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LRFD Design for Overhead Sign Structures, Structural Supports for CCTV cameras, RWIS, and Non-invasive Pavement Sensor Systems, and their Foundations
Straight Anchor Rods for Foundations

TO: Bureau of Bridge Design Staff, Bridge Design Consultants, FHWA, and NHDOT Bureaus

The Bureau of Bridge Design is updating the Bridge Design Manual. During this process, certain design decisions are being issued for immediate implementation. Consequently, the Bridge Design Manual and Traffic Detail Sheets have been modified as follows:

A. Bridge Design Manual:
   • Chapter 10, Section 10.2, 10.3, 10.6, and References
   • Appendix 10.2-A1

B. Traffic Detail Sheets:
   • Traffic Signal Mast Arm Foundation – Type 1A
   • Traffic Signal Mast Arm Foundation – Type 1B & 1C
   • Traffic Signal Mast Arm Foundation – Type 1D & 1E
   • Traffic Signal Mast Arm Foundation – Type 2

C. Summary: The above noted revisions are being implemented to specify the following:
   • NHDOT is implementing that all overhead sign structures, CCTV poles, RWIS and non-invasive pavement sensor system supports, and their foundations be designed in accordance with the current AASHTO LRFD Specifications for Structural Supports for Highway Signs, Luminaires, and Traffic Signals.
   • Traffic signal mast arms, luminaire poles, high-mast lighting poles, roadside signs, their foundations, and bridge-mounted sign supports shall be designed in accordance with AASHTO Standard Specifications for Structural Supports for Highway Signs, Luminaires, and Traffic Signals.
   • NHDOT is implementing that all foundation anchor rods for overhead sign structures, CCTV poles, RWIS, non-invasive pavement sensor systems, traffic signal mast arms, luminaire poles, and high-mast lighting poles shall be straight rods conforming to the requirements of ASTM F1554 Grade 55 (minimum). ASTM A615 reinforcing steel is not permitted. Galvanize the entire anchor rod per ASTM A153. Each anchor rod shall be supplied with a minimum of three hex nuts (ASTM A563 or ASTM A194) and a minimum of two flat hardened washers (ASTM F436). Bent (hooked or J-bolt) anchor rods shall not be used.
   • The special provisions have been revised for these implementations.
   • The Traffic Detail Sheets (.dgn and .pdf format) have been revised and are located on the Bureau of Highway Design Detail Sheets web page: https://www.nh.gov/dot/org/projectdevelopment/highwaydesign/detailsheets/index.htm
D. Background:

This memorandum incorporates modifications to the current NHDOT Bridge Manual and Traffic Detail Sheets, and provides the modified details on the NHDOT Highway Design Website.

The previous Traffic Signal Mast Arm Foundation Detail Sheets showed hooked or J-Bolt anchor rods. The AISC Steel Design Manual, FHWA Guidelines for the Installation, Inspection, Maintenance and Repair of Structural Supports for Highway Signs, Luminaires, and Traffic Signals, AASHTO LRFD Specifications for Structural Supports for Highway Signs, Luminaires, and Traffic Signals, and NCHRP Report 411 recommend using straight double-headed anchor rods. The references note that hooked or J-bolt anchor rods are not reliable and should not be used in design. Headed bolts give more efficient pullout strengths than hooked bolts because the hooked bolts can straighten and pull out under high tensile loads when crushing in the concrete occurs at the area of the hook. Also, anchor rods with hooks make it impossible to perform a proper ultrasound inspection. The NHDOT special provisions note to inspect the anchor rods using ultrasound prior to installation.

The anchor rods are designed by the Fabricator of the support or pole. Bureau of Bridge Design or Bridge Design Consultants review the shop plans of the support or pole and confirm the anchor rod design. The straight anchor rod is a change to some Fabricators working with NHDOT. If the shop plans show hooked or J-bolt anchor rods, they shall be marked up to use straight double-nutted anchor rods.

The AASHTO LRFD Specifications for Structural Supports for Highway Signs, Luminaires, and Traffic Signals was first published in 2015. Traffic signal mast arms, luminaire poles, high-mast lighting poles, roadside signs, their foundations, and bridge-mounted sign supports will still be designed in accordance with AASHTO Standard Specifications for Structural Supports for Highway Signs, Luminaires, and Traffic Signals. The traffic signal mast arm foundation detail sheets were recently redesigned using Working Stress Design. All the detail sheets will need to be redesigned for LRFD specifications. The Bureau of Bridge will redesign the sheets upon available time.

