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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL BRIDGE DESIGNERS - IN-HOUSE AND CONSULTANTS

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SUBJECT: BRIDGE DESIGN TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM NO. 97 (BDTM.97) -  
IMPLEMENTATION OF LATEST AASHTO SPECIFICATIONS

DATE: October 27, 2020

Effective immediately, the Bridge Design and Evaluation Manual (BDEM) Preface is revised as follows. Under the heading Maintenance and Revision of BDEM, under the 4th paragraph which reads, "The latest AASHTO Specifications to be implemented for each volume in Part II, as of now, are listed below," the following bullets are revised (changes shown in red):

- **Volume 1 - Bridge Design:**  
*AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications, 9th Edition 2020*
- **Volume 3 - Structural Supports for Permanent Highway Signs and High Mast Lighting:**  
*AASHTO LRFD Specifications for Structural Supports for Highway Signs, Luminaires, and Traffic Signals, 1st Edition 2015, with 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 Interim Revisions*
- **Volume 5 - Bridge Evaluation/Rating:**  
*AASHTO The Manual for Bridge Evaluation, 3rd Edition 2018, with 2019 Interim Revisions*

The BDEM is being revised to incorporate the above specification updates. Until such time as the revised BDEM is published, the design engineer will need to coordinate the current BDEM Part II with the above specifications.

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