

**Memorandum**

**Date**: September 11, 2025

**To**: All holders of Standard Special Provisions

**From**: Bill Cornelius, Standards and Specifications Unit Manager

**Subject**: New standard special provision: Revision of Section 206 Shoring

As of September 11, 2025, this unit has issued the new standard special provision, Revision of Section 206 Shoring, with 3 pages, and dated September 11, 2025.

The changes are the result of safety and construction concerns from Bridge and Regional Resident Engineers. Here is a summary of the changes:

**Old:** Soil nail proof testing was limited to one for any wall, no matter height, length, or soil condition.

**New:** The Engineer has many roles, and the shoring test frequency should be per the design requirements, not at the Engineer’s discretion. Proof and verification testing will be in line with documented construction manuals and specifications.

**Old:** Material testing (grout and soil) was not required or needed to be reported to CDOT.

**New:** Material testing will be reported to CDOT to document proper construction of shoring.

**Old:** Listed three reference manuals for design.

**New:** Added AASHTO Guide Design Specifications for Bridge and Temporary Works

**Old:** Shoring not included in the four listed design references, the Contractor did not have to specify how the wall was designed.

**New:** The Contractor must provide design review to the Engineer for acceptance if not using one of the 4 listed references.

**Old:** Department will pay for any proof or verification testing per the Engineer.

**New:** The Engineer has many roles, and the shoring performance test frequency should be per the design requirements, not at the Engineer’s discretion. Proof and verification testing will be in line with documented construction manuals and specifications. Any additional performance testing beyond the design requirements at the request of the Engineer shall be paid by CDOT, if it passes; the Contractor if it fails.

Please use this on all projects with shoring.

This standard special provision will become mandatory in projects advertised on or after October 1, 2025. You may use this standard special provision in projects advertised before this date.

For those of you who keep a book of Standard Special Provisions, please include this new provision. For your convenience, this provision and the latest SSP Index are attached to the email. You can also find these in our Construction Specifications web pages: [Standard Special Provisions](https://www.codot.gov/business/designsupport/cdot-construction-specifications/2025-construction-specifications) and the [Recently Issued Special Provisions.](https://www.codot.gov/business/designsupport/cdot-construction-specifications/2025-construction-specifications/recently-issued-special-provisions)

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