**Memorandum**

To: DEPUTY DISTRICT DIRECTORS, Construction  
DEPUTY DIVISION CHIEFS, Structure Construction  
CONSTRUCTION MANAGERS  
SENIOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERS  
RESIDENT ENGINEERS  

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File: Division of Construction  
CPD 06-7

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Chief  
Division of Construction

Subject: Eliminate haunch detail for Type 1 Retaining Walls with safety barrier

The Department will allow the contractor an option to eliminate the haunch detail from standard plan Type 1 Retaining Walls with safety barrier on applicable on-going construction contracts. Contractors who choose to use this alternative construction method must submit a written request to the engineer that asks to eliminate the haunch detail. The request shall not require additional compensation or time. A memorandum from Roberto Lacalle to Dolores Valls dated April 25, 2006, is attached and provides details about the requirements and conditions that apply.

A sample contract change order (CCO) and sample CCO memorandum are attached for reference. The engineer may need to include revised plan sheets or standard plans in the CCO to define the change completely.

This construction policy directive (CPD) serves as authorization, from both the Division of Construction and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), for district personnel to approve contract change orders to eliminate haunch detail as described above. This change does not require that individual CCO transmittals be sent to the Division of Construction for review.

Send a copy of the attached FHWA blanket prior approval along with the CCO memorandum to the Division of Construction for all federally funded projects.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this CPD, please contact Overcomer Hor at (916) 227-8482, Office of Design & Technical Services, Structure Design Services & Earthquake Engineering, Division of Engineering Services or Austin Perez at (916) 227-5705, Division of Construction.

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Attachments: Memorandum from Office of Structure Design Services & Earthquake Engineering to Offices of Structure Construction
Contract Change Order
Contract Change Order Memorandum
FHWA – Record of Blanket Prior Approval for Major Contract Change Order

c: Roberto Lacalle
   Dolores Valls
   All construction staff