



MDOT Bureau of Bridges and Structures

2024 Michigan Bridge Week

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MDOT and National



Local Bridge Bundle



Bridge Inspection



Bridge Design



Bridge Construction



Geotechnical




Ancillary Structures



AASHTO Committee on Bridges and Structures Reorganization

COBS Strategic Goals

1. Maintain and Enhance the AASHTO Specifications
2. Maintain, Enhance, and Grow the Workforce
3. Assess the Condition of Bridges and Structures
4. Manage the Inventory of Bridges and Structures
5. Advance Methods for Project Delivery
6. Strategically Plan and Promote Research
7. Contribute to National Policy

 MDOT membership on Technical Committee

AASHTO Committee on Bridges and Structures Organization





WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE DO

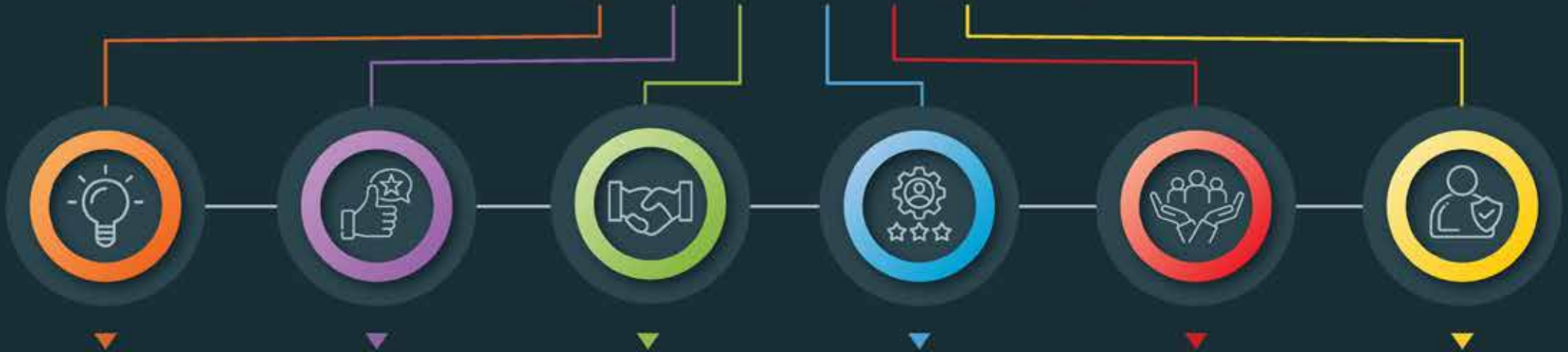
OUR MISSION



▶ SERVING AND CONNECTING PEOPLE, COMMUNITIES, AND THE ECONOMY THROUGH TRANSPORTATION.

WHAT WE STAND FOR

OUR VALUES



VISIONARY

Anticipate, imagine, and implement creative solutions.

ENSURING POSITIVE OUTCOMES

Collaborate, align, and deliver results.

PEOPLE FIRST

Value others, set clear expectations, and show appreciation and gratitude.

PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

Know your role, act timely, and continuously learn and share.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

Value all people, seek to understand, and be open to all voices.

CHARACTER AND INTEGRITY

Be honest, fair, and trustworthy.



WHERE WE ARE GOING

OUR VISION





New Funding and Investment
Decision Models

Leveraging Data
and Technology
Advancement

**STRATEGIC
PLAN**

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**STRATEGIC
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Social Justice,
Equity and
Inclusion

Cultivating
Strategic
Partnerships

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Mission, Vision
and Values

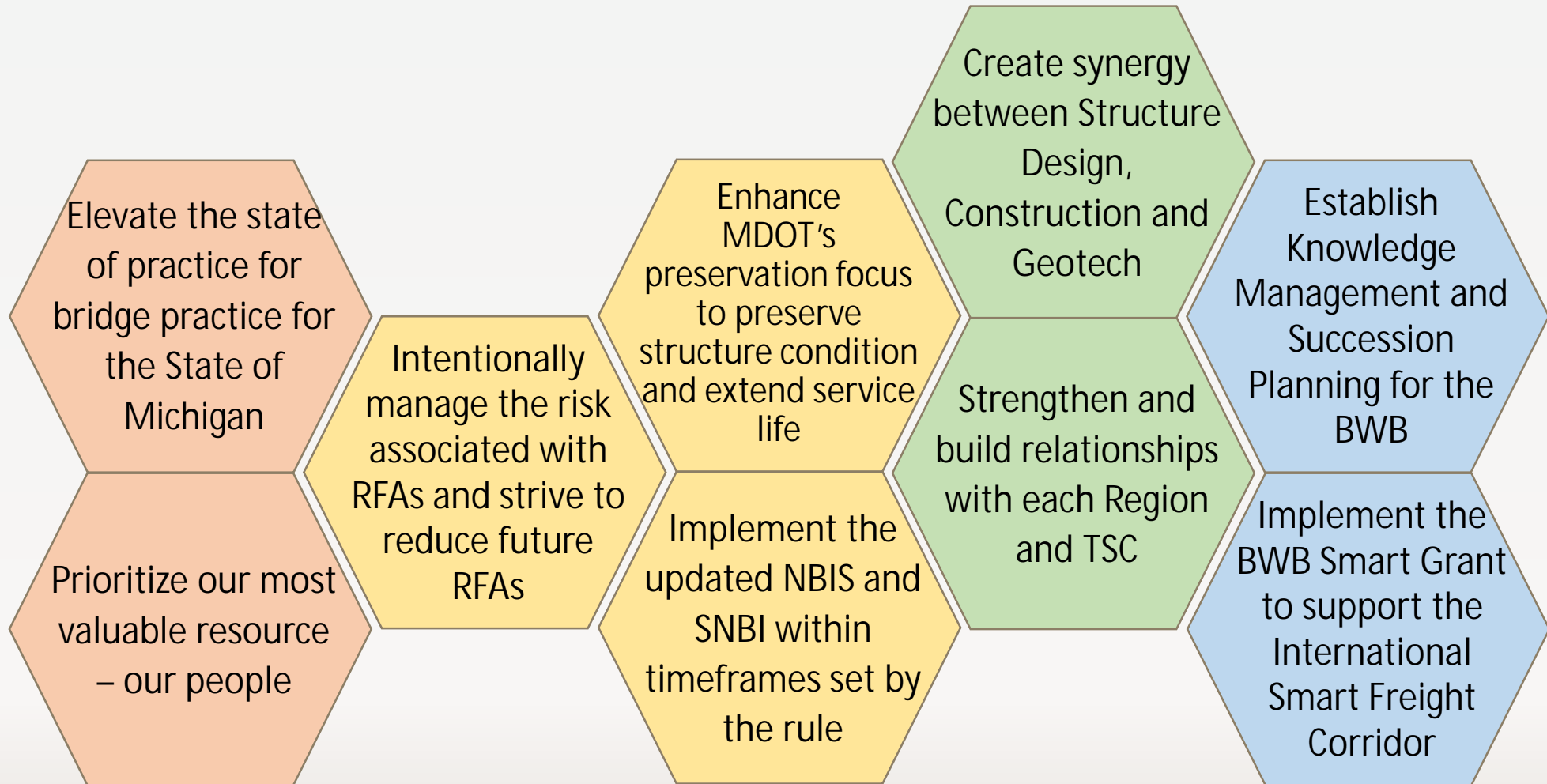
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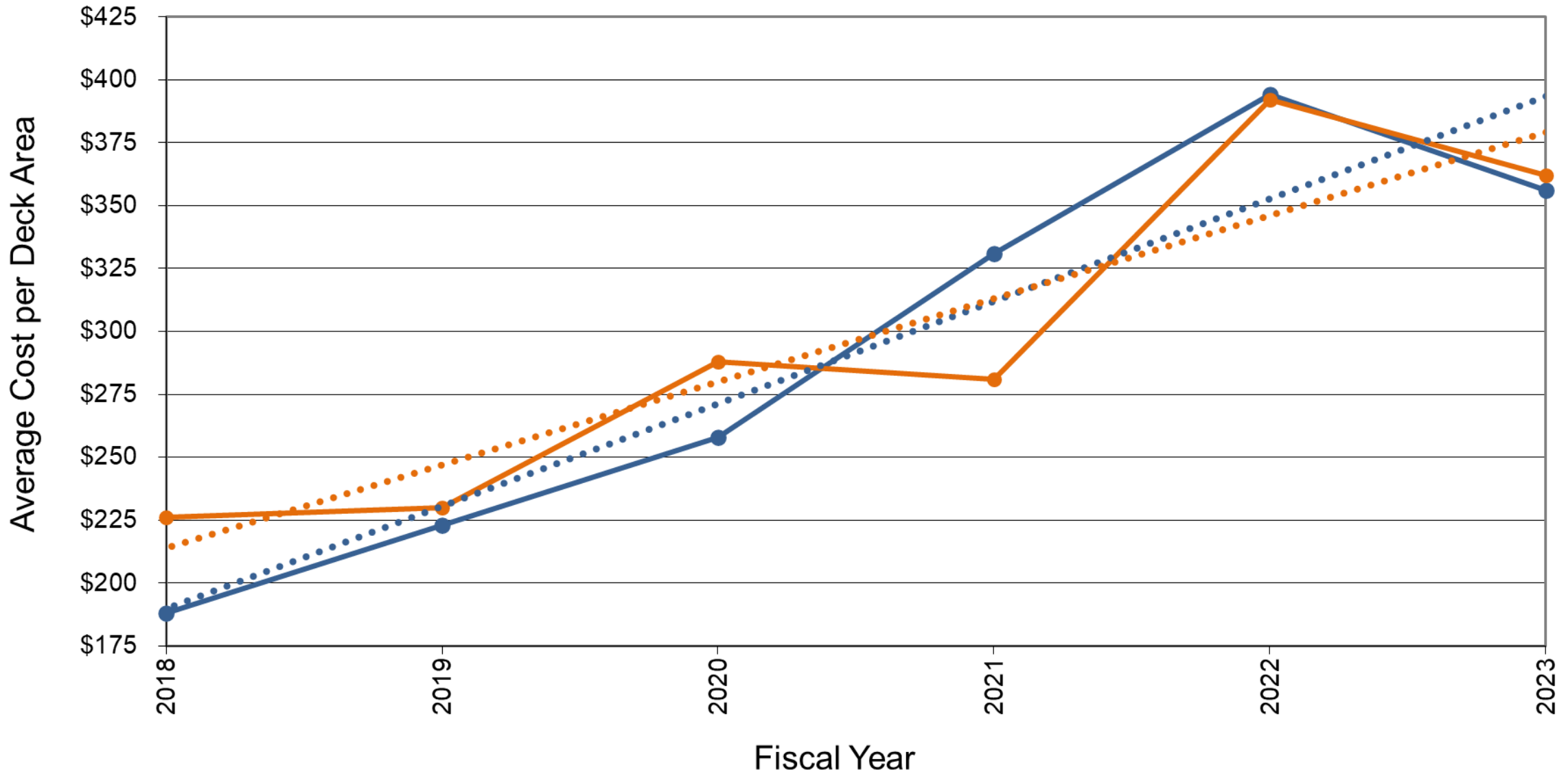
People, Skills
and Knowledge



