**Guidelines for FIPI and Certification Procedures**

The purpose of this Design Bulletin is to provide guidance for Findings in the Public Interest (FIPI) and the Certification Processes for Propretary Items.

Based upon recent statements from FHWA and revision to the Stewardship Agreement, FIPI (and Certification) authority and approval is given to CDOT and FHWA review and final approval is no longer required or necessary for projects that are non-PoDI (FHWA determined Projects of Division Interest). Therefore changes to the present *2013 Project Development Manual* were necessary.

Section 2.17.06.05 item 4. on page 2-60 is hereby updated in the *Project Development Manual* by replacing the current text “FIPIs for proprietary items, if any” with “Certifications or FIPIs for proprietary items, if any (See Section 2.24 for the approval process).” Also Section 2.24 shall be replaced entirely. Section 2.24 was updated to add the Certification Procedure, as well as update the FIPI Procedure. Therefore a new flow chart demonstrating the process was also created.

Also, required were corresponding changes to *FORM 1381* to add the Certification Approval and change the signature block approval authority for the FIPI Approval*.*

If you have questions, please contact the Standards & Specifications Engineer, Larry Brinck (303-757-9474, larry.brinck@state.co.us).

To update this information in the *Project Development Manual*, print-out the attached file and insert the replacement pages (2-60, 2-83 thru 2-86) and replace them appropriately in Section 2:



The updated *FORM 1381* is posted on the website and attached here:



**References:**

Design Bulletins can be found on the CDOT website at:

<http://www.coloradodot.info/business/designsupport/bulletins_manuals/design-bulletins>