

SECTION 2A - 7 - PROJECT SCOPING

See [Project Management Online Guide](#).

DESIGN WAIVERS

This Design Waiver Policy is applicable to VDOT owned and maintained* roadways only.

Design Waivers are required when deviations from VDOT's design criteria occur. When design criteria meets or exceeds AASHTO minimal design requirements but falls short of VDOT's minimal design standards, a Design Waiver shall be required. Design Waivers will be applicable to all projects regardless of functional classification and funding and shall be documented and approved in accordance with the Design Waiver Request [Form LD-448](#). Please refer to [IIM-LD-227](#) for specific guidelines on obtaining a design waiver.

DESIGN EXCEPTIONS

If there are geometric values that are below AASHTO minimum guidelines, the Project Manager/ Design Engineer shall seek to obtain approval of these design exceptions from the State Location and Design Engineer (all projects) and FHWA (if applicable) no later than Public Hearing Stage. Please refer to [IIM-LD-227](#) for specific guideline on obtaining design exceptions.

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