This Memorandum clarifies NHDOT’s policy for the use of straight double-nutted anchor rods in the design of overhead sign structures, CCTV poles, RWIS and non-invasive pavement sensor system supports, and their foundations in accordance with AASHTO LRFD Specifications for Structural Supports for Highway Signs, Luminaires, and Traffic Signals.

E. Implementation:

The update to the Bridge Design Manual and Traffic Detail Sheets shall be implemented as of the date of this memo and shall be used on all applicable projects.

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10.2 Loads

A. General

Overhead sign structures, intelligent transportation systems (CCTV, Road and Weather Information Station Systems, and Non-Invasive Pavement Sensor Systems), and the foundations shall be designed in accordance with the current edition of AASHTO LRFD Specifications for Structural Supports for Highway Signs, Luminaires, and Traffic Signals, including interims, ASCE/SEI 7 Minimum Design Loads For Buildings and other Structures, NHDOT Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, NHDOT Bridge Design Manual, and any special provisions. Traffic signal mast arms, luminaire poles, high mast lighting poles, and bridge-mounted sign supports shall be designed in accordance with AASHTO Standard Specifications for Structural Supports for Highway Signs, Luminaires, and Traffic Signals, including interims.

B. Dead Loads

- **Sign**
  (Incl. weight of sign & attachments (3 psf [14.6 kg/m²]) and weight of W6x9 sign support (typically avg. 2 psf [9.8 kg/m²]))
  5.0 psf (24.4 kg/m²) per manufacturer

- **Dynamic Message Sign (DMS)**

- **Variable Speed Limit Sign (VSLS)**

- **Luminaire**

- **Standard Signal Head**

- **Bridge Mounted Sign Supports**

- **Structural Members**

- **Maintenance Walkway**

- **Closed Circuit Television**

C. Wind Loads

- The 3-second wind gust map in the AASHTO LRFD Specifications for Structural Supports for Highway Signs, Luminaires, and Traffic Signals shows the basic wind speed to be used when computing design wind pressure.

- 1700-year MRI basic wind speed of 130-mph (209-km/hr) shall be used for the entire state of NH except in the Special Wind Region (i.e. regions along the NH-VT border and Franconia Notch) as shown in AASHTO LRFD Specifications, Fig. 3.8-2b. The maximum-recorded wind speed in this area shall be used as the basic wind speed if it is greater than the NH basic wind speed of 130-mph (209-km/hr). See the special wind region map located at [http://www.windspeedbyzip.com/](http://www.windspeedbyzip.com/), Appendix 10.2-A1, and weather stations in the special wind region for recorded wind speeds.

D. Mean Recurrence Interval (Table 3.8-1 AASHTO LRFD Specifications for Structural Supports for Highway Signs, Luminaires, and Traffic Signals)

- Risk Category: Typical, 1700-year MRI

E. Ice Loads (Applied to a DMS or VSLS only)

- Applied to the top, ends, and front face.

- Ice load per ASCE 7, Chapter 10. Factored load combinations using Strength Design per ASCE 7, Section 2.3.2 and 2.3.4.
F. Snow Loads (Applied to a DMS or VSLS only)
   - Applied to the top panel and any other horizontal projection of a DMS or VSLS.
   - Ground snow load ($p_g$) taken at a specific elevation and location in New Hampshire as noted in *US Army Corps of Engineers Ground Snow Loads for NH (February 2002)*, Table 1. Reduce or increase value for the design elevation as noted in footnote.
   - Use flat roof snow load ($p_f$) per equation 7.3-1 in *ASCE 7*.
   - Use load combinations with Strength Design per *ASCE 7, Section 2.3.2 and 2.3.4*.

G. Fatigue Design

Fatigue design shall conform to *AASHTO LRFD Specifications for Structural Supports for Highway Signs, Luminaires, and Traffic Signals* and the following categories:

1) Cantilevered Fatigue Category I:
   - All overhead cantilever sign structures
     - Galloping loads may be excluded for fatigue design of overhead cantilevered sign structures with four-chord horizontal trusses.
   - ITS support poles (horizontal distance from roadway to pole ≤ height of pole)

2) Cantilevered Fatigue Category II:
   - ITS support poles (horizontal distance from roadway to pole > height of pole)

3) Non-Cantilevered Fatigue Category I:
   - Overhead bridge sign structures located along the Turnpike, Interstate, and Interstate ramps

4) Non-Cantilevered Fatigue Category II:
   - Overhead bridge sign structures located on non-Turnpike, non-Interstate, NH, and US numbered routes

H. Live Load:

- A live load consisting of a single load of 500-lbs. (226.8-kg) distributed over 2.0-ft. (0.6-m) transversely to the member shall be used for designing members for walkways and platforms (*AASHTO LRFD Specifications for Structural Supports for Highway Signs, Luminaires, and Traffic Signals, Section 3.6*).

