**PROTECTION OF MIGRATORY BIRDS**

In 1918, Congress passed the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) which makes it illegal to “take” migratory birds or their nests.

This Design bulletin adds Section 2.27 to the Project Development Manual. Section 2.27 provides guidelines and strategies during project development to ensure that appropriate and reasonable measures are included in the Contract to prevent the taking of migratory birds and to avoid civil and criminal penalties associated with non-compliance with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA). CDOT has also developed specifications for implementing these procedures on construction projects.

Implement these changes on all projects involving migratory birds and earthwork, soil disturbance, or structure work. For emergency projects contact the Region Planning and Environmental Manager (RPEM) for guidance.

**Revision of Project Development Manual**

Add Section 2.27 to the Project Development Manual as follows:



Following are the new specifications in the form of project special provisions (worksheets):

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Please print a copy of Section 2.27 and keep it with your copy of the Project Development Manual.

If you have questions, please contact your Area Engineer in Project Development or your RPEM.

The *Project Development Manual*, Design Bulletins, and Specifications can be found on the Design and Construction Project Support web page at:

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