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Mr. John R. Tabb, Director
State Highway Department
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Tabb:

Subject: Implementation of AASHTO "Green Book"

Our previous subject letter of May 15, 1985, outlined the basic requirements in implementing the AASHTO Green Book and further indicated a 1-year implementation period would be provided to "effect" the necessary changes. The purpose of this letter is to reemphasize that effective with the May 15, 1986, implementation deadline, a formal design exception will be required prior to PS&E approval for any new construction or reconstruction project covered by the Green Book when any of the 13 controlling criteria are not met. The 13 controlling criteria include design speed, lane width, shoulder width, bridge width, structural capacity, horizonal alignment, vertical alignment, grades, stopping sight distance, cross slopes, superelevation, horizontal clearances and vertical clearances.

With the State's adoption (September 24, 1985, revisions to design manual) of selected criteria that meet or exceed the Green Book and the Department's adoption (your letter of November 18, 1985, and State Aid letter of July 16, 1985) for use of the Green Book on future projects,we conclude the necessary changes have been made in the Department's design standards to comply with the May 15, 1986, implementation deadline. These changes will be included in the Department's new design manual presently under development.

Sincerely yours,

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