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Memorandum

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Subject: HB 225 – Shared-use path

The 2017 State Legislature passed HB 225 amending MCA 60-3-304. The amended code includes provisions that “The department of transportation shall c) recommend construction and maintenance standards for shared-use paths. d) provide a uniform system of signing shared-use paths that applies to all shared-use paths, whether under the jurisdiction of the commission or a city or county”.

The Maintenance Division is addressing the code with respect to recommended maintenance standards. The purpose of this memo is to identify Department recommended construction standards.

The most current versions of the following references constitute Department recommended shared-use path construction standard practices:

- MDT Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction
- Supplemental Specifications to MDT Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction
- MDT Road Design Manual
- PROWAG
- AASHTO A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets
- AASHTO Guide for the Planning, Design, and Operation of Pedestrian Facilities
- AASHTO Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities.

The latest version of the MUTCD is the adopted guidance to apply a uniform system of signing shared-use paths.

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