

Construction Memo No. 6-00

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief District Engineers
TEBM's for Construction
District Construction Engineers
Resident Engineers
Active Consultant Engineers

FROM: Dexter Newman, P.E., Director
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DATE: February 3, 2000

SUBJECT: Temporary Bridge Flooring

Some bridge plans contain a general note that requires temporary bridge flooring. The intent of this note is to protect workers from falling onto traveled roadways and railroads. The flooring also protects traffic from falling tools or construction materials.

This note was initiated prior to the widespread use of metal stay-in-place forms. It was then determined that installation and removal of the temporary flooring likely exposed the workers and traffic to more risk than the installation of SIP forms.

The note should be enforced when conventional timber forms are to be installed and later removed. The requirement may be ignored when SIP forms are used. This decision should be made by the project engineer based on project conditions with the intent to minimize risk to workers and the traveling public.

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