BOBS Strategic Initiatives



Federal Bridge Replacement Costs

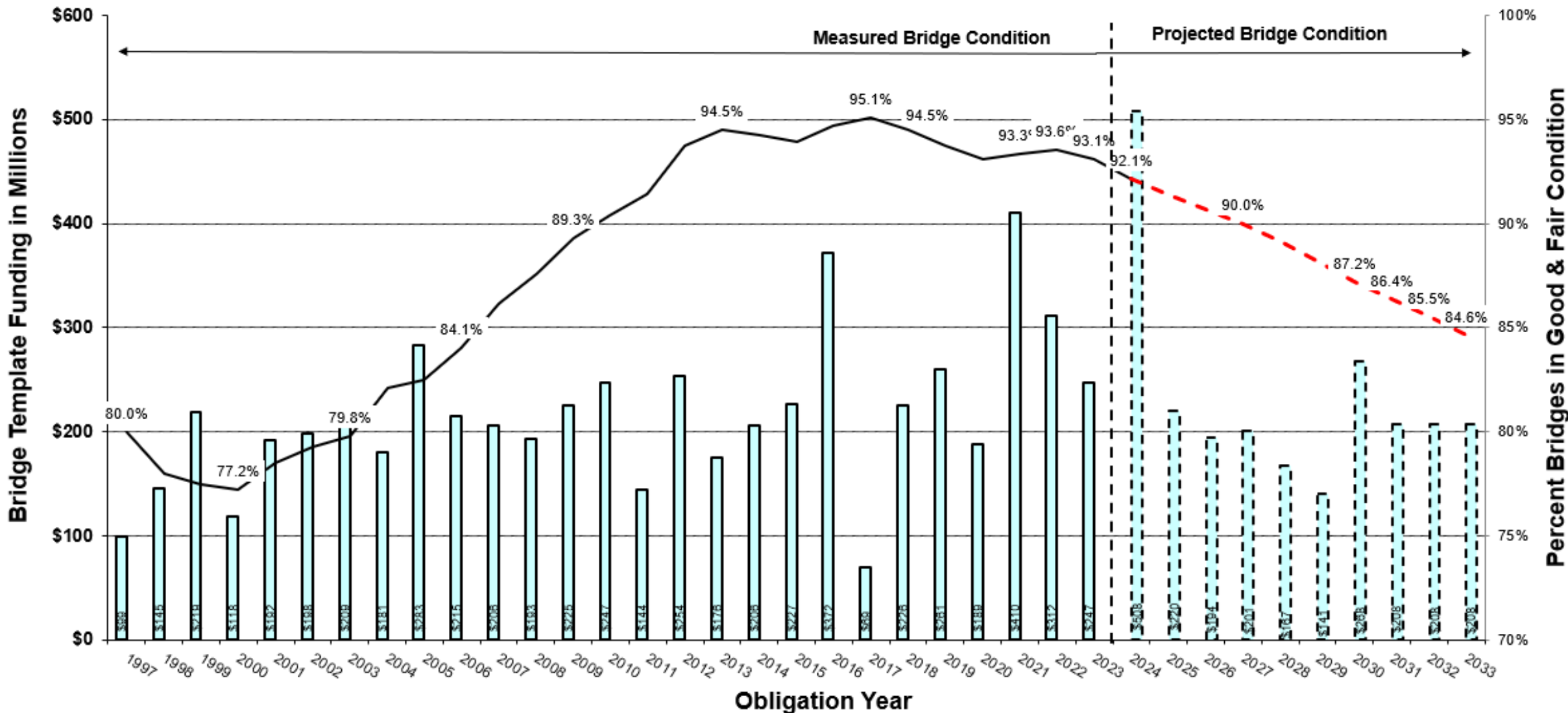




MDOT Region Bridge NBI Conditions and Funding

Updated Date 02/07/2024

MDOT NBI Bridge Conditions and Bridge Template Funding Levels



Funding - Authorized
 Funding - Budgeted
 Condition
 Forecasted Condition

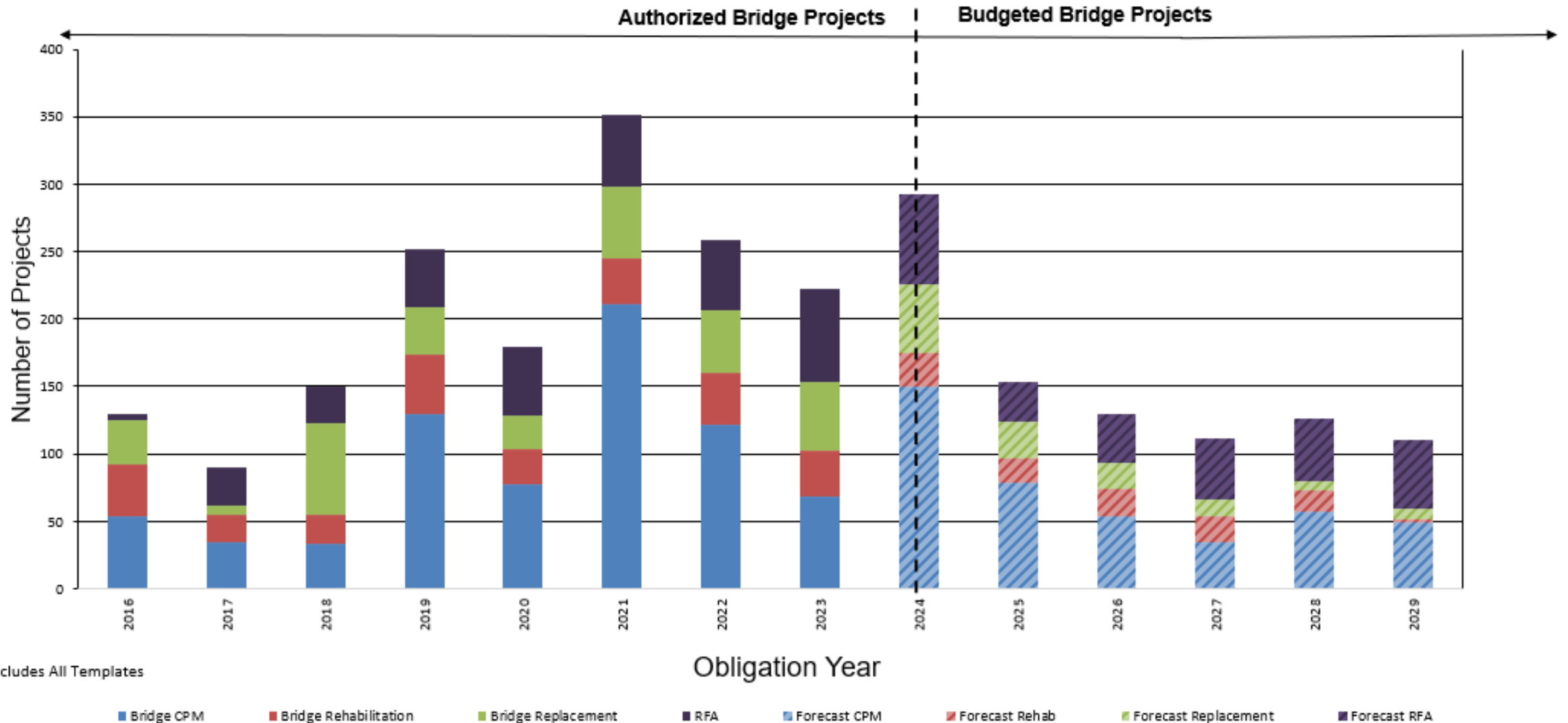
Includes Region Bridge, Special Needs, and Big Bridge Templates



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MDOT Bridge Project Categories Per Year



