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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL CONSULTANTS
ALL BRIDGE DESIGNERS

FROM: PAUL FOSSIER, P.E. 
BRIDGE DESIGN ENGINEER ADMINISTRATOR

SUBJECT: BRIDGE DESIGN TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM NO. 53 (BDTM.53)
DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRONIC DESIGN FILES TO CONTRACTORS

DATE: February 4, 2015

Effective immediately, the following policies and procedures for the distribution of electronic design (dgn, dtm, or other) files to contractors shall be implemented.

It shall be the policy that, when requested, existing final electronic design files be provided to contractors who have a relevant interest in a project. However, the files shall not be provided until the contractor has completed and submitted the attached Design Files Disclaimer. An electronic version of the disclaimer is available for download on the Bridge Design Website under heading *Downloads* and the DOTD Plans Room (Falcon) website.

All initial requests for electronic design files, including the submittal of the Design Files Disclaimer, shall be made to the DOTD Project Manager.

The recommended method for the file distribution is by way of a password protected ftp site via the Large File Transfer link on the intranet. The engineer's seal shall be removed from all files prior to upload.

This technical memorandum is posted on the Bridge Design Website under Technical Memoranda. http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/Bridge_Design/Pages/Technical-Memoranda.aspx

Please contact Ms. Zhengzheng "Jenny" Fu (225-379-1321, zhengzheng.fu@la.gov) if you have questions or comments.

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Attachment

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Date