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of Transportation

**Federal Highway
Administration**

Memorandum

Subject: **INFORMATION**: Approval of the Use of
Structural Design Standards

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To: Division Administrators
Directors of Field Services

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and the American Welding Society (AWS) have published new editions of design standards incorporated by reference at 23 CFR 625.4(d). The new editions are titled:

- AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications, 10th Edition, 2024
- AASHTO 2020 Interim Revisions to the LRFD Bridge Construction Specifications, 4th Edition, 2017
- AASHTO 2022 Interim Revisions to the LRFD Bridge Construction Specifications, 4th Edition, 2017
- AASHTO 2023 Interim Revisions to the LRFD Bridge Construction Specifications, 4th Edition, 2017
- AASHTO 2024 Interim Revisions to the LRFD Bridge Construction Specifications, 4th Edition, 2017
- AASHTO 2025 Interim Revisions to the LRFD Bridge Construction Specifications, 4th Edition, 2017
- AASHTO LRFD Movable Highway Bridge Design Specifications, 3rd Edition, 2023
- AASHTO 2022 Interim Revisions to the LRFD Specifications for Structural Supports for Highway Signs, Luminaires, and Traffic Signals, 1st Edition, 2015
- AASHTO 2022 Interim Revisions to Standard Specifications for Structural Supports for Highway Signs, Luminaires, and Traffic Signals, 6th Edition, 2013
- AASHTO 2025 Interim Revisions to Standard Specifications for Structural Supports for Highway Signs, Luminaires, and Traffic Signals, 6th Edition, 2013
- AWS D1.1/D1.1M:2025 Structural Welding Code – Steel, 25th Edition, 2025
- AASHTO/AWS D1.5M/D1.5:2025 Bridge Welding Code, 9th Edition, 2025

These design standards were developed through the AASHTO and AWS technical committee process, with the cooperation of FHWA and the State highway departments. Pursuant to 23 CFR 625.3(f)(2), FHWA approves the use of these more recent editions

of the standards, although their use is not required. The standards currently incorporated by reference at 23 CFR 625.4(d) continue to be required.

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