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**DESIGN MEMORANDUM No. 03-07**  
**POLICY CHANGE**

**TO:** All Design, Operations, District Personnel, and Consultants

**FROM:** /s/ Anthony L. Uremovich  
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**SUBJECT:** Policy for Context Sensitive Solutions

A Policy for Context Sensitive Solutions has been approved by the Commissioner. The Policy is attached hereto. The designer should consider the Policy in each project's design process.

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Attachment

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## **Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) Policy for Context Sensitive Solutions**

It is the policy of the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) to incorporate context sensitive solutions into the development, construction and maintenance process for improvements to the state jurisdictional transportation system. The process for incorporating context sensitive solutions is intended to establish a basis for the development, construction and maintenance process to incorporate a community's character and desires in transportation improvements. The context sensitive solution process is intended to be a flexible approach in allowing the latitude to enhance environmental, scenic, historic and unique community elements in a transportation improvement. INDOT believes that the implementation of context sensitive solutions will allow transportation officials with input from community stakeholders to strike a balance between providing safe, cost effective and efficient highway facilities while protecting and enhancing community values.

The establishment of context sensitive solutions incorporates accepted effective design practices. Context sensitive solutions allow ideas such as the preservation of historic places, scenic and natural environmental enhancement, and community values to be considered within the objectives of mobility, safety and economics.

Approved: /s/ J. Bryan Nicol  
Mr. J. Bryan Nicol, Commissioner  
Indiana Department of Transportation

Date: **3-03-03**