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MEMORANDUM 2025-12

TO: All Local Public Agencies with Load Posted and/or Closed Structures

FROM: 
Bradley B. Lindsey, P.E.
State Local Transportation Engineer

RE: Bridge Posting Re-Certification

All Local Public Agencies are required to certify, in writing, to the Local Transportation Bureau by **November 1, 2025**, that all structures requiring load posting have been posted in accordance with the current standards, and all structures that are closed do not have traffic crossing them.

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

All Local Agencies are required to do the following:

- Submit a list of all posted structures in your inventory and their specific posting values.
- Submit a list of all closed structures in your inventory that are still in place.
- ***New*** - Enter Item B.EP.03 and Item B.EP.04 into BrM

All posting values and bridge closures must be field verified.

Posting Values

The posting values submitted for each posted structure 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.

Closed Structures

Closed structures that are still in place should be included in your submittal. It should be field verified that these structures are in fact closed and traffic is not able to cross them.

NEW - Item B.EP.03 and Item B.EP.04:

In an effort to collect all the new SNBI data, this year's Posting Re – Certification requires that bridge owners enter **Item B.EP.03 (Posting Type)** and **Item B.EP.04 (Posting Value)** into BrM. Under the new Specifications for the National Bridge Inventory (SNBI), there are additional items pertaining to load posting — specifically "Posting Type" and "Posting Value". These items collect the type of posting sign and the actual posting values located at the bridge, so this would be a convenient time to collect and enter them into BrM. These Items are located on the Load Posting / Load Posting Status Tab (Refer to the 2024 2-Day School Green Book pgs 318-325).

Municipalities

A list of Posted and Closed structures in your inventory is attached

The column labeled "status" indicates the current posting / closure status of your structure.

- PP - Open and load posted
- C - Closed to all traffic

Certification Statement

The Posting Re-Certification should be transmitted by email under a cover letter, signed by the County / City Engineer or Mayor, and include the following statement:

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

All Posting Re-Certifications should be emailed to John David Palmer at: palmerjd@dot.state.al.us with the bridge owner's name identified in the subject line

If you have any questions about the posting re-certification, please feel free to contact John David Palmer at 334-242-6601.