Support structures shall be designed using the maximum of the load combinations noted in *AASHTO LRFD Specifications for Structural Supports for Highway Signs, Luminaires, and Traffic Signals, Section 3.4 and Table 3.4-1 and ASCE 7* (ice and snow loads).
10.3 Overhead Sign Structures

10.3.1 General

The design of overhead sign structures is a combined effort between the Bureau of Bridge Design and the supplier of the structure. Bridge Design is responsible for the preliminary and final design of the foundations for overhead sign structures for In-House projects. Consultants are responsible for the preliminary and final design of the foundations, with the guidance from Bridge Design, for Consultant projects. The supplier of overhead sign structures is responsible for the design of the structure and submits shop drawings to the Department for approval. The supplier’s calculations and shop plans are reviewed for general conformity with Contract Plans and NHDOT’s policies and specifications.

10.3.2 NHDOT Design Requirements

A. Structure

- Overhead sign structures shall be designed to accommodate sign surface areas 30 percent greater than those shown on the plans, unless otherwise noted.
- The structures shall be galvanized steel in accordance with NHDOT Specification 550.2.9.
- Provide a 3-foot (1-meter) walkway with OSHA approved railing for access to any electronic message signs on overhead structures. The walkway shall extend to the edge of pavement to provide access to the DMS without having to use a bucket truck over the travel lane, or having to shut down travel lanes.
- The structure shop plans and calculations shall be prepared and stamped by a professional engineer licensed in the state of New Hampshire.
- 25 percent of the base plate-to-post weld shall be inspected by magnetic particle testing per AASHTO Specifications. This requirement shall be noted on the shop plans.
- Sign support members (W6x9) shall not be greater in length than the sign height.
- The Fabricator shall furnish a complete set of shop drawings and design calculations, along with the design forces and offsets, as noted in Special Provision Amendment to Section 615, Traffic Signs.
- The connection of the structure to the foundation shall be a double-nut moment connection.
- Lock washers shall not be used with the installation of high strength bolts per FHWA Guidelines.
- Triangular truss and tubular arch type overhead sign structures, as shown below, are not permitted due to concerns with their susceptibility to fatigue cracking.
NHDOT permitted sign structure types include the following (see Figure 10.3.2-1):
1) truss upright, truss horizontal
2) monotube upright, truss horizontal
3) monotube upright, monotube horizontal

NHDOT Sign Structure Types

*Figure 10.3.2-1*
B. Foundation

- Spread footing foundations shall be used for all sign structures, unless directed otherwise by the Geotechnical Engineer.
- NHDOT policy for maximum allowed area of footing with uplift shall be the following:
  - Sign bridge structure = 5% of footing area.
  - Cantilevered sign structure = 1% of footing area.
- Use the same reinforcing bar size for both directions in the footing.
- The vertical stem reinforcing bars shall be checked for development length, into both the stem and footing.
- The overlap length of the vertical reinforcing bar and anchor rod shall be checked that the length is equivalent to a class c splice of the reinforcing bar.
- The distance from the top of the concrete stem to the bottom of the sign structure base plate shall equal the nut height plus 1-inch (25-mm) (preferred) or nut height plus the anchor rod diameter (maximum). (Note the nut height equals the rod diameter.)
- Anchor rods shall be straight double headed rods and conform to the requirements of ASTM F1554 Grade 55 (minimum). ASTM A615 reinforcing steel is not permitted. Galvanize the entire anchor rod per ASTM A153. Each anchor rod shall be supplied with a minimum of three hex nuts (ASTM A563 or ASTM A194) and a minimum of two flat hardened washers (ASTM F436). Bent (hooked or J-bolt) anchor rods shall not be used.
- Anchor rods shall include hardened washers. Lock washers shall not be used as they do not prevent loss of the anchor bolt preload, and their variability of deformation under load does not provide for proper bolt tension during installation.
- Anchor rod size and layout shall be designed by the structure Fabricator and shall be identical for both left and right footings.
- For sign structures that are designed for Cantilevered Fatigue Category I, the anchor rods shall be designed for wind-induced cyclic loads per AASHTO Standard Specifications for Structural Supports for Highway Signs, Luminaires, and Traffic Signals, 5.17.3.4.
- Each monotube upright post shall have a minimum of eight (8) foundation anchor rods. Each post of a multi post upright (truss) shall have a minimum of four (4) foundation anchor rods per post.
- The connection of the structure to the foundation shall be a double-nut moment connection.
- Grout shall not be used between the structure base plate and the top of the footing. The grout on existing footings has cracked, allowing water and chlorides to stay in the cracks and not dry out, which has led to corrosion of the anchor rods.
- A stainless steel standard grade wire cloth (1/4-in. (6.4 mm) maximum opening with minimum wire diameter of AWG No. 16) shall be installed around the structure base plate and top of footing with a 2-inch (51 mm) lap as shown and noted on the footing plans. The screen is to prevent debris from collecting beneath the base plate, keep animals out, and protect the electrical wires.
- Typical NHDOT sign footing plan is shown in Appendix 10.3-B1.
- Cofferdams, Item 503.20x may be required if there is insufficient room to excavate for the footing using 1.5:1 cut slopes. Cofferdams with Sheeting Left-in-Place, Item 503.30x, should be used when its removal would create a stability problem with adjacent
structures of any type, including roadways and drainage, the sign structure itself or as required by the geotechnical engineer.

