This bulletin announces the approval and availability of an updated (May 2018) Stewardship & Oversight Implementation Manual.

The Implementation Manual provides details for applying the general assignment of roles and concepts set forth in the Stewardship and Oversight (S&O) Agreement between the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Department. The S&O Agreement is included in the Implementation Manual as Appendix F. No hard copies will be distributed.

The following are the significant changes:

- Eliminates the “Consultant Scope of Services/Agreements for Major Projects” row from the Project Implementation for Preliminary Engineering table (Table 2).
- Eliminates FHWA approval of change orders and prior approvals for Projects of Division Interest (PODI) per revisions to Project Implementation Table during Construction table (Table 3).
- Adds Note 2 to the Project Implementation Table for Term and Work Plan Projects table (Table 6) regarding FHWA approval for equipment procured directly by CTDOT purchased through a project.
- Eliminates the “Prioritize and make repairs. Generate Annual Bridge list.” row from the Bridge Program Summary table (Table 9 in May 2018 version, Table 8 in previous version).
- Adds a “Data Quality Management Plan” row to the Pavement Design and Management Summary table (Table 22 in May 2018 version).
- Replaces the “Right-of-Way Waivers” row with “Make public interest finding on whether State may proceed with bid advertisement even though ROW acquisition/relocation activities are not complete ….” in the ROW Process Summary table (Table 26 in May 2018 version) and assigns approval authority to the Department for Non-Interstates and to FHWA for Interstates.
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- Adds a new chapter on Asset Management and Performance Measures.
- Makes minor changes to the Environmental tables and the Safety chapter narrative.

The May 2018 version of the Stewardship & Oversight Implementation Manual is effective immediately.