



## 3.2 CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT OVERLOAD REVIEWS

### 3.2.1 GENERAL

This policy applies to evaluation of operating or transporting overloads on structures and addresses cases beyond the scope of the load limitations set forth in the *Standard Specifications* (Caltrans 2018) and *Bridge Construction Memo (BCM) 150-1.0* (Caltrans 2018).

For the vehicular live load, overload combinations incorporate construction equipment loads exceeding the weight limits in the California Vehicle Code (CVC) Division 15.

### 3.2.2 POLICY

Structures must be evaluated for the submitted overload at the strength limit state using the Strength II load combination, per the *AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications* (AASHTO 2017) and *California Amendments* (Caltrans 2019) for new structures and *SM&I (Structures Maintenance & Investigations) Bridge Load Rating Manual* (Caltrans, 2020) for existing structures.

Equipment overload static effects shall be increased with the dynamic load allowance, IM, equal to 33%.

Reduced capacities in modified existing, partially constructed, and new structures that have not attained design strength per the contract must be accounted for.

### 3.2.3 REFERENCES

1. Caltrans (2018), *Standard Specifications*, California Department of Transportation, Sacramento, CA.
2. Caltrans (2018), Bridge Construction Memo 150-1.0, *Bridge Construction Records and Procedures Manual*, California Department of Transportation, Sacramento, CA.
3. California Vehicle Code Division 15.
4. AASHTO (2017), *AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications*, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, Washington DC.
5. Caltrans (2019), *California Amendments to AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications*, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition, California Department of Transportation, Sacramento, CA.
6. Caltrans (2020), *SM&I Bridge Load Rating Manual*, 1<sup>st</sup> Edition, California Department of Transportation, Sacramento, CA.