Typical NHDOT Sign Structure Footing

*Figure 10.3.2-2*
C. Geometry

- The top of the concrete stem shall be placed 3-inches ± (76-mm) higher than the adjacent highest finished grade.
- The bottom of the foundation shall be placed a minimum of 5’-0” (1.5-m) below the lowest finished grade (normal to the ground surface) for frost cover.
- The upright face of the sign structure which is closest to traffic shall be located outside the clear zone. However, if the sign structure cannot be located outside the clear zone, the upright face closest to traffic shall be located a minimum of 10-ft. (3-m) behind the guardrail for any Interstate or Turnpike location. Any exception to this shall be approved by the Bureau of Traffic.
- Overhead signs shall provide a vertical clearance of 17’-6” (5.3-m) [18’-0” (5.5-m) preferred by Bureau of Traffic] over the entire width of the travel way and shoulders.
- The maximum overhead cantilever sign structure span is 50-ft. (15-m). Any exception to this shall be approved by the Design Chief, Bureau of Bridge Design.
- The foundation and structure shall be located within the state owned right-of-way, and without interference with utilities, drainage pipes, or structures.

10.3.3 Installation

- The foundation shall be constructed and the sign structure installed according to NHDOT Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, Section 615 – Traffic Signs, and the Special Provision, Amendment to Section 615 – Traffic Signs.
- The Special Provision, Amendment to Section 615 – Traffic Signs, shall be included in all project proposals that have a sign structure. This special provision addresses the anchor rod installation and pretensioning procedures for the double-nut connection to the foundation.
- The structure shall not be placed onto the leveling nuts until the foundation concrete has cured for at least 7 days or attained at least 80 percent of its design compressive strength.
- Sign mounting brackets shall be attached to the structure utilizing only bolted connections, which allow complete lateral and vertical adjustment of the sign over the roadway, as noted in Section 615.
- Foundation must be backfilled to the elevation shown on the plans, prior to installation of the sign structure.
- When the sign panels are not installed immediately upon installation of the structure, an equivalent loading, such as dampers, shall be installed temporarily for mono-tube cantilever structures only.

10.3.4 Design Guidelines

A guideline for the review of the sign structure shop plans and design, and drawing of the foundation plan, can be found in Appendix 10.3-A1. A sample plan of a sign footing can be found in Appendix 10.3-B1.

If the site being considered for a sign structure has poor soil conditions, a decision must be made on whether to use a bridge sign structure with two foundations or a cantilevered sign structure.
with one foundation on piles, a cost comparison will usually show that the cantilevered sign structure with one foundation on piles is approximately twice the cost of a bridge sign structure. The pile foundation cost is higher due to the cost of providing pile driving equipment.

10.3.5 Design Process and Coordination

1) Upon initiation of a design for a new sign structure, the lead Bureau shall request borings and shall provide the following to the Bureau of Materials and Research:
   - Roadway plan and cross-sections showing the proposed location of the structure(s) and boring location by station and offset.
   - One boring should be requested for each foundation. If poor soils are encountered, the designer shall be contacted to determine if a boring should be taken at another location (i.e., the location moved or a sign bridge structure could be used at the location instead of a cantilever structure).

2) The lead Bureau then requests a preliminary sign footing size and quantities from the Bureau of Bridge Design or the design Consultant. The request should include the following:
   - A “stick diagram” for each structure indicating the structure location, span, offset, signs, sign location on the structure, elevations, vertical clearance, dimensions, and any other attachments to the structure.
   - Roadway plan and cross-sections showing the proposed location of the structure(s).
   - Any other information that may affect the final location of the sign foundation.

