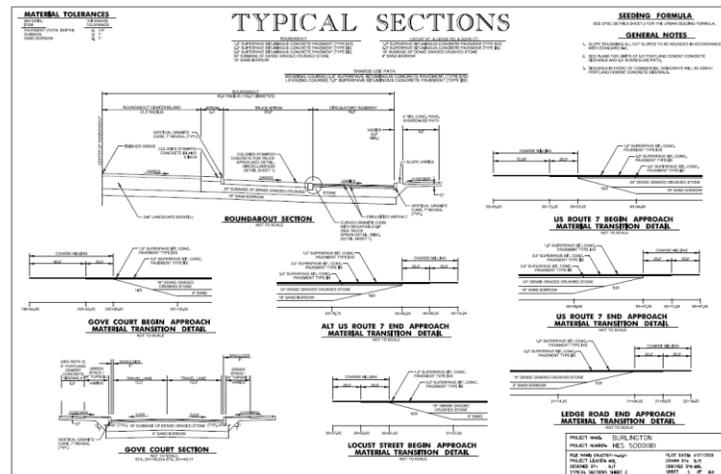
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# What are the VT State Design Standards?

- ❖ Last published in 1997 by the Vermont Design Standards Committee
  - Committee included VTrans engineers and planners, Federal Highway Administration, Agency of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation, Regional Planning Commissions, Vermont Council on the Arts, the Preservation Trust of Vermont, and others.
- ❖ The purpose of the VT State Design Standards:
  - “To provide clear technical direction to the designers of transportation projects in Vermont.”
  - “To achieve roadway and bridge designs which provide access, mobility and safety for users, and which are also sensitive to the social and environmental context of Vermont.”



# Purpose & Need of the Update

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From H.479:

## Sec. 38. REPLACEMENT OF THE CURRENT VERMONT STATE STANDARDS

(a) The Agency of Transportation will be preparing replacements to the current Vermont State Standards and related documents, standards, guidance, and procedures in accordance with the plan required pursuant to 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 184, Sec. 19.

(b) The Agency shall provide an oral update on the process to replace the current Vermont State Standards and related documents, standards, guidance, and procedures to the House and Senate Committees on Transportation on or before February 15, 2024.

- ❖ Keep pace with national best practice and to continue providing useful, effective transportation infrastructure for all Vermonters.
- ❖ Build upon previous efforts including the Revising the Vermont State Standards Multimodal Design and Delivery (M2D2) completed in conjunction with Smart Growth America in 2015.



# Vermont Multimodal Highway Guidance

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- ❖ Continued consideration of all users
- ❖ Integration of transportation assets, context, and community
- ❖ Provide context driven, inclusive design guidance for planners, engineers, and others
- ❖ Web-based platform

# Current Status - VMHG

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- ❖ Phase 1 – Project Definition/Stakeholder Engagement (~2024)
  - ❖ Goals: Review of Existing and Best Practices – Stakeholder Engagement Plan – VMHG Outline
- ❖ Phase 2 – Development of Guidance
- ❖ Phase 3 – Implementation and Training

Thank you! Questions?