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### **New and Revised Interstate Access Approval**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) [\*Policy on Access to the Interstate System\*](#) was updated in May 2017. The revised policy eliminates duplication with other project reviews. The focus of the new policy is on the technical feasibility of any proposed change in access in support of FHWA's determination of safety, operational, and engineering acceptability. Consideration of the social, economic, environmental impacts and planning considerations will be addressed through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review of the project.

The Bureau of Policy and Planning, in coordination with the Bureau of Engineering and Construction and the FHWA Division office, has prepared a new manual entitled [\*Procedure Manual for New or Revised Interstate Access Approval in Connecticut\*](#) to reflect the changes mandated in the FHWA policy and to clarify the requirements, roles and responsibilities, along with outlining the process of requesting an access modification to the Interstate System. The new manual was approved on April 30, 2018, and it replaces the document entitled *2009 Policy and Procedures for New or Revised Interstate Access Approval in Connecticut*. The new manual is available on the [Engineering and Construction Information Resources web page](#).

The manual should be referenced whenever a change in the configuration of an existing Interstate interchange or a new Interstate interchange is being considered.