3) In response to the Preliminary Sign Footing Request, the Bureau of Bridge Design or the design Consultant shall provide the following to the lead Bureau:
   - Approximate footing dimensions for each structure.
   - A cross-section of each structure with the preliminary footing drawn on the section, indicating the top and bottom footing elevations and showing cofferdams, if required.
   - Estimated quantities for construction of the footing:
     - Item 206.1, Common Structure Excavation
     - Item 503.20x, Cofferdams (if required)
     - Item 503.30x, Cofferdams with Sheetin Left-in-Place (if required)
     - Item 508, Structural Fill (if required)
     - Item 520.2, Concrete Class B
     - Item 544.1, Reinforcing Steel (Roadway)
   - Appendix 10.3-A2 provides tables of data for bridge and cantilever sign structures and their foundation that have been designed and constructed. This information is for reference only and can be used for preliminary estimates for footing dimensions and quantities.
4) Contract Plan Stage
The lead Bureau or design Consultant shall transfer the preliminary sign footing information onto the contract plans. The contract plans and/or proposal shall include the following:

- “Stick diagram” of each structure with the latest information showing the structure location, span, offset, signs, sign location on the structure, elevations, vertical clearance, dimensions, and any other attachments to the structure.
- Sign Text Layout Plan
- General Roadway Plan showing the structure and foundation locations
- Cross-sections showing the structures and foundations (transferred from the preliminary sign footing cross-section).
- Special Provision, Amendment to Section 615 – Traffic Signs
- The project estimate shall include funds for structural steel inspection during fabrication of the sign structure (approximately $2,000 for each structure).

5) Award of the Contract Stage
- The Contractor shall submit a complete set of sign structure shop drawings and design calculations, along with the design forces and offsets, as noted in Section 615.3.4.1.2, Structure Requirements, of the Special Provision Amendment to 615, Traffic Signs.
- The Bureau of Bridge Design, or the design Consultant, shall review the Fabricator’s sign structure calculations and shop plans for conformity with the contract plans, proposal, specifications, and NHDOT policy. The shop plans shall be stamped “Approved”, “Approved Except as Noted”, or “Disapproved” and returned to the Bureau of Construction for distribution to the Contractor, Traffic Bureau, Steel Fabrication Inspector, and Fabricator.

The review shall conform to the requirements of the following:

- Contract plans
- Addendums
- Specifications
- Special Provision, Amendment to Section 615
- NHDOT Bridge Design Manual, Chapter 10 Non-Bridge Structures
- Sign Structure and Footing Design Guidelines (Appendix 10.3-A1)

- The Bureau of Bridge Design or the design Consultant will design the sign structure footing(s) using the design loads provided by the Fabricator of the sign structure. A footing plan shall be prepared (See Appendix 10.3-B1 for a sample Sign Structure Footing Plan) and shall include the following:
  - Plan, elevation, and sectional view of footing
  - Reinforcing layout and schedule
  - Item numbers and quantities
  - Item number of structure
  - Notes
  - Detailed description of the footing location (obtain from the Bureau of Traffic; the description shall be more than the structure stationing)
  - Traffic Inventory Number (obtain from the Bureau of Traffic)
6) Distribution of Plans

- Distribute the following to the Bureau of Construction:
  - Electronic copy of the sign structure footing plan(s).
  - Electronic copy of “Approved” stamped sign structure shop plans.

- Distribute the following to the Fabrication Engineer, Bureau of Bridge Design:
  - One (1) paper or electronic copy of the “Approved” stamped sign structure shop plans with a transmittal letter noting the project name, number, sign structure location, name of fabricator, and noting that the copy is to be distributed to the shop inspector.

- Email the Bureau of Traffic Engineering Section, noting that a copy of the “Approved” stamped sign structure shop plans and foundation drawings were scanned and placed as noted below in “Archiving the Plans”.

7) Archiving the Plans

The sign structure shop plans and footing plans are stored in the Bureau of Bridge Design. The following shall be filed in Bridge Design for future reference:

- One (1) full size plan(s) of the sign structure footing, filed in the tub per the file number.

- A folder labeled with the sign structure project name and project number, and placed in the Sign Structure file cabinet. The folder shall contain the following:
  - Half-size paper copy of the “Approved” stamped sign structure shop plans
  - Mark the Traffic Inventory Number for the structure on the corresponding shop plans for future reference
  - Design calculations of the sign structure and footing
  - Half-size paper copy of the sign structure footing plans
  - “Stick Diagrams” of each structure from the contract plans
  - Cross-section of each structure from the contract plans
  - Copy of any addendums or special provisions
  - Half-size copy of the General Roadway Plans showing the structure locations
  - Geotechnical Report and Boring Logs
  - Half-size copy of the Sign Text Layout Plan from the contract plans

- Save an electronic copy of the “Approved” stamped sign structure shop plans and foundation drawings.
  - Save the scanned documents in the V:\directory (V:\Bureaus\B54-Traffic\ENGINEERING&RESEARCH\OHSS\Plans (Structure & Footing).
  - Create a sub-folder with the structure inventory number.
  - Save the documents in the sub-folder. The scanned structure shop plans should be named with the year approved (i.e., structure 2012.pdf). The
scanned footing plans should also be named with the year designed (i.e., footing 2012.pdf). Include the word “original if a new structure and/or footing.

