

Memorandum

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Subject: **UPDATE OF Memo to Designers (MTDs) 4-1 Spread Footings**

Effective immediately, Memo to Designers (MTD) 4-1 "Spread Footings" is approved for use. This MTD provides guidance for design of bridge shallow foundations using the *AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications*, 6th Edition, and corresponding *California Amendments (AASHTO-CA BDS-6)*.

The revised memo accommodates design of abutments using LRFD methodology. The software for design of abutments in LRFD, CTABUT, was made available internally and will soon be available for purchase externally.

The revised memo includes a detailed design procedure and revised tables to be used for communications between Structure and Geotechnical Designers during the design process. Its usage should lead to a more efficient design process.

Use of MTD 4-1 may be helpful to projects based on *AASHTO-CA BDS-4*.

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