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To: Users of Oregon DOT Bridge Office Practice Manual

Subject: Changes to the ODOT Bridge Design and Drafting Manual

The ODOT Bridge Design and Drafting Manual, October 2004, has several changes and additions. The new changes affect 10 sections of the Manual and are being released in web-based Acrobat files, which can be accessed at the following web site:

<http://www.odot.state.or.us/tsbbridgepub/BrStds.htm>.

The Manual and changes can be viewed from the site, or downloaded and printed. The changes consist of 10 updates that are listed in the attachment.

The changes will apply to new projects as of this date. Some of the changes may benefit on-going projects. Existing projects may make use of the new changes, at the discretion of the CPM or Project Team Leader, and negotiated as a change to the WOC or project design criteria.

For questions and comments about the changes, please contact Kevin Davidson, or Bruce Johnson.

The October 2004 BDDM and the September 2003 Office Practice Manual will remain on the web site for projects already underway. New projects that have not started design work or received notice to proceed are expected to be done in accordance with the new April 2005 BDDM, where feasible.

DEVIATIONS: When different standards or methods than those allowed in the BDDM are desired or needed, a deviation must be requested by E-mail to Kevin Davidson, BDDM coordinator, or to Bruce Johnson, State Bridge Engineer. The Deviation Request should be sent from the project leader or Consultant Project Manager through the responsible Tech Center or BDU. An E-mail approval will then be sent to the requesting project

leader or consultant project manager, and the Tech Center Manager or BDU Manager.

The BDDM will be reviewed again within one year to assess any needed changes. Please forward any comments for clarifications and proposed revisions to either Kevin Davidson or Jeff Silbernagel. Suggestions for changes will be reviewed by Bridge Engineering Section, the Bridge Leadership Team and will be posted on the Web Site for comment by users of the Manual before being incorporated into the Manual.

For questions and comments about the Manual or updating process, please contact either of the following individuals at: Kevin Davidson 503.986.3342 Kevin.F.DAVIDSON@odot.state.or.us for design related issues or Jeff Silbernagle 503.986.3362 Jeffrey.SILBERNAGEL@odot.state.or.us for drafting practice related issues.

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Attachment: BDDM Updates Summary.doc