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MEMORANDUM 2018-26A

TO: All Local Public Agencies with Load Posted Structures

FROM: 
D.E. Phillips, Jr., P.E.
State Local Transportation Engineer

RE: **Bridge Posting Re-Certification**

Bridge Posting Re-Certification

All Local Public Agencies are required to certify, in writing, to the Local Transportation Bureau by **October 5, 2018**, that all structures requiring load posting have been posted in accordance with the current standards. Effective with the November 2, 2018 letting and all future lettings next year, FHWA will not authorize Federal Aid projects for any bridge owner that has not re-certified that its structures have been properly posted.

Please be aware that failure to post bridges properly is a serious violation of the National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS) and any public agency doing so will be in non-compliance with the NBIS. Any bridge owner found to be in non-compliance with the NBIS is subject to having any and all Federal or State aid withheld at the ALDOT Director's discretion.

Please submit a listing of all posted bridges in your inventory. **Note that this list cannot be a BrM generated posting report, and all posting values must be field verified.** A list of structures in your inventory that require load posting is attached. Please provide the posting values for these structures, as well as any other structures that have been posted by your agency. Note that a "K" in the post status field indicates that this structure is closed, and its closed status should be confirmed on your submittal. The posting values submitted should be the exact values as they appear in the field. An excel spreadsheet that can be used as a template is attached. Agencies are not required to use this exact spreadsheet; however, the fields listed on this spreadsheet must be provided and are the minimum required to be in full compliance.

Note that while Counties have always been required to re-certify their posted structures every year, this is the first year that all Local Public Agencies (Cities / Towns / Municipalities) that own a load posted structure are required to submit a re-certification.

The Posting Re-Certification should be transmitted to this office under a cover letter, signed by the County / City Engineer or Mayor, certifying that:

“the attached list includes all posted structures in our inventory, and all structures that have been recommended to be posted by the ALDOT Bridge Load Rating Section. The structures on this list are all posted in the field in accordance with the recommended posting values (or lower).”

If you have any questions about the posting re-certification, please feel free to contact James Boyer at (334)-242-6619.

