Local Bridge Removal Program
FACT SHEET
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✓ Currently there are approximately 93 local structures on the National Bridge Inventory (NBI) that are closed to all traffic. There are additional local structures on county, city and township public roads that meet the 20’ bridge length criteria that have been taken off the NBI but are physically still in place but closed to traffic and there is no intention by the local government to replace.

✓ If a structure is in place, even though closed, there may be liability or risk to the owner.

✓ A resolution from the county to delete a structure from the NBI is currently available and an option. Once a structure is deleted from the NBI, federal and/or state funds are not available for a new installation should the owner decide to do so. A new structure can only be added to the inventory using other funds.

✓ Federal aid is available to remove a structure if the owner makes the decision to close and remove the bridge. Those structures that have been taken off the NBI but are still physically in place are also eligible for removal under this program as long as the roadway has not been vacated.

✓ DOT will accept requests for bridge removal projects by application – Due April 9, 2021. Submit applications and resolutions via email to Wade.Dahl@state.sd.us

✓ Federal funds will cover 81.95% of the project with the local government providing 18.05% match.