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MEMORANDUM

DATE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2026  
TO: ALL BRIDGE DESIGN MANUAL USERS  
FROM: NATASHA BUTLER, PE, STATE BRIDGE ENGINEER  
SUBJECT: CDOT BRIDGE DESIGN MANUAL (BDM) UPDATES

The CDOT Bridge Design Manual (BDM) has been updated to correct and clarify the manual. As described in the manual, the revised BDM should be implemented immediately. The following sections have been updated:

Policies and Procedures  
Sections 2,5,6,9,11,12,13,33,35 and 36

The following are updated for formatting/accessibility  
Sections 1,4,7,8,10,14,16-30,32,34,38 and 39

The design manual will be available online at [https://www.codot.gov/programs/bridge/bridge-manuals/design\\_manual](https://www.codot.gov/programs/bridge/bridge-manuals/design_manual) and is attached as well.

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Bridge Design Manual (BDM) provides the policies and procedures currently in effect for the design, rehabilitation, and repair of bridges and other highway structures on or over the state highway system (on-system) and on federally or state funded off-system projects. Whenever conflicts between AASHTO and the BDM arise, policies established in the BDM shall govern. The BDM may be used for locally funded off-system projects.

Structural personnel should review and become familiar with this revised edition of the BDM. If you have any questions or recommendations for improvement, please contact:

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