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DATE: May 5, 2010
TO: MAG Specifications and Details Committee Members
FROM: Peter Kandaris, SRP Representative
RE: **Working Group Update
Specifications and Details Outside the Right-of-Way**

Below is a summary of discussions from the working group kickoff meeting held on April 28, 2010:

- Specifications and details will focus on construction standards for agency site development work in areas outside of the public right-of-way and up to 5 feet from the face of buildings (where building standards control). This “gray zone” of public projects lacks uniform standards.
- To meet changing local and regional social, economic and environmental planning and development needs, outside right-of-way standards will incorporate alternative practices and materials to foster sustainable communities.
- These new standards will follow the same section, number and title format of the existing MAG in right-of-way specifications and details. The City of Phoenix MAG supplement is a good model for the new standards format.
- The new specifications and details will be initially populated using existing MAG in right-of-way standards that are applicable to outside right-of-way work. These standards will be referenced in the document, but not reproduced in whole.
- Some existing standards and details can be modified to meet outside right-of-way requirements. Working group members will be requested to make draft modifications.
- New standards and details that apply only to outside the right-of-way will be drafted by working group members and committee members.
- Working group meeting topics will be announced in advance and will follow table of contents sections (general conditions, earthwork, water, sewer, etc.). Both methods and materials will be discussed at each meeting for the sections and details under discussion. This will allow vendors, contractors, consultants and other parties interested in specific topics to attend meetings that are focused toward their specialties.
- The working group intends to produce a functional document for review and approval by the committee by the end of this year. A number of years will be needed to fully populate the standards.