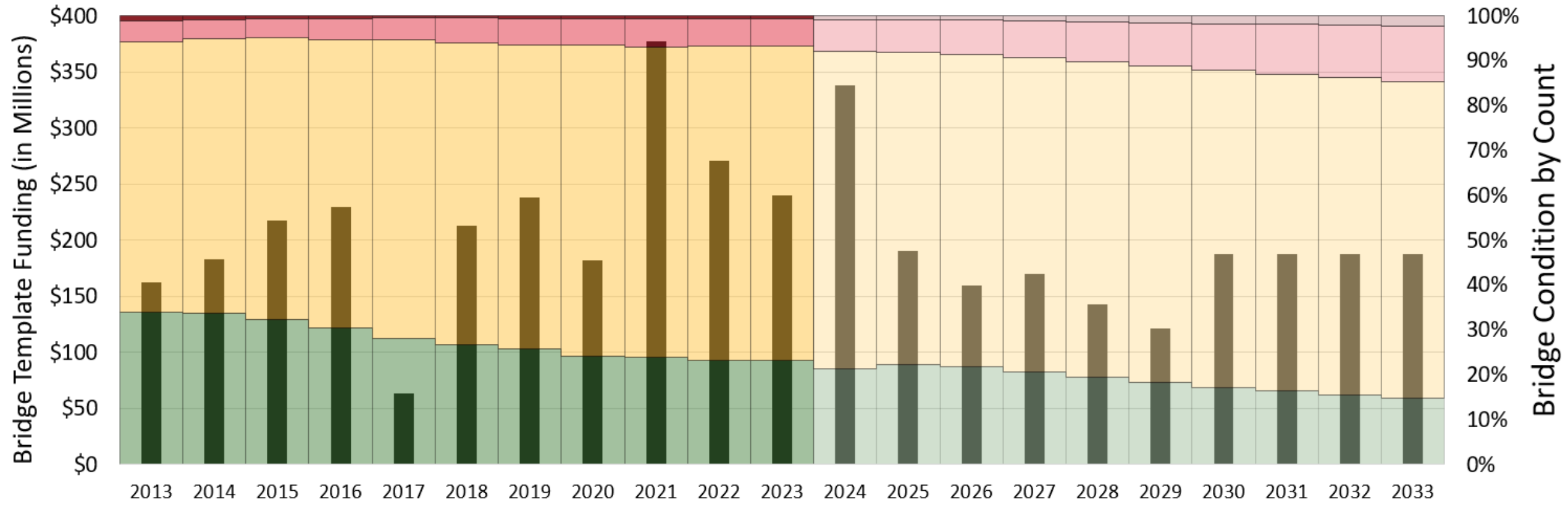
Includes All Templates



MDOT Region Bridge NBI Conditions and Funding

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MDOT NBI Bridge Conditions and Region Bridge Template Authorized Funding Levels



Obligation Year

■ Funding - Actual Authorized

■ Funding - Budgeted

■ Good - Measured

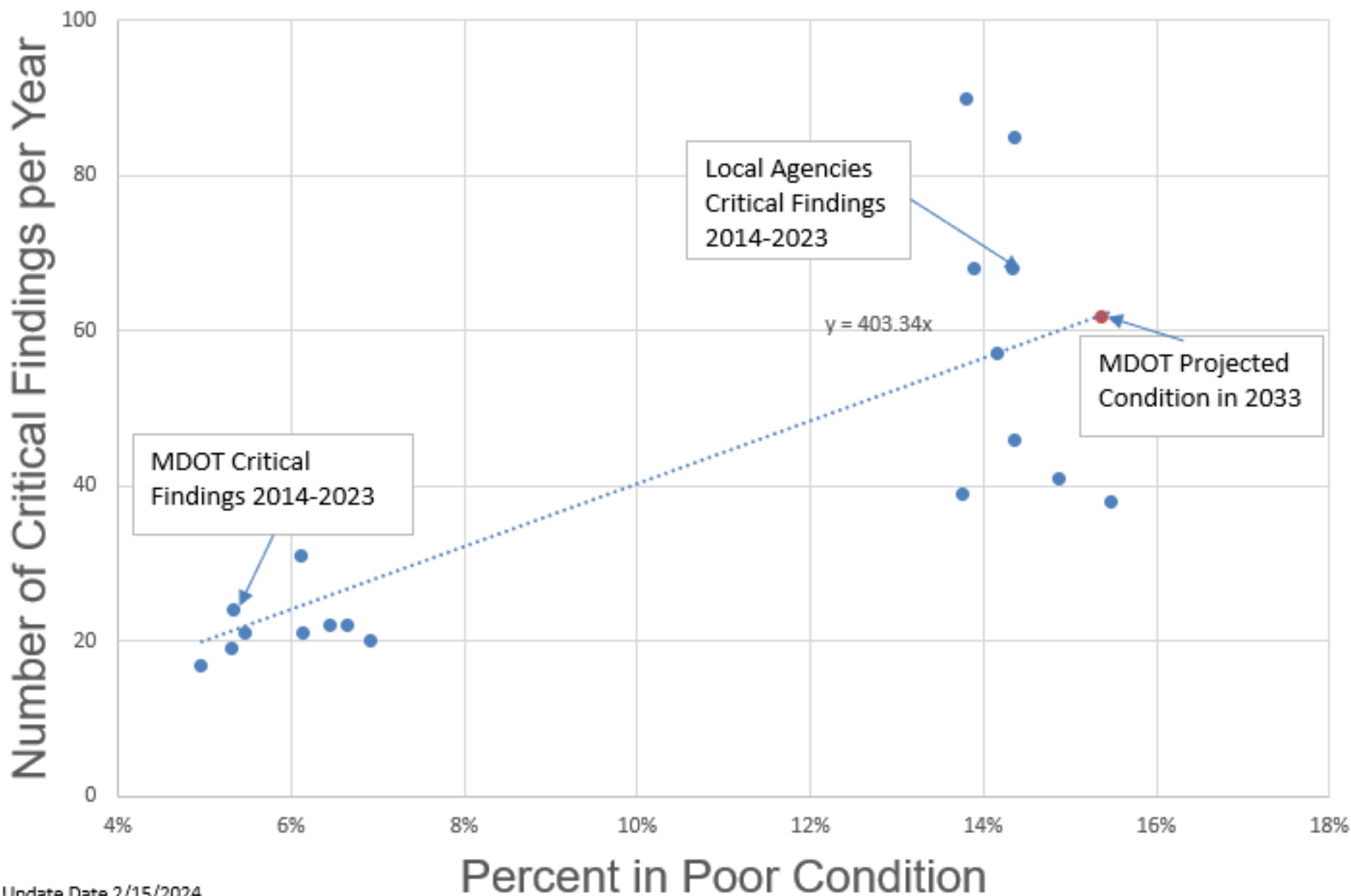
■ Fair - Measured

■ Poor - Measured

■ Serious - Measured

Includes Region Bridge and Special Need Templates Only

Projecting Critical Findings





Local Bridge Bundle – Phase II

- CRRSAA funded
- 3 bundles in the phase
 - 5 permanent bridge removals
 - DB package of 5 bridge removals in North & Superior Regions
 - 2 bridge replacements in Wayne County
- Remaining CRRSAA funding in EPE phase will be used for early design of future bundles





Local Bridge Bundle – Phase III

- Selection process for Phase III prioritized bridges deferred from Phase II
- Funded from the FY24 budget
- EPE work is funded by the Phase II CRRSAA funding
- 7 bundles total

www.Michigan.gov/bridgebundling



Legend

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Urban | Grand/Southwest |
| Rural | Haze Road Permanent Removal |
| Alabaster Road Bridge Replacement | University/Southwest |
| Bay | |

Date: 12/13/2023

0 25 50 Miles





Local Bridge Bundle – Phase III

- 5 Design-Bid-Build Bundles
 - 1 bridge replacement combined with ER funding in North Region – awarded
 - 1 permanent removal in North Region – FY24
 - 2 bridge replacements in Grand / Southwest Regions – FY24
 - 5 bridge replacements in University / Southwest Regions – FY25
 - 5 bridge replacements in Bay Region – FY26



Legend

- Urban
- ▲ Rural
- Alabaster Road Bridge Replacement
- ◆ Bay
- ★ Grand/Southwest
- ★ Haze Road Permanent Removal
- University/Southwest

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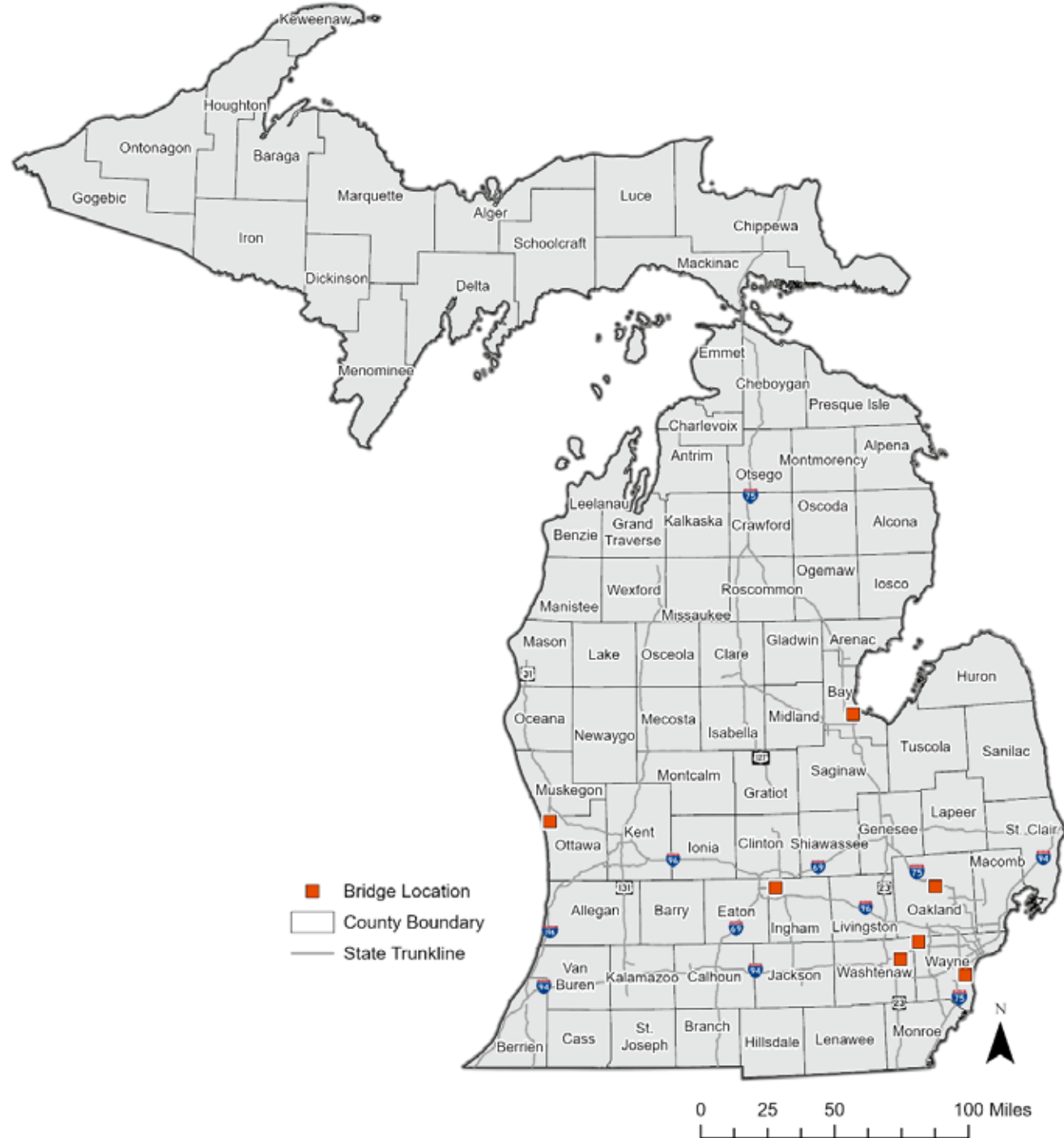
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Local Bridge Bundle – Phase III / Grant Application