8) Recording Sign Structure and Footing Details

- The sign structure and footing details shall be entered into the Bureau of Bridge Design Database by the project engineer as described in the Sign Structure and Footing Design Guidelines (Appendix 10.3-A1).
- If Bridge Design was not the lead Bureau of the sign structure project, the lead Bureau or design Consultant shall forward the plans and information as noted above (Archiving the Plans) to the Bureau of Bridge Design for archiving and recording.

10.3.6 Adding New Signs to an Existing Overhead Sign Structure

Existing sign structures and foundations that were constructed since 1975 have been designed to accommodate a total sign surface area 30% greater than the proposed sign area. If a sign(s) needs to be replaced or added to an existing overhead sign structure, the Bureau of Traffic shall coordinate the following:

1) The Traffic Engineer shall determine, from the existing project folder calculations and shop plans, the total sign surface area for which the structure and foundation were designed. If the Bureau of Traffic does not have a copy of the calculations and shop plans, the Traffic Engineer shall contact the Bureau of Bridge Design for a copy. Since the existing signs on the structure may not be the actual signs for which the structure was designed, the actual designed sign surface area needs to be confirmed by the design calculations and shop plans. The Bureau of Traffic has created a sign structure database to inventory each structure and its signs. Information regarding the total designed sign surface area for the structure will be added to the database for future reference.

2) For overhead sign structures where the centroid of each sign remains coincident with the mid-height of the horizontal truss, does not lower the vertical clearance and does not move laterally:
   a) If the new total sign surface area is less than the total designed sign surface area (original sign surface area plus 30%), the Traffic Engineer can replace the existing sign with the new sign without any further analysis.
   b) If the new total sign surface area is greater than the total designed sign surface area (original sign surface area plus 30%), the Traffic Engineer shall contact the Bureau of Bridge Design for analysis of the existing structure and foundation with the new loading.

3) For overhead sign structures where the centroid of an existing or new sign moves vertically from the mid-height of the horizontal truss and/or moves laterally to a different location on the horizontal, the Traffic Engineer shall contact the Bureau of Bridge Design for analysis of the existing structure and foundation with the new loading, regardless of whether the total sign area increases or decreases.

4) Any change of the sign(s) on the structure or the structure itself shall be updated in the Bridge Design Database.
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10.6 Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), Dynamic Message Sign (DMS), and Luminaire Support Structures

10.6.1 Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Support Structures


A. Closed Circuit Television Cameras (CCTV)

The design of CCTV systems is a combined effort between the Transportation Management Center, the Bureau of Bridge Design, Bureau of Materials and Research, and the supplier of the structure. Bridge Design and Materials and Research are responsible for the preliminary and final design of the CCTV pole foundation for In-House projects. For Consultant projects, Consultants are responsible for the preliminary and final design of the foundation, with the guidance from Materials and Research and Bridge Design. The supplier of the pole is responsible for the design of the pole and submits shop drawings (through the Contractor) to the Department or the Consultant for approval. The supplier’s calculations and shop plans (stamped by a NH PE) are reviewed for general conformance with the Contract Plans and NHDOT policies and specifications. See Figure 10.6.1-3 for a typical CCTV.

B. Road and Weather Information Station (RWIS)

The design of Road and Weather Information Station Systems is a combined effort between the Transportation Management Center, the Bureau of Bridge Design, and the supplier of the structure and foundation. The supplier of the pole is responsible for the design of the pole and foundation and submits shop drawings and calculations to the Department for approval. Bridge Design is responsible for reviewing the pole and foundation shop plans and calculations (stamped by a NH PE) for general conformity, for In-House projects. For Consultant projects, the design Consultant is responsible for reviewing the pole and foundation shop plans and calculations (stamped by a NH PE) for general conformity. See Figure 10.6.1-1 for a typical RWIS.

