

**PREFACE TO
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BRIDGE DESIGN GUIDES**

These Guides have been developed to serve as an aid for designing and detailing bridges in Michigan. The intent is to provide consistency in office practice and interpretation of current Specifications.

It is recognized that the details within these Guides are ever evolving, not applicable to all situations and that judgment must be used at times.

The Guides contained herein are to be used for reference only. When using details on plans, designers and detailers shall confirm that design calculations/assumptions, dimensions and notes are appropriate for job specific situations. It is the responsibility of the designer and/or detailer to ensure that all details and notes are the most current and comply with the appropriate specifications (AASHTO, AREMA, AWS, ASTM, MDOT, etc.).