- DB bundle with 2 urban bridges funded under Phase III used as matching funds for a grant application which includes 5 additional urban bridges.
 - The 2 original bridges will be delivered even if the grant application is not successful.
 - Requesting \$34M in grant funding
 - FY26





NBIS / SNBI Implementation

Recommend collection of SNBI data as soon as possible

MDOT version of BrM released

All SNBI data is due for all NBI bridges

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Summer
2025

November
2025

January 1,
2026

January 1,
2027

BrM training begins

Last date to begin collecting SNBI data



Active Plans of Corrective Action or Improvement Plans

Metric 13: Inspection
Procedures – Load Rating

Finding: Load Rating Quality
and Permit Concerns

Response: MDOT issued
Bridge Advisory [BA-2023-02](#)
MDOT separated out load
rating QA/QC process

Metric 16: Inspection
Procedures – Fracture Critical
Members

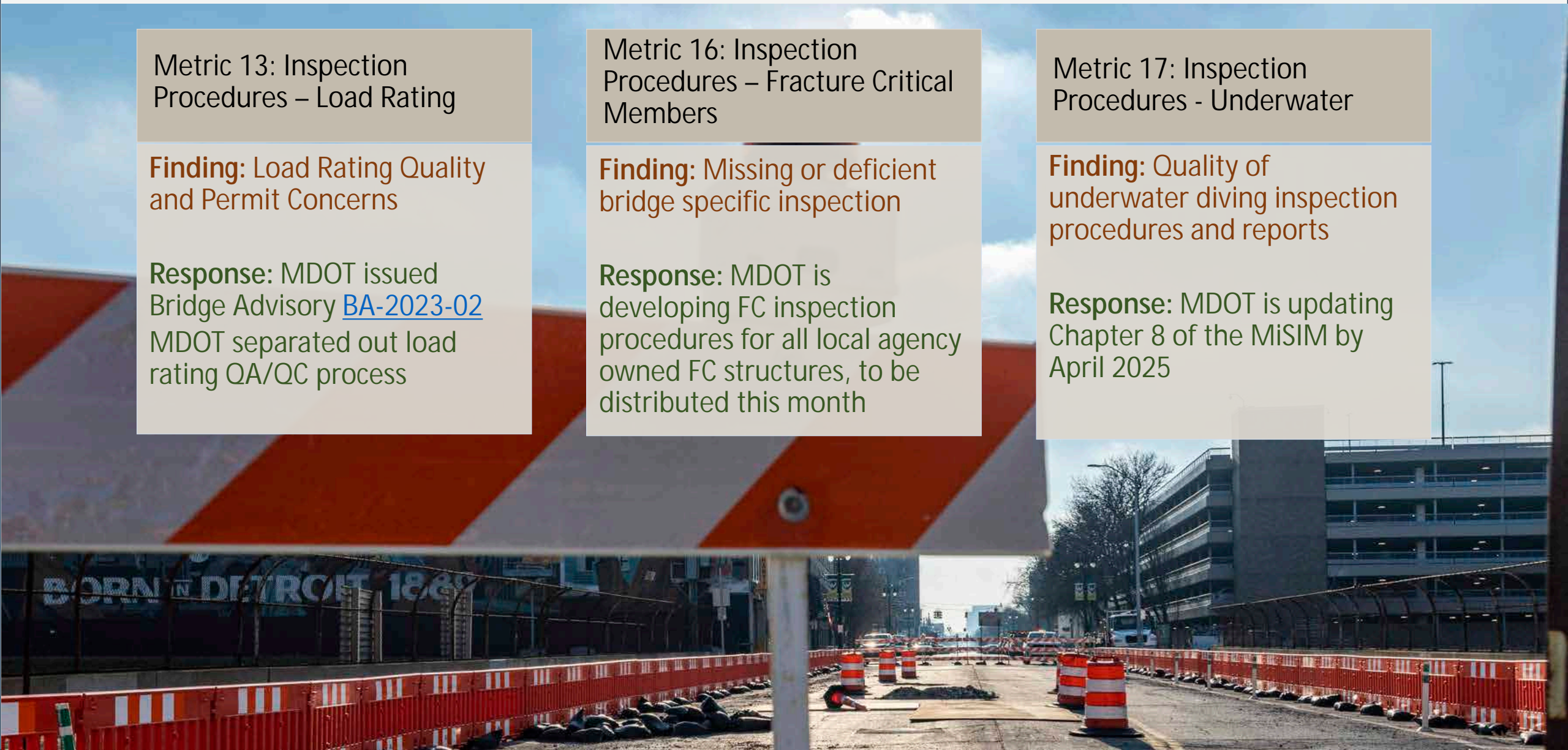
Finding: Missing or deficient
bridge specific inspection

Response: MDOT is
developing FC inspection
procedures for all local agency
owned FC structures, to be
distributed this month

Metric 17: Inspection
Procedures - Underwater

Finding: Quality of
underwater diving inspection
procedures and reports

Response: MDOT is updating
Chapter 8 of the MiSIM by
April 2025





Michigan Weathering Steel (A-588)

History

MDOT began using A-588 steel in the mid 1960's

Based on MDOT research on performance, unpainted A-588 steel was discontinued in 1980

Began requiring zone painting for Rehab projects with section loss

Present

[BA-2023-01](#) : Inspection Finding Follow-up Actions for Uncoated Weathering Steel Bridges

- Next quarterly report due April 12, 2024
- Group 2 due November 1, 2025

A-588 Steel bridges with current maintenance practices are performing on par with the overall population





Ornamental Fence Policy

Aesthetic Elements in MDOT ROW

For installation of aesthetic elements, reference the MDOT Highway Aesthetic Element Guidelines and reach out to the TSC.

Ornamental Fencing must follow Chapter 7 of the MDOT Bridge Design Guide.

Key Requirements

Outside Clear Zone

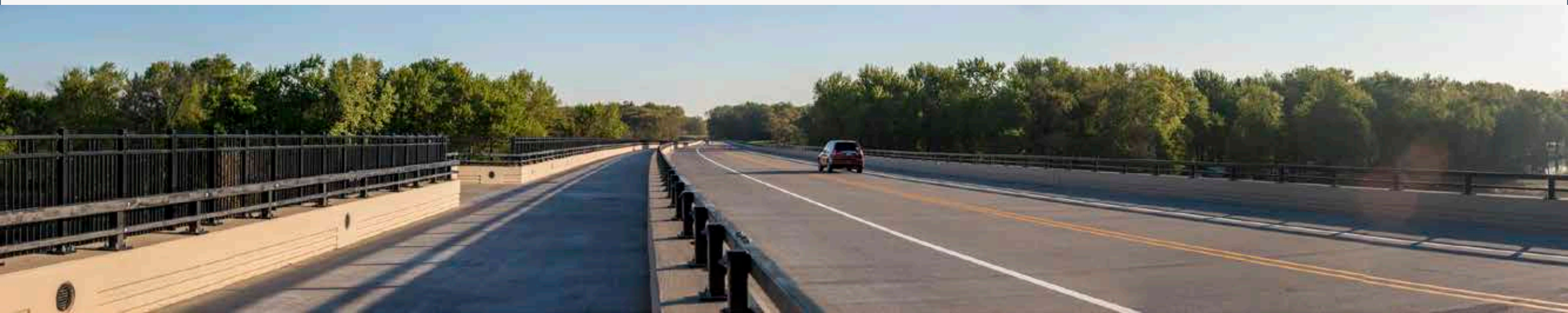
- may be mounted to railing or deck without additional offsets or protection

Inside Clear Zone & Design Speed \leq 40 mph

- Installed on top of or behind bridge railing and min 12-in from the top of railing face

