

# MEMO



DATE: April 13, 2021  
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RE: Project Requirements for

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## DESIGN POLICY

This directive establishes KDOT project requirements for using Bentley CONNECT Edition software products with KDOT's CONNECT Edition workspace environment in preparing Plans and digital deliverables for improvement projects starting October 1, 2021 as follows:

- All projects with a notice to proceed (NTP) for design services granted on or after October 1, 2021 shall be delivered with CONNECT Edition software.
- All projects with an existing notice to proceed (NTP) for design services granted prior to October 1, 2021 shall be delivered in accordance with current KDOT software requirements policy, but allow for delivery in V8i (SELECTseries) or in CONNECT Edition software at the discretion of the design project team. As soon as is practical, Project Teams shall inform the KDOT Project Manager of their intentions for design software utilization in project delivery. If a Project Team chooses to use CONNECT Edition software to finish a project started in V8i (SELECTseries), KDOT will not pay for extra work associated with transitioning previously developed design project data into the CONNECT Edition formats.

## BACKGROUND

KDOT is developing the software standards (workspace) for preparing CONNECT Edition software to deliver KDOT project designs. The first version of KDOT's CONNECT Edition workspace will be deployed in April 2021 and will contain minimum functionality needed to support KDOT project delivery. Subsequent workspace releases will incrementally increase functionality to allow design teams to take full advantage of Bentley's CONNECT Edition software.

In order to assist project teams in their decisions about design software utilization, KDOT will provide guidance about design project migration from V8i (SELECTseries) to CONNECT Edition software. This guidance information will be developed in April 2021 and will include information about which elements of V8i (SELECTseries) design projects can be translated into CONNECT Edition, and which design elements must be reconstructed in the new software. In addition to KDOT's design project migration guidance, project teams are encouraged to review [Bentley's software retirement policy](#) and consider the risks of using unsupported software in their project delivery planning.

For questions, please contact KDOT CADD Support at [KDOT#CADD.Support@ks.gov](mailto:KDOT#CADD.Support@ks.gov).

*Note: KDOT's CONNECT Edition workspace will support OpenBridge Modeler use with KDOT-specific standards, but there is no requirement for the use of OpenBridge Modeler or structure model delivery at the time of CONNECT Edition workspace deployment.*