

NOTEABLE CHANGES to the 2026 Bridge Improvement Grant (BIG) Program

Summary of Changes

- ✓ Page 4: Definitions:
 - Added acronym NBI under ADT and changed Item number
 - Under Bid Review Ready, added “Note: Design costs are not eligible for payment when Bid Review Ready points are granted as part of the BIG Score.”, added “/Project Manual”, and added “The Intent is to expedite project delivery so grants awarded in this status must be let to bid within 12 months of the grant award date. Failure to meet this timeline will result in the cancellation of the award per the termination clause in the grant agreement.”

14. TERMINATION

The STATE may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days' notice to the COUNTY. If the STATE terminates this Agreement due to the COUNTY'S breach, then any payments owed to the COUNTY at the time of termination may be adjusted to cover any additional costs to the STATE because of the COUNTY'S breach. The adjustment of payments will be in addition to any other remedies the STATE may pursue as a result of COUNTY'S breach, and the STATE does not waive these other remedies by making a payment adjustment. If termination is not due to a breach by the COUNTY, then the COUNTY will be paid for eligible PROJECT costs incurred up to the date of termination, subject to the maximum limiting amount of the BIG.

- Under Bridge, revised entire definition to match federal law and added referenced item in NBI where data is to be referenced. Note that the new definition added language regarding the possibility of the structure to carry a track or passageway for carrying traffic or other moving loads.
- ✓ Page 7: Added new NBI Item reference to the Bypass Detour Length
- ✓ Page 8:
 - Condition rating was renamed to be Bridge Condition Classification and new NBI Item was referenced.
 - New definition of Bridge Rehabilitation added
 - Added clarification that Construction Engineering may include third party testing services outside of the retainer contract firm hired for the project.
- ✓ Page 9:
 - Culvert Condition renamed to Culvert Condition Rating and new NBI Item referenced
 - Deck Condition renamed to Deck Condition Rating and new NBI Item referenced
 - NSTM new NBI Item referenced
 - Off-System new NBI Item referenced
- ✓ Page 10:
 - On-System new NBI Item referenced
 - Posted new NBI Item referenced
 - Under Rehabilitation Projects, added clarification that projects that involve “Extensive structural repair or replacement of the” superstructure or substructure is considered to be major rehabilitation.
 - Added new NBI Item reference for Scour Critical, added “Vulnerability” and added the qualifying criteria as recorded in the NBI.

- Substructure Condition renamed to Substructure Condition Rating and new NBI Item referenced
- Superstructure Condition renamed to Superstructure Condition Rating and new NBI Item referenced
- ✓ Page 11:
 - Changed “determined” to “made” in second to last sentence under Local Funding Responsibilities.
 - Deleted the small drainage hours reference under Limiting Amounts. Added “small or” under Limiting Amounts to match description in the table for the first category.
- ✓ Page 13: Under A.6. Complete Application, changed reference from Appendix F to Appendix G
- ✓ Page 14:
 - Added Chemical Sealcoats to Table IV-1
 - Changed restrictions on age on New Polymer Overlays to be 5 or more years old.
 - Added reference to the road being hard surfaced and subject to minimal chloride treatments.
- ✓ Page 15:
 - Under General Maintenance added “Historical maintenance records shall be kept by the LPA and should begin in the year 2016 or date structure was replaced (whichever is later).”
 - Added new requirement for a Joint Powers Agreement when applicable.
- ✓ Page 16:
 - Under B.1. deleted requirement for a site map. Added “Failure to submit a pre-application by the September 1 deadline will result in the Department not considering the project for a grant award.”
 - Under B.4. added “(required for deck treatments when possible)” after delamination surveys.
- ✓ Page 17:
 - Under A.1.a. changed Posted to Load Rated/Posted
 - Changed Table Vi-1 with new NBI data elements.
- ✓ Page 23:
 - Under 1.k. deleted the requirement to send notice to SDDOT.
 - Under 1.n. deleted the requirement for sending as built plans to SDDOT
 - Added 1.o. “Have LPA bridge inspector upload any new inspection data and any plan deviations (if applicable) into official record in the NBI.”
 - Deleted 2.a.
 - Deleted “where applicable” for emergency vehicles under old 2.b., now 2.a.
- ✓ Page 24:
 - Under C.1.i. Deleted “where applicable” for emergency vehicles
 - Under C.1.m. deleted the requirement to send notice to SDDOT
 - Changed C.1.n. from having to send initial inspection to SDDOT to “LPA will have bridge inspector upload new bridge data including any plan deviations (if applicable) into official record in the NBI.”
- ✓ Page 25:
 - Under 2.b. Deleted “where applicable” for emergency vehicles
 - Under VIII. Distribution of Funds:

- Changed BIG share of initial payout from 75% to 50% for construction engineering
- Added note that grants that received Bid Review Ready points are not eligible for payout of design engineering.

✓ Page 26:

- Added option to submit a final billing showing total invoiced as an alternative to submitting all copies of project invoices for that contract scope Appendix A
- Updated survey/hydraulic scope to match updates since 2024.
- Added Culvert Countersink
- Added on checklist “in absence of bed & bank use approx. 2-year flow”
- Updated Geotech timeline for box culvert report & revised their report examples

Appendix A

- A-2, 4: Added “or centerline station of culverts” to the reference to beginning and ending stations of structures to reflect what is actually needed for a culvert vs. a bridge.
- A-25: Local datasheet from Drainage Manual included.

Appendix C

- C-2,4: Added “or centerline station of culverts” to the reference to beginning and ending stations of structures to reflect what is actually needed for a culvert vs. a bridge.

Appendix F

- F-2: DOT charge number for PE costs updated to 2026 number and PCN. Removed request for as-built plans as no longer included in BIG Procedures.

Appendix G

- New checklist added