Inside Clear Zone & Design Speed $>$ 40 mph

- must be protected by a separate crash tested bridge railing





Adhesive Anchoring of Bridge Railings

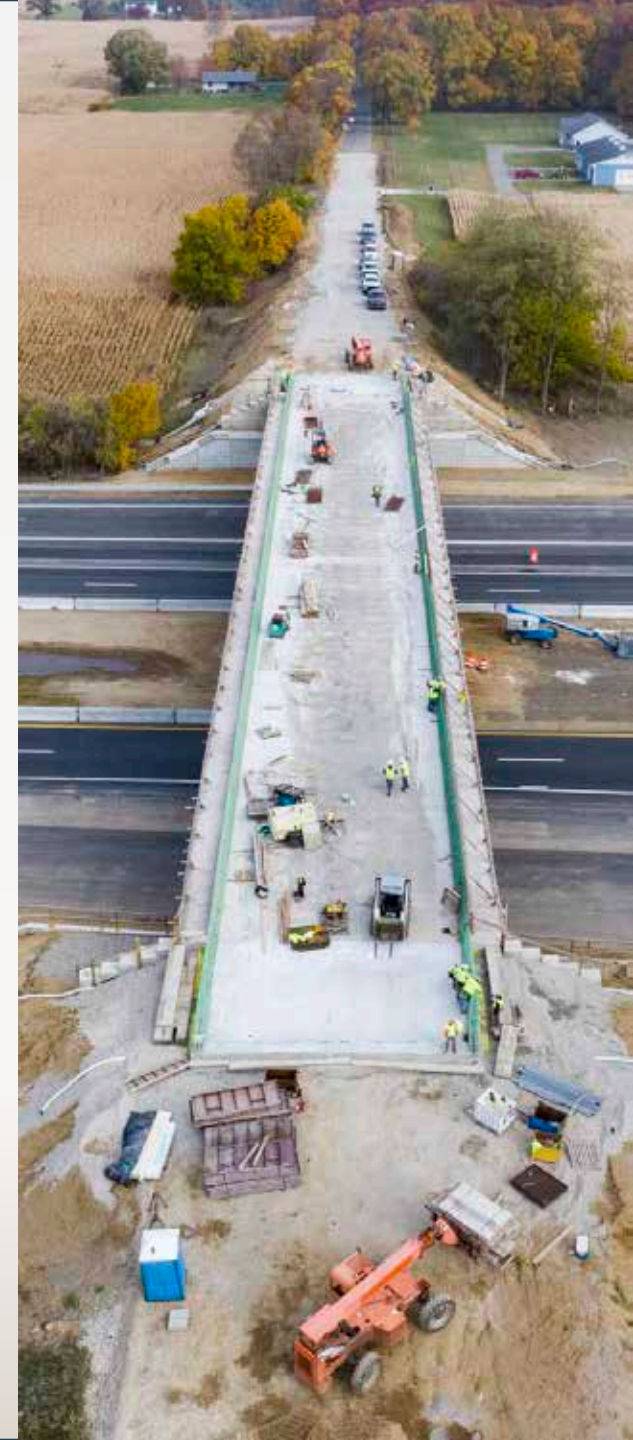
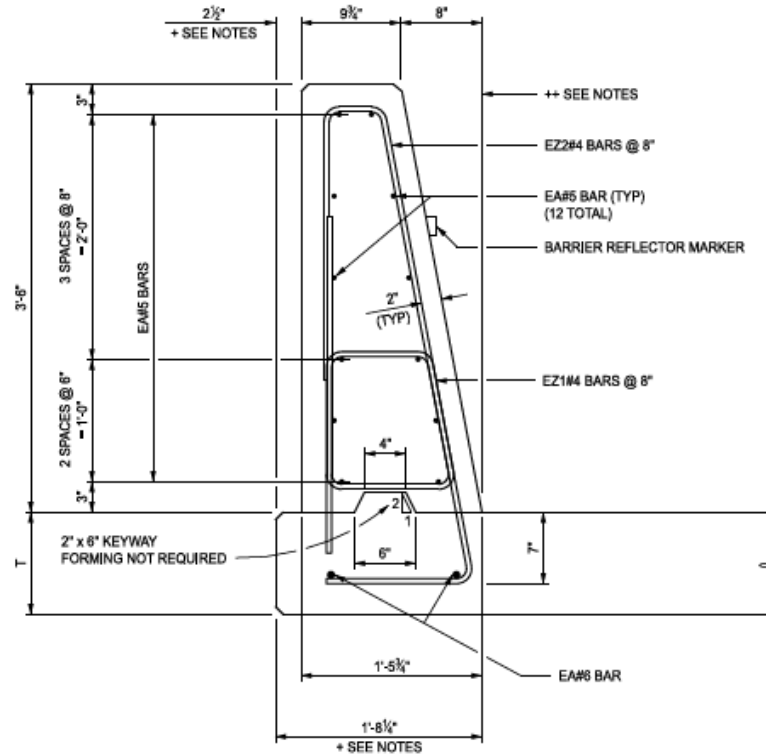
Section 12.05.01 of the MDOT Bridge Design Manual

To meet MASH requirements, MDOT sunset Type 4 and 5 barriers and incorporated Type 6 and 7 railings

Adhesive anchored barriers are prohibited on bridges carrying the NHS

- Exceptions can be made for superstructure types where superstructure replacement would be required

Adhesive Anchored Type 6 is allowed on Non-NHS routes





Adhesive Anchoring of Bridge Railings

Appendix A13 of AASHTO LRFD BDS

Table A13.2-1—Design Forces for Traffic Railings

| Design Forces and Designations | Railing Test Levels | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| | TL-1 | TL-2 | TL-3 | TL-4 | TL-5 | TL-6 |
| F_t Transverse (kips) | 13.5 | 27.0 | 54.0 | 54.0 | 124.0 | 175.0 |
| F_L Longitudinal (kips) | 4.5 | 9.0 | 18.0 | 18.0 | 41.0 | 58.0 |
| F_v Vertical (kips) Down | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 18.0 | 80.0 | 80.0 |
| L_t and L_L (ft) | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 8.0 | 8.0 |
| L_v (ft) | 18.0 | 18.0 | 18.0 | 18.0 | 40.0 | 40.0 |
| H_e (min) (in.) | 18.0 | 20.0 | 24.0 | 32.0 | 42.0 | 56.0 |
| Minimum H Height of Rail (in.) | 27.0 | 27.0 | 27.0 | 32.0 | 42.0 | 90.0 |



This shows the concrete around an adhesive anchored bar after the required field test was performed. The cracks in the concrete are along the failure plane.

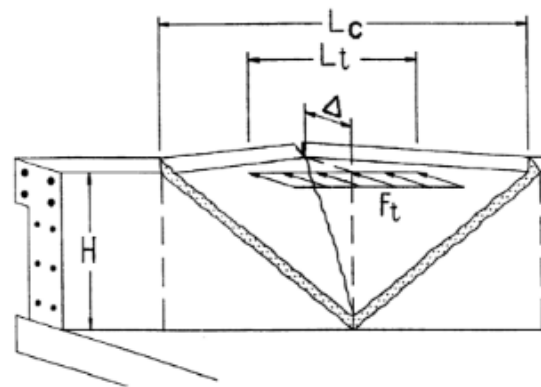


Figure CA13.3.1-1—Yield Line Analysis of Concrete Parapet Walls for Impact within Wall Segment

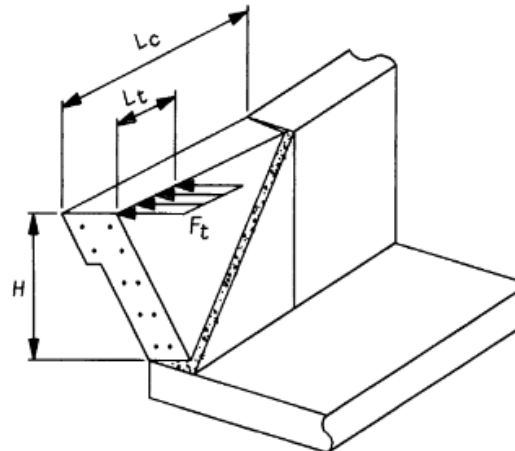
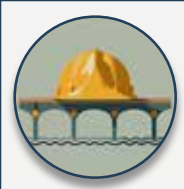


Figure CA13.3.1-2—Yield Line Analysis of Concrete Parapet Walls for Impact near End of Wall Segment



