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Subject: **Publication of the Bridge Detailing Guide. Publication of Chapters 6, 8, and 10 of the Bridge Design Manual, and minor revisions to other Chapters.**

The NDOT Bridge Division Bridge Detailing Guide (BDG) is now available for download. This is a new guide that provides guidance on NDOT standards for plan preparation.

The NDOT Bridge Division Bridge Design Manual (BDM) has been updated to include Chapter 6 – Steel Superstructures, Chapter 8 – Deck Drainage, and Chapter 10 – Foundations. These are all new chapters that provide updated guidance from what was listed in the BOPP. Other chapters have been updated. All the updated documents are available for download at:

- <https://dot.nebraska.gov/business-center/bridge/>

All documents are effective immediately. Please check this website regularly for updates and future chapter publications.

Update Summary of Bridge Design Manual

Chapters 1, 3, and 13. Appendix C

- Minor updates. See change bars for details

Chapter 5

- Update to the clear cover section
- Update to projections of SWWR in girders with large haunches
- Additional minor updates, see change bars for details.

Chapters 6, 8, and 10

- First publication

Chapter 7

- Clarified concrete deck finishes with membrane overlays
- Removed delayed preservation of new deck policy
- Clarified policy on helical piles at grade beam for approach slab replacement.

Chapter 9

- Clarified concrete deck finishes with and without membrane overlays

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