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Bridge Inspection Memorandum No. 25-05 Weight Limit Documentation and Advanced Notifications

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TO: All Inspection Personnel and Consultants

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SUBJECT: Weight Limit Documentation and Advanced Notifications

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

To ensure that the INDOT Statewide Bridge Inspection Program complies with the requirements for FHWA National Bridge Inspection Compliance Metric 14: Inspection Procedures – Post or Restrict, the following actions shall be taken as part of inspection operations for each phase of all Local Public Agency (LPA) bridge inspection contracts:

1. Prior to the start of bridge field inspections for each inspection phase, the responsible bridge inspection consulting firm/organization shall:
 - a. compile and furnish, in writing, to the responsible county bridge officials (“County”) a comprehensive summary of all the LPA-owned/maintained bridges within the County’s bridge asset inventory that require either Commercial Weight Limit signs, Emergency Vehicle Weight Limit signs, or both, along with the required weight limit tonnage values.
 - b. inform the County of their anticipated field inspection dates and remind the County that all required weight limit signs must be posted in accordance with State and Federal regulations, and with the MUTCD, at both ends of the bridge and at the nearest roadway intersections in advance of the bridge. Critical Findings will be reported to INDOT and FHWA by bridge inspectors where such required weight limit signs are discovered missing, unserviceable, having incorrect tonnage values posted, or not in compliance with MUTCD standards during the scheduled inspections.
 - c. furnish a copy of this correspondence and comprehensive summary list to the INDOT Bridge Inspection State Program Manager and Bridge Evaluation Manager.
2. During each phase of an LPA bridge inspection contract, the responsible bridge inspection consulting firm/organization shall ensure that current and clear photograph documentation, confirming that all the required weight limit signs are installed in accordance with the MUTCD at

both bridge ends and advanced warning at the nearest roadway intersections, are uploaded to the Photos tab within the iTAMS Bridge Asset File and correctly identified as “Load Posting” for the photo type.

3. To ensure that only current Load Posting photographs are uploaded to the Photos tab within the iTAMS Bridge Asset Files, previous Load Posting photographs should be deleted. Previous year Load Posting photographs shall be included with the previous applicable Routine Inspections.