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## Design Exception Protocol

As part of the larger rewrite of the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Project Development Manual (PDM), [Section 2.05 Design Exception Variance Request](#) has been updated in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to reflect CDOT's design exception protocol. Upon approval, design exceptions will now be uploaded by the Resident Engineer to the [Design Exceptions Shared Google Drive](#) listed in Section 2.05.05.

All design exceptions from calendar year 2023 and beyond shall be posted to this location so that the FHWA can ensure CDOT is following its processes. Alternatively, design exceptions may be emailed to [Jerome.Estes@state.co.us](mailto:Jerome.Estes@state.co.us) for assistance with meeting this requirement.

If you have any other questions or require further assistance, please contact [Jerome.Estes@state.co.us](mailto:Jerome.Estes@state.co.us) for support.