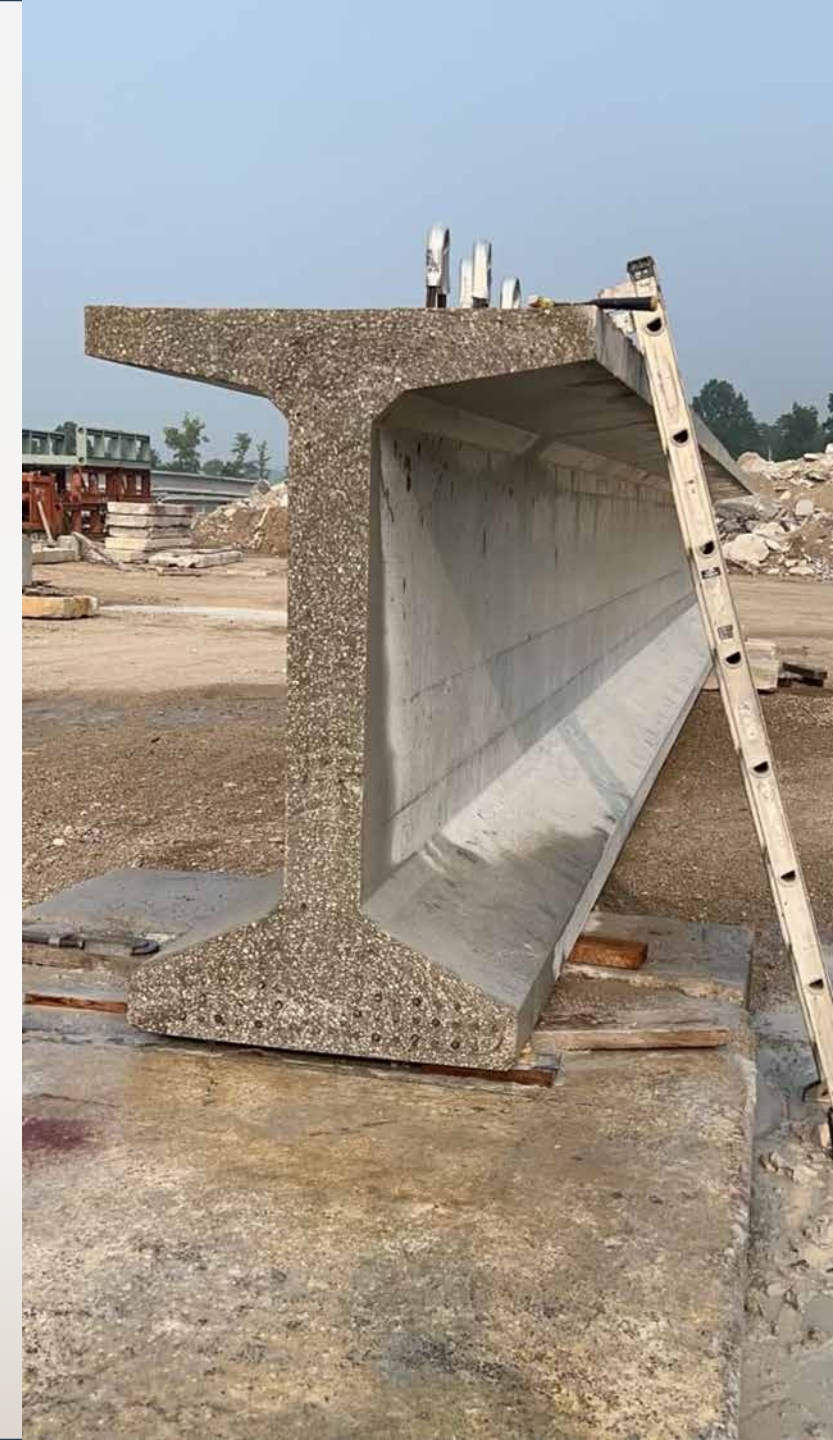


Self Consolidating Concrete (SCC)

Why use SCC?

SCC is a mix designed to flow around congested reinforcement. The mix doesn't require energy to compact it and get the air out (i.e. no vibration).

This leads to improved surface finish, increased safety, reduced labor and time to cast units, and reduced project costs.



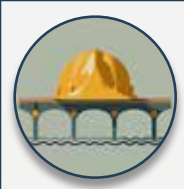
Recent Specification Change

Fabricators need to design the SCC mix and do a mockup of different shapes, length, product type. This is done per shop, not per project.

The shapes are cut as directed by engineer so that the distribution of aggregate can be examined.

The slump is very high and the aggregate is distributed well in this sample.





Importance of Fabrication Inspection

Recent Fabrication Inspection Findings

Many precast fabricators are utilizing welded wire mats instead of rebar in culverts.

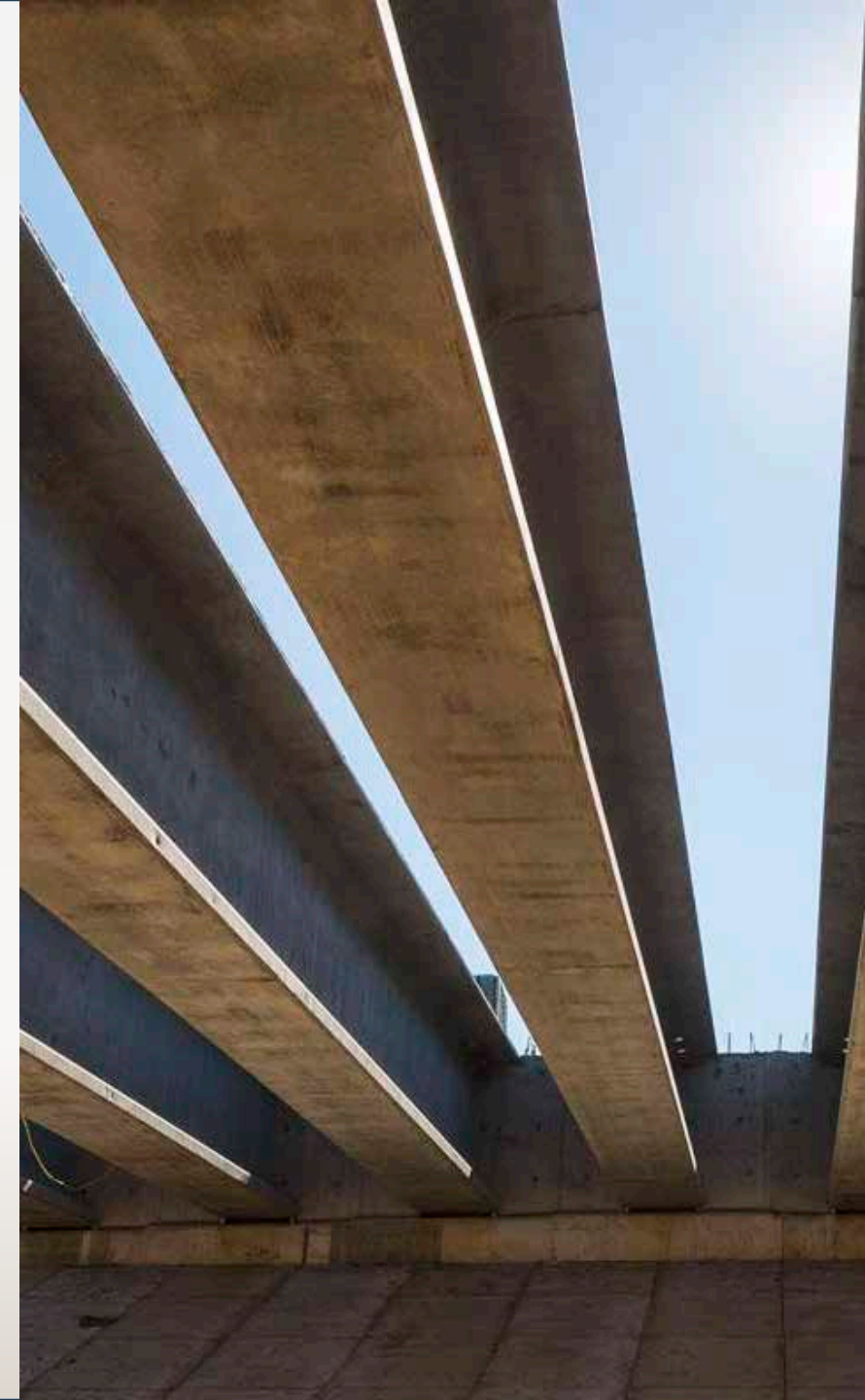
When the mats are bent, the proper bending radii must be used and transverse bars should not be in the bending area to avoid deformity and stress concentrations.

The sample shows a fractured bar in the bend area as well as cut pieces of the transverse bar due to improper procedure.



Shop Inspection found snow in forms. While typically beam casting is avoided in winter, the weather has been more unpredictable. Snow or other precipitation could lead to increased water/cement ratio in the bottom flange, which could have an impact on concrete strength and durability.

Inspector delayed approval until snow was removed.





Rebar Protection Using Anodes

Why use anodes?

Anodes generate an electrical current to mitigate the corrosion of reinforcing steel.

The unit needs to be attached to clean reinforcing steel and there needs to be steel continuity within the patch.



Epoxy Coated Reinforcement

As epoxy coated bridges age, there will need to be rehabilitation projects. Anodes are also recommended for epoxy coated reinforcement.

The specifications and manufacturers recommendations need to be followed to ensure effectiveness.



Rebar Damage during Partial Demolition



Anodes Epoxy Coated Reinforcement

Epoxy reinforcement can be damaged during partial demolition as part of a rehabilitation project.

The epoxy repair reference in the standard spec book is only for new bar and not existing.

Anodes need to be installed to maintain the integrity of the patch.

