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## MEMORANDUM TO GROUP LEADERS & CONSULTANTS

**SUBJECT:** Soft Metric Reinforcing Bars

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Beginning with the March, 1997 Letting, the Bridge Design Office will design and detail all new bridge projects using "Soft Metric" reinforcing bars. Projects which are completed or which are in progress need not be reworked for "Soft Metric".

Mr. Bowers and Mr. Phipps will be developing new standard drawings using "Soft Metric" reinforcing bars. Group leaders should check the status of new standards prior to designing and detailing new projects. Also, a new "Soft Metric" special provision is being developed and will be furnished when completed.

This conversion to "Soft Metric" reinforcing bars was proposed by CRSI and ASTM subcommittees and approved by AASHTO.

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