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MEMORANDUM 2009– 20

TO: All County Engineers, and Division County Transportation Engineers

FROM: D.E. Phillips, Jr., P.E.
State County Transportation Engineer

RE: COUNTY BRIDGE POSTING RE-CERTIFICATION

All Counties are required to **certify, in writing**, to the Bureau of County Transportation by **October 1, 2009**, that all bridges requiring posting are posted in accordance with current standards. **Effective with the November 6, 2009, letting and all future lettings next year, FHWA will not authorize Federal Aid projects for any County that has not re-certified that its bridges have been posted.**

Please be aware that failure to post bridges properly is a serious violation of the National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS) and any County doing so is considered in non-compliance with the NBIS. **Any County found to be in non-compliance with the NBIS is subject to having any and all federal or State aid withheld.** This office has learned through recent Bridge Inspection Compliance Reviews of counties not properly posting bridges in some cases. Some of the inconsistencies noted include the following:

- Bridges posted for values different than those recommended by the Rating Section of the ALDOT Maintenance Bureau.
- Bridge posting signs only present at one end of the bridge.
- Bridges recommended to be posted by ALDOT and are not posted.

As some counties are already aware, all Bridge Inspection Compliance Reviews now include a field inspection to check proper posting at bridges.

Therefore, please submit a listing of all posted bridges in your county. This list should include the BIN, structure number, and posting values. The list should be transmitted to this office under a cover letter, signed by the County Engineer, certifying that **"the attached list of posted bridges includes all bridges that are posted and includes all bridges recommended by the ALDOT Bridge Rating Section to be posted. All bridges on this list are posted in the field for the recommended posting values."**

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