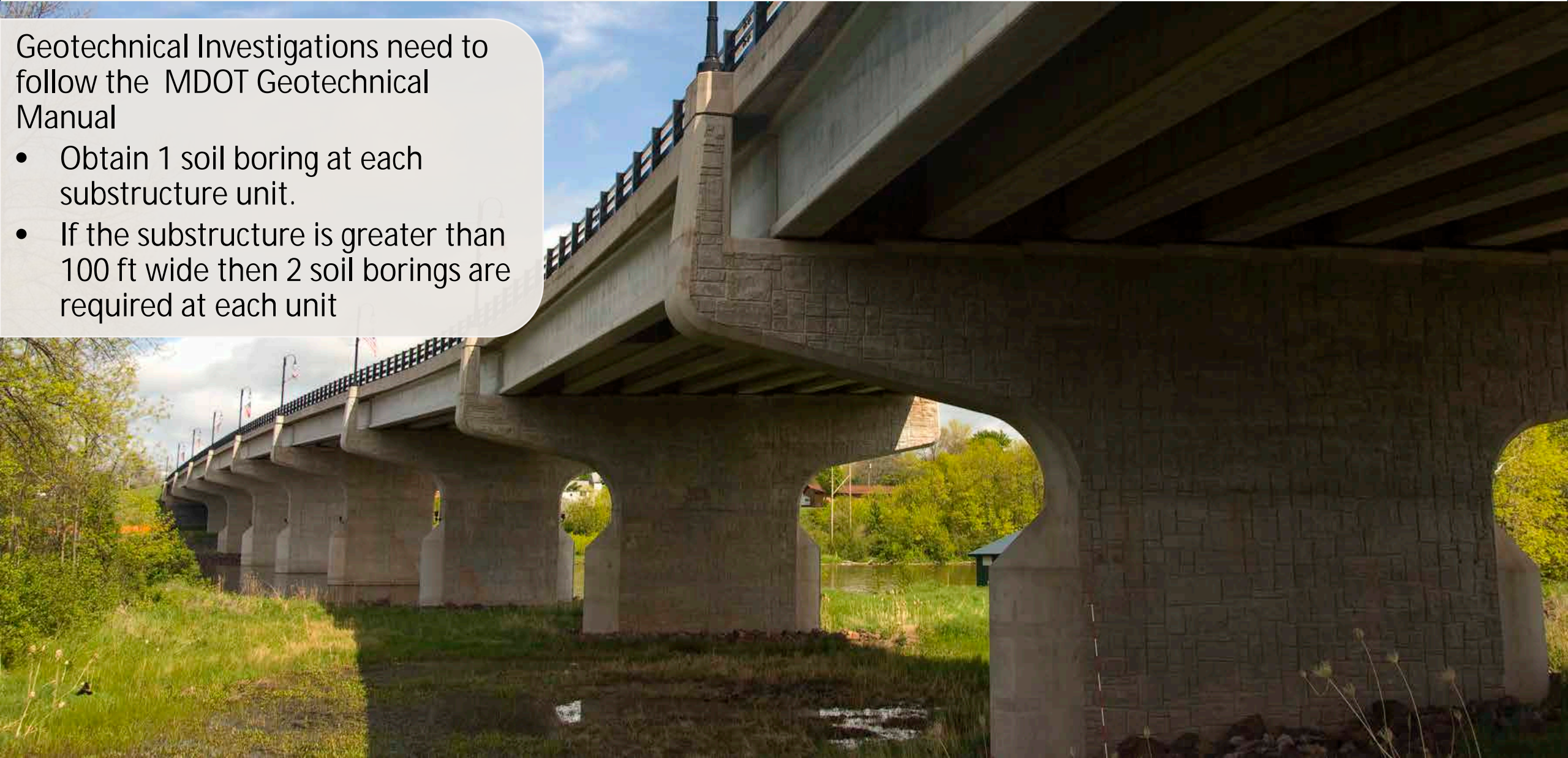




Geotechnical Requirements

Geotechnical Investigations need to follow the MDOT Geotechnical Manual

- Obtain 1 soil boring at each substructure unit.
- If the substructure is greater than 100 ft wide then 2 soil borings are required at each unit





Geotechnical Requirements

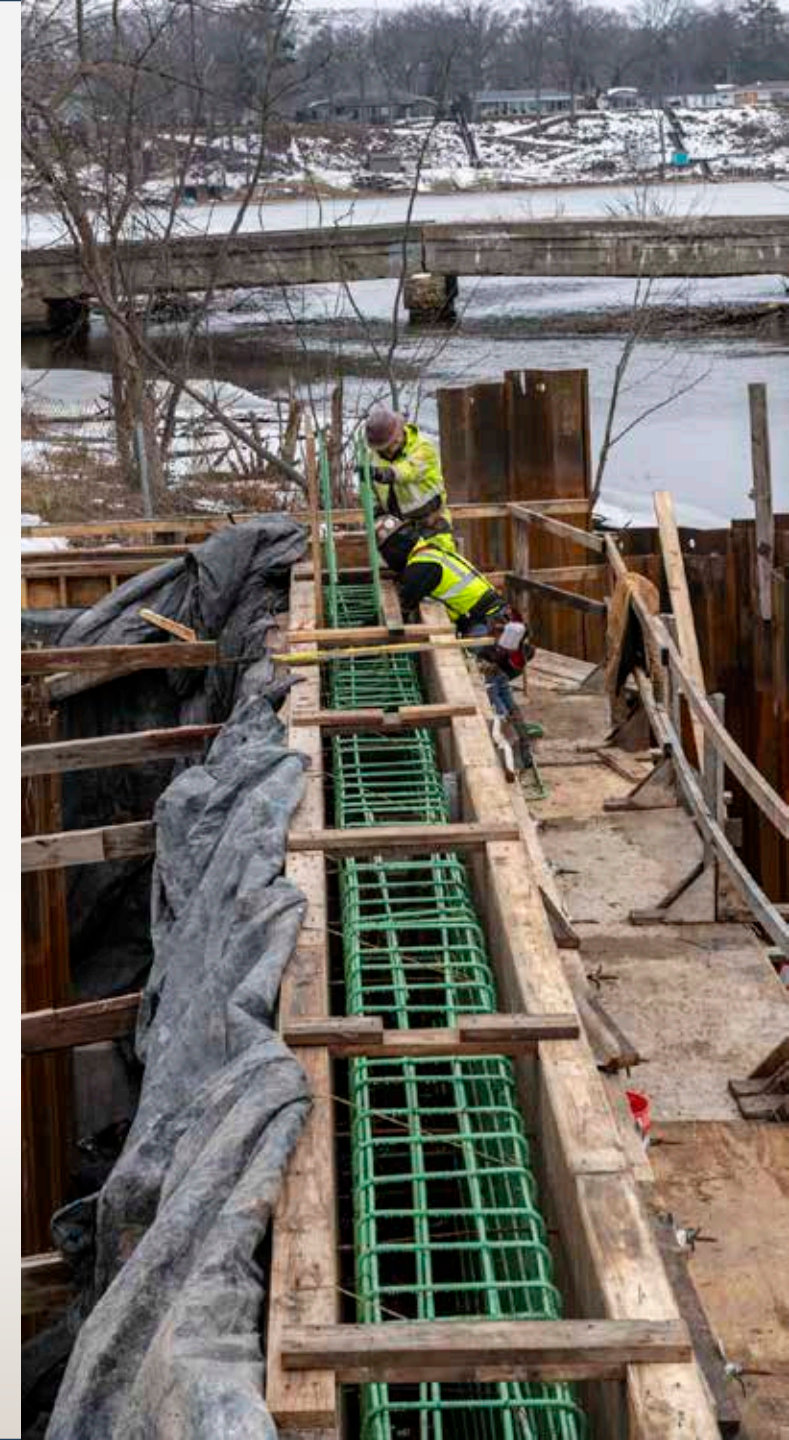
Spread Footing Foundations

- For spread footings, the depth of soil boring must extend at least 50 ft below the bottom of footing, unless rock is encountered.
- For spread footings on bedrock, rock core to at least a footing width below the bottom of footing.

Driven Pile Foundations

- For driven piles, the depth of soil borings must extend at least 20 ft below the anticipated pile tip elevation.
- For driven piles bearing on rock, perform a 10 ft rock core at the structure to the soil boring didn't end on a boulder.

Do not estimate the pile tip elevation at the bottom of the soil boring or beyond the end of the soil boring.





