

# FEDERAL AID OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE PROGRAM

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# Off-System Bridge

## 2021-2023 Programming Cycle

- Program packets sent out to all 64 Parishes
  - Waiting for formal responses from ~9 Parishes
    - Negative balance - we send a letter and no response is required.
    - “Bank” the funds.
    - If the Parish does select a structure, complete all forms in the packet.



# Off-System Bridge 2021-2023 Programming Cycle

## ➤ Program Packet

- Please read through the entire document.
- Complete Environmental Checklist (Stage 0)
- Obtain verbal agreements with adjacent property owners. We require a letter on Parish letterhead that states you received a verbal agreement from the property owner for our files and for the DOTD Environmental Section as part of the NEPA process.
- Fill out priority list.
- Parish resolution stating that the structure is to be included and replaced in the DOTD Off-System Bridge Program.



# Off-System Bridge Road Show

- Every two years
- Meet with each Parish and the DOTD District Bridge Maintenance Engineer in all 9 DOTD Districts to discuss
  - Projects
  - Compliance
  - Program
  - Eligible Structures
  - Changes in Procedure
  - Available funds



# Off-System Bridge Compliance

- Contact the DOTD District Engineer
- Ensure that everything is in order
  - Inspections
  - Posted signs
  - Bridges properly closed
  - Ensure that all reports uploaded into Asset Wise
  - Review requirements in the DOTD Bridge Inspection Manual

[http://www.dotd.la.gov/Inside\\_LaDOTD/Divisions/Operations/BridgeMaintenance/Misc%20Documents/Louisiana%20Bridge%20Inspection%20Manual%205-29-2020.pdf](http://www.dotd.la.gov/Inside_LaDOTD/Divisions/Operations/BridgeMaintenance/Misc%20Documents/Louisiana%20Bridge%20Inspection%20Manual%205-29-2020.pdf)



# Off-System Bridge Compliance

## ➤ Annual Compliance Review

### Important Off-System Compliance Due Dates

*Table 8-1: Off-System Compliance Due Dates*

<b>January 31</b>	Bi-annual reports are sent out for corrections
<b>February 1</b>	Deadline to submit plan of corrective action for conditional compliance level
<b>March 1</b>	Submittal of January bi-annual report corrections
<b>July 31</b>	Bi-annual reports are sent out for corrections
<b>September 1</b>	Submittal of July bi-annual report corrections
<b>November 15</b>	Annual resolution
	Contact information for bridge files, inspection, and maintenance
<b>December 31</b>	Final compliance determination and notification to owners



# Off-System Bridge Compliance

## Compliance Levels

There are four levels of compliance assessment:

- 1) Compliance – All conditions met.
- 2) Substantial Compliance – Most conditions met. Improvement should be made within the next compliance review year or risk being dropped to conditional compliance.
- 3) Conditional Compliance – Improvement must be made within the next review year or noncompliance will be enforced. A plan of corrective action must be submitted to address the issues resulting in conditional compliance.
- 4) Non-Compliance – Critical conditions not addressed or public safety has been impacted by failure to comply. Owner has not improved from conditional compliance from the previous review cycle.





# Off-System Bridge Compliance

- 64 Parishes in Louisiana
- 62 Participate in the OSB Program
  - 44 Parishes are in Compliance
  - 13 Parishes are in Conditional Compliance
  - 3 Parishes are in Substantial Compliance



Table 8-2: Compliance Conditions and Levels

CONDITION	LEVEL
<b>1. Closed Bridges</b>	
All bridges properly closed	Compliance
Any bridge open that should be closed with the owner's jurisdiction	Non-Compliance
<b>2. Posted Bridges</b>	
All bridges requiring posting are properly posted	Compliance
Not all bridges requiring posting are properly posted	Conditional Compliance
<b>3. Interim Inspections</b>	
All inspections performed on time	Compliance
All inspections performed, but only some on time	Substantial Compliance
Inspections not performed	Non-Compliance
<b>4. Load Ratings</b>	
All bridges load rated	Compliance
Plan of corrective action submitted to rate bridges missing ratings	Substantial Compliance
No plan of corrective action submitted for missing ratings	Non-Compliance
<b>5. Bridge Data Corrections</b>	
Corrections performed by deadlines	Compliance
Corrections submitted late	Substantial Compliance
No corrections submitted for one period	Conditional Compliance
No corrections submitted for either period	Non-Compliance
<b>6. Annual Certification and Contact Information</b>	
Submitted	Compliance
Not submitted	Conditional Compliance



CONDITION	LEVEL
<b>7. New Bridge Documentation</b>	
Submitted on time	Compliance
Submitted after the 90-day window but with all documents	Conditional Compliance
Bridge opened to traffic without notification and/or proper documents	Non-Compliance
<b>8. Failure to Respond to Critical Findings per MD #5</b>	
Acceptable response	Compliance
No response upon any critical finding	Non-Compliance
<b>9. Falsification of Inspection Reports or Bridge Data</b>	
Non-falsified records	Compliance
Falsified records	Non-Compliance
<b>10. Prior Conditional Compliance Status</b>	
Full or substantial compliance previous year	Compliance
Conditional compliance previous year	Non-Compliance
<b>11. Failure to Submit Plan of Corrective Action</b>	
Plan submitted	Compliance
Plan not submitted	Non-Compliance



## Loss of Bridge Replacement Funding

If the local bridge owner is found to be in non-compliance, the Off-System Bridge Program Manager and the FHWA will be officially notified with the recommendation that federal funding for the parish be revoked for one year. Evaluation for re-entry into the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program will be completed at the subsequent annual compliance review.









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