

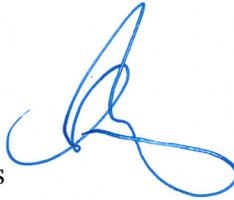
## Memorandum

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Subject: ***New Memos to Designers 8-8 "Deck Finishing and Quiet Decks"***

*Memos to Designer (MTD) 8-8 "Deck Finishing and Quiet Decks"* provides the background information behind the development of the "Quiet Deck" specifications. It also provides guidance on the steps to be taken in order to trigger these specifications. The "Quiet Deck" specifications for new bridges were incorporated into the 2010 Standard Specifications 51-1.03F(5)b; the Standard Special Provisions 51-1.03F(5)b address bridge widenings.

Implementing "Quiet Deck" Specifications will not require any re-design efforts. However, implementing these specifications may marginally impact project costs (re-scoping is unnecessary) if the need is identified after the PSE phase.

For questions or concerns on applications to a specific project, consultants/local Agencies should contact the Structure Liaison Engineer. Caltrans staff may contact Madhwesh Raghavendrchar at (916) 227-7116.

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