

1.3 Relationship to Other Standards and Guidance

The Street Design Guide provides Minneapolis-focused guidance that builds on state and national standards and guidance. The Street Design Guide focuses on information to inform development of a basic street layout. The City’s [Standard Specifications and Detail Plates](#) offer much more information to guide detailed design.

The Street Design Guide is not a standard and does not hold the same weight as state or federal standards. Generally, the Street Design Guide is aligned with relevant standards, although there are times when a variance, design exception, or request for experimentation will be required. Common instances when a variance is required are noted in the Street Design Guide.

Important standards include:

Minnesota [Local State Aid Rules](#), which govern streets on the State-Aid system.

[Minnesota Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices](#), which includes standards for traffic control devices along all roadways in the state.

In the creation of this guide, we have regularly used [guidance from the National Association of City Transportation Officials](#) as well as guidance from the Minnesota Department of Transportation. In some cases, we refer to them or other guides for additional details.