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Dear Bridge Owner:

RE: Bridge Inspection Responsibility

As you are aware, the Department of Roads is making a significant effort to assist cities and counties in improving the inspection and load rating of their bridges. As part of this effort the Department of Roads had contracted with several engineering consulting firms to inspect and load rate the fracture critical and timber bridges across the state. This was a onetime effort by the Department of Roads.

Beginning with the 2009 bridge inspections, you will once again be responsible for the appropriate inspection and load rating of all your bridges. The only exception will be those requiring an underwater inspection. The Department of Roads will continue to schedule these inspections using certified contractors.

Our policy regarding new and rebuilt bridges has been distributed before, but I feel it is important enough to include along with this letter. Please review the policy and adjust your procedures to match. The Bridge Office does not want to close or keep a bridge closed after rebuilding because all the paper work has not been completed. However, the requirements of the policy are needed for the Department of Roads to maintain proper records of all bridges in the state

If you have any questions, please call Steve Andersen at 402-479-4705.

Sincerely,

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State Bridge Engineer

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