


Manual Change Transmittal

TITLE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURES MANUAL	APPROVED BY  ELBERT COX, Chief (Acting)	Date Issued: Dec. 13, 2024 Page 1 of 2
SUBJECT AREA Freeway Agreements Relinquishment for Infrastructural Barrier Environmental Disclosure Memo	ISSUING UNIT DIVISION OF DESIGN	
SUPERSEDES Chapter 24 – Freeway Agreements Chapter 25 – Relinquishments Appendix Z – Relinquishment Approval Report	DISTRIBUTION ON-LINE	

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<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/design/manual-project-development-procedures-manual-pdpm>.

In consultation with FHWA, PDPM Chapter 24 – Freeway Agreements was updated to remove the requirement for FHWA concurrence on changes to freeway agreements on Interstate routes.

PDPM Chapter 25 – Relinquishments was updated to:

- Cite California Streets and Highways Code Section 73.4 which became effective January 2023.
- Include a new type of relinquishment for infrastructural barrier.
- Change terminology from initial site assessment (ISA) to environmental disclosure memo (EDM) to be consistent with Division of Environmental Analysis guidance.
- Provide various minor language clarifications.

PDPM Appendix Z – Relinquishment Approval Report was updated to change initial site assessment (ISA) to environmental disclosure memo (EDM) to be consistent with Division of Environmental Analysis guidance.

The locations of revisions to Chapters 24 and 25 and Appendix Z are denoted by a vertical line within the outside margin of the manual.

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