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Dear County and City Bridge Owners:

The Department of Roads is once again putting consultants under contract to inspect all fracture critical bridges in Nebraska. This time however local bridge owners will be required to pay for the twenty percent match to the federal funds being used. For this reason, we are requesting an estimate from the consultants for each county or city they will be assigned. This will allow you to budget for your share.

Although we have heard support for this project, there have been some counties that have expressed the desire to inspect their own fracture critical bridges. Because of this, we are offering counties the option to opt out of the project. However, this will mean you will have to pay the full cost of the inspections, and we will expect to see that the inspections are done on time.

It is very important that fracture critical inspections as well as routine inspections be completed within **24 months** of the previous inspection. This is federal law and as a State, we are having trouble getting them done on time. Most of the fracture critical bridges are currently late.

If you do not wish to participate in this project, or if you have completed your fracture critical inspections, please send Steve Andersen an email steve.andersen@nebraska.gov or call and leave him a message at 402-479-4705 stating that fact. If we do not hear from you, we will assume you will be participating. When the estimates are complete we will notify you of the estimate of your share.

Thank you

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