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TO: DISTRICT CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERS

FROM: David A. Sadler, Director, and Office of Construction 

COPIES: Brian Blanchard, Robert Robertson, Chris Richter (FHWA), Bob Burleson (FTBA), Chad Thompson, Abraham Scott, Rafiq Darji, Steve Plotkin, Andre Pavlov

SUBJECT: MSE WALL DESIGN STANDARDS INDEX 6000 SERIES

The Department recently met with members of the construction industry that manufacture and erect Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) walls to listen to their concerns regarding the current design standards which result in the top panels of the walls having to almost all be cast to a custom height. This presents additional fabrication costs as well as additional costs associated with the tracking for correct installation on the project site.

As a result of the meeting with industry, the Department has agreed to make revisions that are intended to facilitate more tolerance in the coping recess which should aid in reducing the number of custom height panels at the top of the MSE walls. The revisions also include clarification of several notes.

The revised drawings are provided in Attachment A with the changes denoted by clouding. These revisions will also be included in the January 2012 release of the Design Standards e-Booklet publication effective for lettings beginning July 2012.

This memorandum serves as blanket approval to process a \$0.00 contract change, and a copy of this memorandum should be attached to the work order or supplemental agreement. If requested by the contractor to use this change, these revised details shall be included in the shop drawings.

If you have any questions concerning this memorandum or would like to request the MicroStation drawings shown in Attachment A, please contact Steve Plotkin at (904) 360-5501.

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Attachment

Williams, Wynette

From: Sadler, David A
Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2011 2:34 PM
To: Martin, Douglas T
Cc: Hicks, Heather; Williams, Wynette
Subject: Signature Authority

This is to delegate signature authority for documents (excluding personnel actions) to you for when I am outof the office or on business travel status form this date through July 1, 2012.

Please ensure that my office receives a copy of all correspondence signed by you for these dates.

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