C. Non-Invasive Pavement Sensor Systems

The design of Non-Invasive Pavement Sensor Systems is a combined effort between the Transportation Management Center, the Bureau of Bridge Design, and the supplier of the structure and foundation. The supplier of the pole is responsible for the design of the pole and foundation and submits shop drawings and calculations to the Department for approval. Bridge Design is responsible for reviewing the pole and foundation shop plans and calculations (stamped by a NH PE) for general conformity, for In-House projects. For Consultant projects, the design Consultant is responsible for reviewing the pole and foundation shop plans and calculations (stamped by a NH PE) for general conformity. See Figure 10.6.1-2 for a typical Non-Invasive Pavement Sensor.

D. Coordination of CCTV Support Pole and Foundation

1) Once the contract is awarded, the Contractor shall submit shop drawings of the CCTV support pole(s), design calculations, and top of foundation reactions for each pole location to
the Bureau of Bridge Design for approval in accordance with Section 105.02 of the NHDOT
Standard Specifications and the special provision. The Contractor shall also indicate which
foundation he will be installing: spread footing or drilled shaft foundation.

⇒ The Bureau of Bridge Design or the design Consultant will use the top of foundation
reactions from the fabricator to verify or modify the preliminary foundation design
that was included in the contract, for a final design.

⇒ The Bureau of Bridge Design or the design Consultant shall review the Fabricator’s
shop plans for conformity with the contract plans, proposal, specifications, and
NHDOT policy. The shop plans shall be stamped “Approved”, “Approved Except as
Noted” or “Disapproved”, and returned to the Bureau of Construction for distribution
to the Contractor and Fabricator.

2) Distribution of Plans:

⇒ Distribute the following to the Bureau of Construction:
  - Four (4) copies of “Approved” stamped structure shop plans
  - Four (4) copies of the foundation plan stamped “Final Design”.

⇒ Distribute the following to the Fabrication Engineer, Bureau of Bridge Design:
  - One (1) copy of the “Approved” stamped structure shop plans with a
    transmittal noting the project name, number, fabricator, location, and noting
    that the copy is to be distributed to the shop inspector.

⇒ Distribute the following to the Transportation Management Center:
  - One (1) copy of “Approved” stamped structure shop plans
  - One (1) copy of “Approved” stamped foundation shop plans stamped “Final
    Design”.

3) Archiving the Plans:

⇒ Archive the foundation support structure plans in the Bureau of Bridge Design:
  - A folder labeled with the project name and number containing one (1) half-
    size copy of the “Approved” stamped shop plans, foundation plans, and any
    correspondence and shall be placed in the project folder (if applicable). A
    copy should also be filed in the ITS file cabinet located in the Bureau of
    Bridge Design.
Typical NHDOT RWIS  
*Figure 10.6.1-1*

Typical NHDOT Non-Invasive Pavement Sensor System  
*Figure 10.6.1-2*

Typical NHDOT CCTV  
*Figure 10.6.1-3*
10.6.2 Dynamic Message Sign (DMS) Overhead Structures


The design of DMS overhead structures is a combined effort between the Transportation Management Center, the Bureau of Bridge Design, and the Manufacturer of the structure. Bridge Design is responsible for the preliminary and final design of the foundations for In-House projects. Consultants are responsible for the preliminary and final design of the foundations, with the guidance of Bridge Design and Materials and Research, for Consultant projects. The Manufacturer of the structure is responsible for the design of the structure and shall submit shop drawings to the Department (through the Contractor) for approval. The Manufacturer’s calculations and shop plans are reviewed for general conformity with Contract Plans and NHDOT policies and specifications.

The design process and coordination shall be as noted in Chapter 10, Section 10.3.5. The Department will furnish the foundation design plans for the DMS overhead structure to the Contractor after approval of the overhead structure shop drawings.

![Typical NHDOT DMS Overhead Structure](image)

Typical NHDOT DMS Overhead Structure

*Figure 10.6.2-1*

10.6.3 Luminaire Support Structures

A. Light Poles with Mast Arm

The typical light poles with mast arm and foundation (light pole bases) shall be designed, fabricated, and constructed in accordance with the current edition of *AASHTO Standard Specifications for Structural Supports for Highway Signs, Luminaires, and Traffic Signals*, including interims; the current NHDOT Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, Section 625, Light Pole Bases; and any special provision.

B. High-mast Light Poles

High-mast light poles (towers) shall be designed, fabricated, and constructed in accordance with the current edition of *AASHTO Standard Specifications for Structural Supports for Highway Signs, Luminaires, and Traffic Signals*, including interims; and the current *NHDOT Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction* and any special provisions.

![Typical NHDOT Light Pole with Mast Arm](image1)

![Typical NHDOT High-mast Light Poles](image2)

*Figure 10.6.3-1*

*Figure 10.6.3-2*
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Special Wind Region Map

- For the Special Wind Region (i.e. regions along the NH-VT border and Franconia Notch) as shown in AASHTO LRFD Figure 3.8-1b and 2b, the maximum-recorded wind speed in this area shall be used if it is greater than basic wind speed. See Chapter 4, Section 4.3.11 Wind Loads, for additional information.

