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FOREWORD

The *NDOT Structures Manual* has been developed to provide bridge designers with NDOT's standard structural design policies and practices. Designers should attempt to meet all of the criteria presented in the *Manual*, while fulfilling NDOT's mission of providing a safe and efficient transportation system for the State. Designers must consider economic impacts, aesthetics, and the social and cultural resources of the project area and request exceptions to the *Manual* criteria when conditions warrant. Because it is impossible to address every issue that bridge designers will encounter, sound engineering judgment must be exercised when conditions arise that are not specifically covered in the *Manual*.

The *NDOT Structures Manual* has been prepared based on the 4th Edition of the AASHTO *LRFD Bridge Design Specifications*.

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REVISION PROCESS

The *NDOT Structures Manual* is intended to provide current structural design policies and procedures for use in developing NDOT projects. To ensure that the *Manual* remains up-to-date and appropriately reflects changes in NDOT's needs and requirements, its contents will be updated on an ongoing basis. It is the responsibility of the *Manual* holder to keep the *Manual* updated.

The NDOT Structures Division will be responsible for evaluating changes in the structural design literature (e.g., updates to the *LRFD Specifications*, the issuance of new research publications, revisions to Federal regulations) and will ensure that those changes are appropriately addressed through the issuance of revisions to the *Manual*. It is important that users of the *Manual* inform NDOT of any inconsistencies, errors, need for clarification, or new ideas to support the goal of providing the best and most up-to-date information practical. Comments and proposed revisions may be forwarded to the Chief Structures Engineer using the Revision Proposal Form.

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