

Department of Transportation**Proposed Permanent Rules Relating to Bridge Construction, Reconstruction, and Rehabilitation****8810.8000 DEFINITIONS.**

[For text of subparts 1 and 1a, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 2. **Bridge.** "Bridge" ~~is defined as~~ means a structure including supports erected over a depression or an obstruction such as water, highway, or railway, having a track or passageway for carrying traffic or other moving loads, and having an opening measured horizontally along the center of the roadway of ten feet or more between undercopings of abutments, between spring line of arches, or between extreme ends of openings for multiple boxes. Bridge also includes multiple pipes where the clear distance between openings is less than half of the smaller contiguous opening. Illustrations of measurements are shown as Figures 1 to 4. This definition of a bridge includes, for application of parts 8810.8000 to 8810.8500, only those railroad bridges over or under a public highway or street.

[For text of Figures 1 to 4, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 2a. **Bridge rehabilitation.** "Bridge rehabilitation" has the meaning given in part 8820.0200, subpart 8.

[For text of subparts 3 to 9, see Minnesota Rules]

8810.8200 CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, OR REHABILITATION GRANT APPLICATION.

Subpart 1. **Counties.** The county board, in cooperation with other local units of government within the county, other than urban municipalities, ~~shall~~ must determine a proposed program for the construction ~~or~~ reconstruction, or rehabilitation of key bridges within the county other than urban municipal or trunk highway bridges.

~~This~~ The county board by resolution ~~shall~~ must request of the commissioner authorization to construct ~~or~~, reconstruct, or rehabilitate specific bridges or remove an abandoned bridge within the county and request funding.

When local units of government cannot reach agreement with the county board, the local units of government may apply independently. Then the local unit of government by resolution ~~shall~~ must request of the commissioner authorization to construct ~~or~~, reconstruct, or rehabilitate specific bridges or remove an abandoned bridge and request funding.

Subp. 2. **Urban municipalities.** The city council of an urban municipality by resolution ~~shall~~ must request of the commissioner authorization to construct ~~or~~, reconstruct, or rehabilitate specific bridges or remove an abandoned bridge within the municipality and request funding.

Subp. 3. **State highway system.** The commissioner ~~shall~~ must establish the bridge construction ~~and/or~~, reconstruction, and rehabilitation program for the trunk highway system.

8810.8300 REGIONAL COMMISSION, METROPOLITAN COUNCIL REVIEW.

The commissioner ~~shall~~ must submit the application of the agencies to the proper regional development commission or the Metropolitan Council, as the case may be, for review of consistency with long-term comprehensive development plans and guides for which the agencies are responsible.

8810.8400 ESTABLISHMENT OF PRIORITIES.

The commissioner, using information furnished by the local units of governments from the statewide bridge inventory, ~~shall~~ must establish a statewide priority of bridge construction ~~or~~, reconstruction, or rehabilitation.

This priority must be based on the relative seriousness of each bridge's deficiencies as determined from the inventory and appraisal after considering the following criteria established in Minnesota Statutes, section 174.50, subdivision 6:

[For text of items A to E, see Minnesota Rules]

F. adequacy of provision for proper operation and maintenance after construction.

When the required documentation has been completed, construction plans are complete, and priorities have been established, the commissioner ~~shall~~ must notify the local units of government, as to funding availability from the Minnesota state transportation fund or federal funds.

The local unit of government ~~shall~~ must by resolution agree to the terms and conditions specified in the notification by the commissioner consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 174.50, subdivision 5, clause (2).