- For wind speeds in the Special Wind Region, weather station data can be accessed by clicking on the markers (weather stations) on the weather underground map located at: http://www.wunderground.com/wundermap/?lat=43.63526535&lon=-72.25418091&zoom=8&pin=Lebanon%2c%20NH

- The basic wind speed for the design of sign structures and CCTV pole supports shall be 130-mph (209-km.hr) as noted in Chapter 10, Section 10.2.

- The basic wind speed for the design of bridges, RWIS, and non-invasive pavement sensor supports shall be 120-mph (193-km.hr) as noted in Chapter 10, Section 10.2.
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GENERAL NOTES (TYPE 1 FOUNDATION)

1. These walls shall be erected in the footings shown, by the contractor or foundation subcontractor, as required by the specifications. The foundation walls shall be constructed of concrete and shall be protected against damage by water and moisture. The contractor shall construct the foundation with such care as to ensure its permanence and stability.

2. All concrete walls shall be constructed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications. The contractor shall construct the foundation with such care as to ensure its permanence and stability.

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SCREEN DETAIL

Traffic Signal Mast Arm Foundation - Type 1A

[Diagram of Traffic Signal Mast Arm Foundation - Type 1A]

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GENERAL NOTES (TYPE 2 FOUNDATION):

1. The circular shaft foundation shall be constructed in either a drilled hole or an excavated hole per the engineering drawings. The foundation shall be of the circular shaft type with the dimensions specified in the design.

2. The circular shaft foundation shall be constructed using the appropriate method of excavation (drilled hole or excavated hole). The contractor shall follow the plans and specifications for this purpose.

3. The evaluation of geotechnical lateral capacity is based on a soil model comprised of homogenous granular soils. The criterion for evaluation of foundation capacity is determined through the use of geotechnical borings and standard penetration tests (SPT) or other appropriate methods as required by the engineer.

4. The circular shaft foundation shall be constructed in either a drilled hole or in an excavated hole. The foundation shall be of the circular shaft type with the dimensions specified in the design.

5. Where bedrock is encountered, a reduction in circular shaft length may be possible for the drilled hole method only, as described in the structural fill notes.

6. Only those concrete shear walls are required to be made as a minimum of 60 days after construction. Concrete shear walls shall be made as a minimum of 60 days after construction.

7. Concrete for a precast circular shaft foundation shall be specified with a minimum 28-day compressive strength of 3000 psi and shall be cured in accordance with Section 508. Concrete for precast testing shall be made during concrete placement.

8. Concrete placed in conformance with Section 508. Cylinders for strength testing shall be taken during concrete placement. Concrete placed in conformance with Section 508. Cylinders for strength testing shall be taken during concrete placement.

9. Stainless steel STD. GR. 18-8 WIRE CLOTH. "MAX. OPENING WITH MIN. WIRE DIA. OF AWG NO. 16 WITH 2" LAP.

10. The exposed length of the anchor rod between the top of the foundation and the bottom of the leveling nut shall be completed as approved by the engineer. The anchor rod shall be made as a minimum of 3 inches from concrete surfaces, unless noted otherwise, and meet the requirements of Section 12.

11. The contractor shall coordinate with the engineer for visual inspection of the foundation and the completion of the excavation sides with minimal use of vibration equipment whether the method of placement is freefall or underwater. The contractor shall coordinate with the engineer for visual inspection of the foundation and the completion of the excavation sides with minimal use of vibration equipment whether the method of placement is freefall or underwater.

12. All rebar shall be made as a minimum of 3 inches from concrete surfaces, unless noted otherwise, and meet the specifications of Section 12.

EXCAVATED HOLES:

1. Any remaining fill shall be removed and compacted to the design grade. A backfill of structural fill conforming to Section 508 shall be placed and compacted to the design grade. The backfill shall be made as a minimum of 3 inches from concrete surfaces, unless noted otherwise, and meet the specifications of Section 12.

2. Stainless steel STD. GR. 18-8 WIRE CLOTH. "MAX. OPENING WITH MIN. WIRE DIA. OF AWG NO. 16 WITH 2" LAP.

3. All remaining fill shall be made as a minimum of 3 inches from concrete surfaces, unless noted otherwise, and meet the specifications of Section 12.

4. The excavated hole shall be made as a minimum of 3 inches from concrete surfaces, unless noted otherwise, and meet the specifications of Section 12.

5. No payment shall be made for structural fill or excavation.

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