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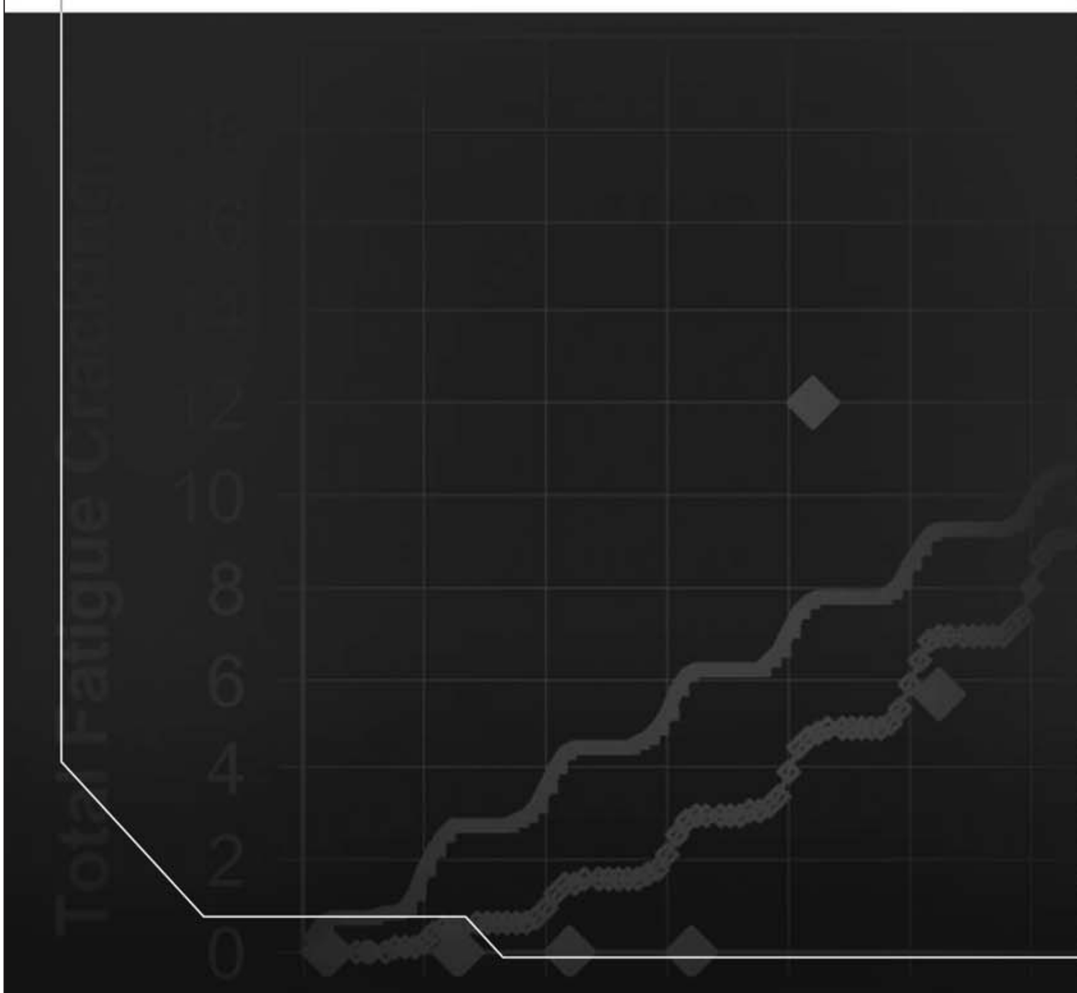

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Preface

This guide is to provide guidance to calibrate the *Mechanistic-Empirical Pavement Design Guide* (MEPDG) software to local conditions, policies, and materials and to conduct the local calibration process. The guide does not provide guidance for determining the inputs and running the MEPDG software. A separate document, the *Mechanistic-Empirical Pavement Design Guide—A Manual of Practice*, provides guidance for using the MEPDG software to analyze and design new pavements and rehabilitation strategies. The *Manual of Practice* is referenced throughout this guide.

Version 1.0 of the MEPDG software is currently available. It should be noted that version 2.0 of the MEPDG software is in the process of being developed. Version 2.0 may include different transfer functions for selected distresses based on the results and recommendations from other on-going NCHRP projects. If any of the transfer functions are revised, the *Guide for Local Calibration* and the *Mechanistic-Empirical Pavement Design Guide—A Manual of Practice* for the MEPDG software may need to be revised accordingly.

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