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SUBJECT Notification of Extended Bridge Inspection Interval Suspension



Jim Pillen, Governor

Introduction

NDOT policy to allow qualified bridges to be inspected on an extended interval of 48-months instead of the usual routine interval of 24-months is being temporarily suspended for some bridges. This step is being taken to ensure that the majority of Nebraska bridges receive an inspection with the SNBI inspection protocol and have their inventory and inspection data reviewed with the validation rules that were released by the FHWA on 12/30/2025 and implemented in Nebraska's bridge inspection software on 3/31/2026. The effected bridges are those that without an interval reduction from 48 to 24 months, would not receive an inspection prior to June of 2028. This Bulletin supersedes Bulletin 24.06 on Bridge Inspection Intervals for the effected bridges.

Implementation

On or about 3/31/2026 NDOT will assign 24-month inspection intervals to all bridges that are currently on a 48-month inspection interval. After these bridges receive an inspection and pass the validation check of their data, they will be returned to a 48-month interval if they meet the eligibility criteria. Bridges inspected by SNBI methods but prior to 3/1/ 2026 will need additional validation checks for the new standard. NDOT will work with bridge owners to accomplish this review.

References

- See Bulletin 24.06 on Bridge Inspection Intervals for criteria used to assign inspection intervals.
 - <https://dot.nebraska.gov/media/e54fivgn/bulletin-24-06-bridge-inspection-intervals.pdf>
- See Bulletin 25.02 Validation Code Guidance R1 for details about using the BrM Validate feature.
 - <https://dot.nebraska.gov/media/kyll0f5s/bulletin-2502-validation-code-guidance-r1.pdf>

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