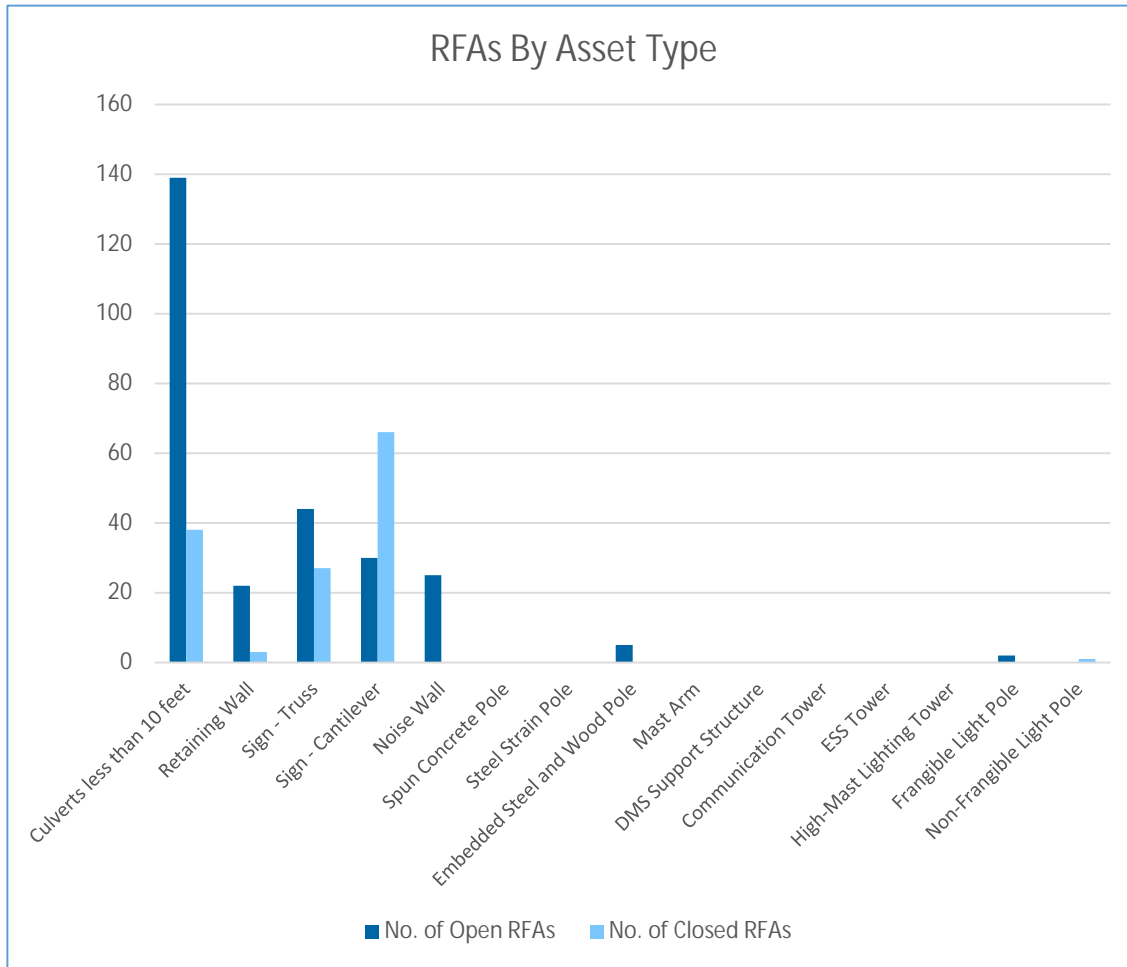
Ancillary Structures

| Inspection Roadmap | | | | | FISCAL YEAR | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--|------|------|------|
| | | | | | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
| Asset Type | Inspection Progress | 2/25/2020 Inventory | 1/8/2024 Inventory | Inspections Completed | | | | |
| Culvert less than 10 feet | 60% | 36869 | 28646 | 16918 | | | | |
| Retaining wall | 107% | 279787 | 287738 | 281339 | | | | |
| Sign - Truss | 97% | 832 | 966 | 815 | | | | |
| Sign - Cantilever | 101% | 918 | 1036 | 872 | | | | |
| Noise Wall | 31% | 348911 | 359398 | 112367 | | | | |
| Spun Conc Pole | 26% | 297 | 328 | 86 | | | | |
| Steel Strain Pole | 33% | 386 | 5948 | 127 | | | | |
| Embedded Steel and Wood Poles | 203% | 390 | 2896 | 792 | | | | |
| Mast Arms | 69% | 97 | 794 | 67 | | | | |
| DMS Support Structure | 12% | 193 | 223 | 26 | | | | |
| Communication Tower | 25% | 23 | 25 | 6 | | | | |
| ESS Tower | 25% | 102 | 89 | 28 | | | | |
| High-Mast Lighting Towers | 23% | 157 | 233 | 36 | | | | |
| Frangible Pole Structure | 32% | 760 | 386 | 246 | | | | |
| Non Frangible Pole Structure | 20% | 946 | 479 | 187 | | | | |
| Legend: | | | | | The green line above represents where our inspection goal is based on the date: 1/08/2024. | | | |
| % of Expected Completed: | | | | | | | | |
| % Beyond Expected Completed: | | | | | | | | |

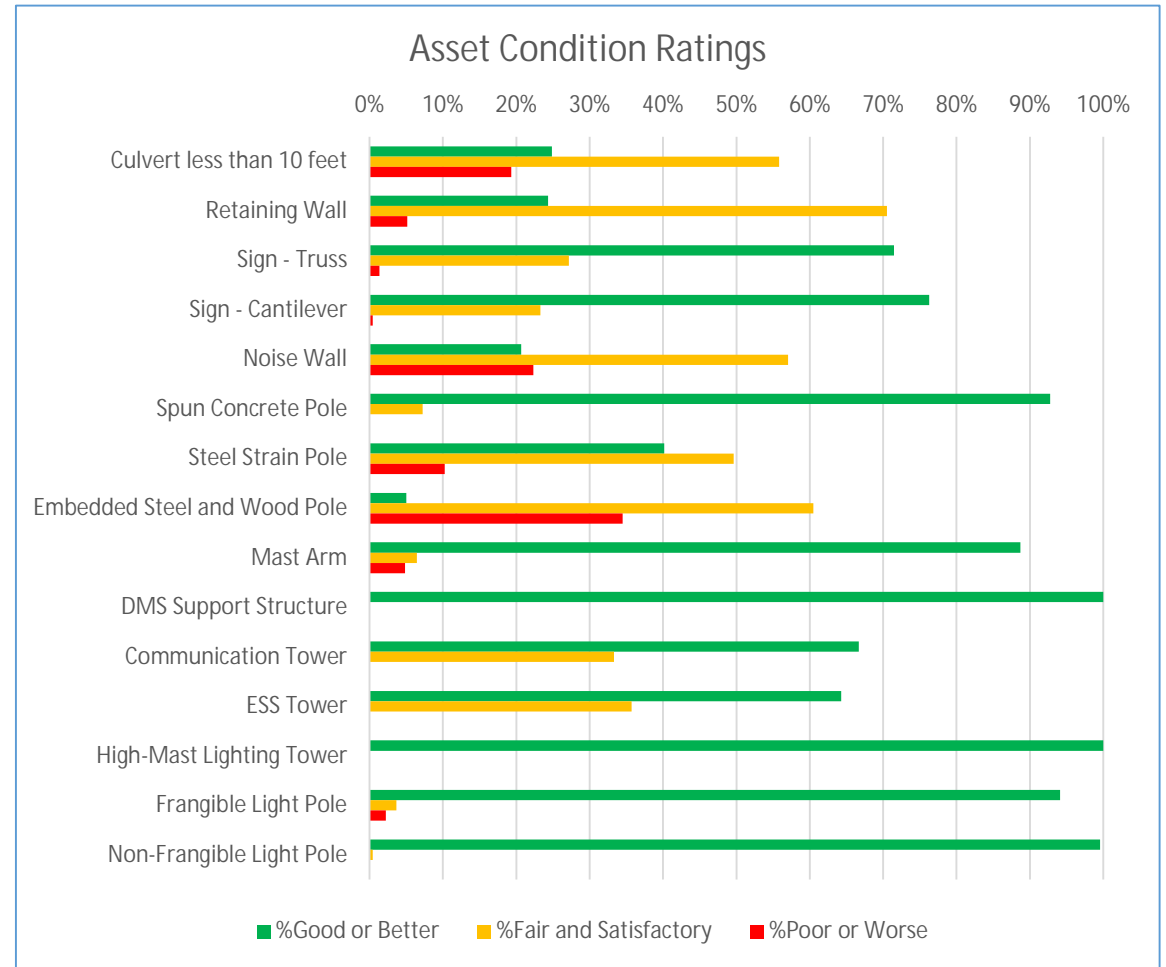


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RFAs By Asset Type



Asset Condition Ratings

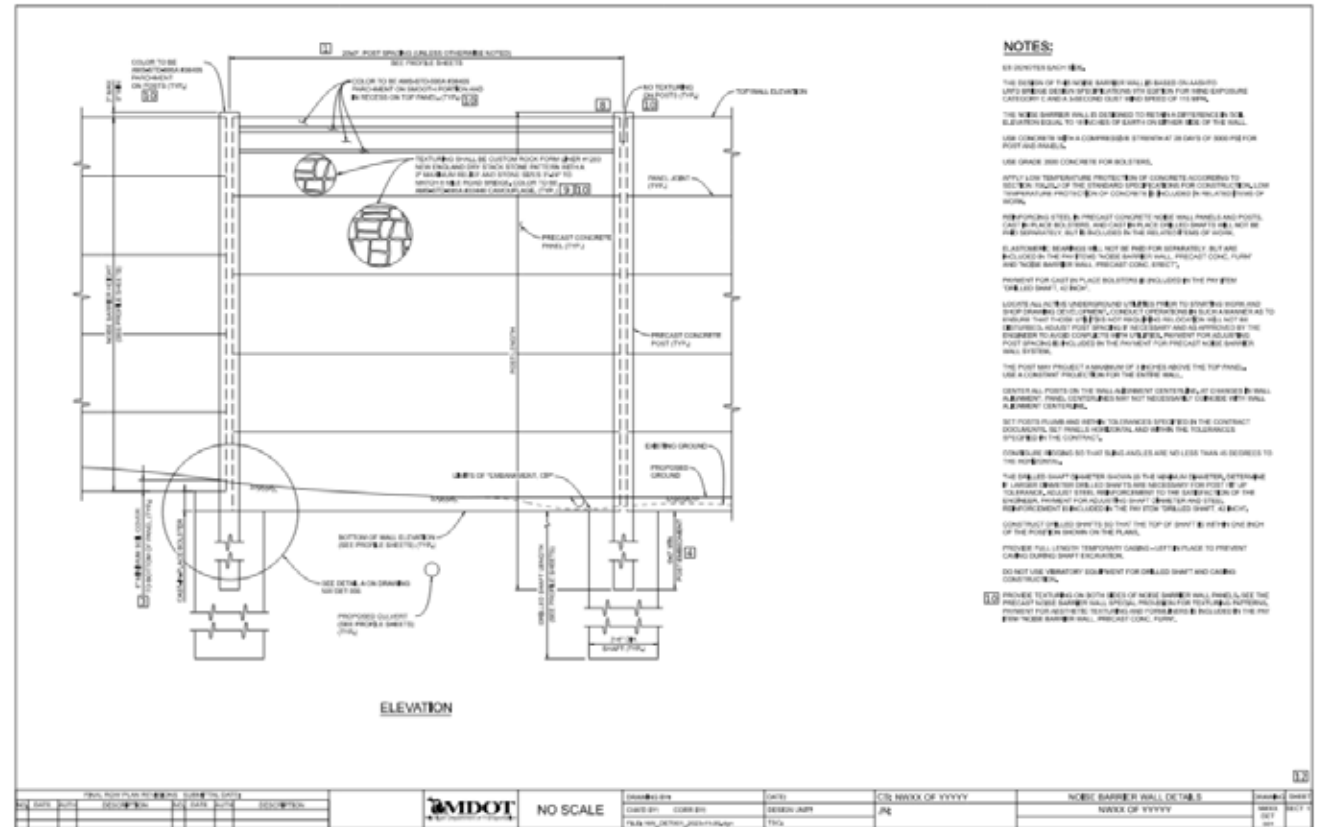




Ancillary Structures

Standards Updates

- Lighting Special Details
 - Released for May Letting
- Noise Wall Standards – In Process
- Culvert Standards - In Process
- Signal Strain Pole
 - Phase II
- Small ITS Application Pole



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Questions?

