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Changes were made for:

- New and updated definitions
- Updated encroachment policy information including;
 - Existing longitudinal utilities
 - Utilities on structures
 - Temporary wells and scientific data device requirements
 - Eliminating discretionary fixed object discussion from Chapter 17
 - Clarification of approval of transportation art, gateway monuments, historical monuments, markers, or placards by Landscape Architecture per Chapter 29
- Section 2, Article 4 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Approvals was re-written to accommodate the current FHWA understanding of their approval requirements for encroachments on Interstate facilities
- Updated utility policies including;
 - Clarification of required utility clearance from structure foundations to be consistent with the Structures Utility Manual
 - Exemption from delineating overhead utilities for certain types of projects (information added from existing memorandum)

The locations of revisions are denoted by a vertical line within the outside margin of the manual.

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