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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL CONSULTANTS  
ALL BRIDGE DESIGNERS

FROM: HOSSEIN GHARA, P.E.  
BRIDGE DESIGN ENGINEER ADMINISTRATOR

SUBJECT: BRIDGE DESIGN TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM NO. 2 (BDTM.2)  
LIVE LOAD FACTOR FOR SERVICE III LIMIT STATE

DATE: FEBRUARY 13, 2009

Effective immediately for all projects prior to 95% final plan stage, a factor of 1.0 in lieu of 0.8 shall be used for the Live Load Factor in Service III Limit State as specified in Table 3.4.1-1 of AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications (4<sup>th</sup> Edition).

This technical memorandum will be posted on Bridge Design Website: [http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside\\_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/Bridge\\_Design/Pages/Technical-Memoranda.aspx](http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/Bridge_Design/Pages/Technical-Memoranda.aspx)

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