Memorandum

To: DIVISION OF ENGINEERING SERVICES
   STRUCTURE DESIGN BRIDGE DESIGNERS

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From: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
      DIVISION OF ENGINEERING SERVICES
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Subject: Caltrans Guide Specifications for Seismic Design of Steel Bridges – 1st Edition

Attached is a copy of the first edition of Caltrans Guide Specifications for Seismic Design of Steel Bridges (Guide). The provisions presented in the Guide are based on past successful experiences, various codes and specifications, state-of-the-art research and knowledge. The Guide has passed through five successive drafts and critical reviews since January 2000. It has been developed as a consensus document to provide a uniform guideline for the seismic design of the steel bridges. The Guide is supplemental to the current Caltrans SDC Version 1.2 published in December 2001. These provisions shall be applied in conjunction with the current Caltrans Bridge Design Specifications (LFD Version April 2000).

The development of the Guide was a joint team effort product of the Structural Steel Committee, the Earthquake Engineering Committee, and included many people who gave unselfishly of their time and talent. This effort is gratefully acknowledged.

Questions regarding the Guide should be addressed by the appropriate Seismic Specialist or Structural Steel Committee Member or Earthquake Committee Representative for each unit.

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Attachment